AGENDA

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.

This meeting will be conducted via Zoom/Teleconference. The public may listen to this meeting by calling the following conference line and then entering the conference code:

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ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: JUNE 13, 2025 (SPECIAL MEETING)

PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM: The public may call the Office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Ureña or email her at tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov to sign up for Public Speaking.

FINAL REVIEW OF SCHEDULED & APPROVED EVENTS

1. Razul Branch / Ernest Brown, Bridgeport Arts Council / Team Focus Entertainment, 1070 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for the annual Downtown Thursdays Concert Series at **McLevy Green** beginning Thursday, July 17, 2025 through Thursday, August 21, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a set up time at 3:00 p.m. and cleanup beginning at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 3,500 people (throughout the music series; 350-500 per event).

2. Razul Branch / Ernest Brown, Bridgeport Arts Council / Team Focus Entertainment, 1070 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for the Park City Music Festival Series at **Seaside Park – Bandshell** beginning Friday, August 1, 2025 through Sunday, August 3, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with a set up time at 3:00 p.m. and cleanup beginning at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 2,500 people (throughout the music series; 350-500 per event).

3. Lauren Vincent Coakley, Bridgeport Downtown Special Services District (DSSD), 938 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for the annual Downtown Farmer's Market at **McLevy Green** every Thursday from July 10, 2025 to October 30, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a setup at 9:00 a.m. and cleanup at 3:00 p.m. for 200 people.

4. Nathalie Hall, Follow Natural Fitness, 86 Hawthorne Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for a 5K Run & Walk on Saturday, July 12, 2025 at **Seaside Park** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with a setup at 7:00 a.m. and cleanup beginning at 9:30 a.m. for approximately 150 people.

5. Megan Searfoss & Amy Stozinic, CT Run Co., 423 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT, requesting final approval for the 1 Mile Run/Walk event at **Seaside Park** on Saturday, August 16, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a setup at 5:30 p.m. and cleanup at 8:30 p.m. for approximately 200 people.

6. Sekou Williams, Gesswein Co. 201 Hancock Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for a company BBQ on Friday, August 8, 2025 at **Beardsley Park – Aaron's Way** from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a setup at 10:00 a.m. and cleanup at 5:00 p.m. to include bounce house for approximately 65 people.

7. Tawanna Barnhill, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, 725 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting approval for the annual community outreach event on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at **Went Field Park** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a setup at 10 a.m. and cleanup at 3 p.m. for approximately 300-500 people in attendance.

8. Nelson Dones and Richard Zayas, Roberto Clemente Old Timers Softball League & Zayas Law Firm, 1045 Kossuth Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting final approval for the 2nd annual Salsa Music Festival on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at **Went Field Park** from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a setup at 8:00 a.m. and cleaning up at 8:00 p.m. for approximately 250 people.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ramona Santelises / Maria Matos, The Dominican American Coalition of CT & LEAD, 1021 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Bridgeport, CT – **Request for Amendment:** Amendment to the event previously approved at the ***February 25, 2025 Special Meeting*** for the 1st Annual Dominican Day Parade and Festival**.** The request seeks to increase the expected attendance from 1,500–2,000 to approximately 5,000 attendees. The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 17, 2025**,** at **Seaside Park – Bandshell**, with additional use of the **Casino Bath House & Parking Lot** for the parade and the **Marina Parking Lot** for the Festival.

2. Jocelyn Sanchez, Student, Bridgeport Public High School, Bridgeport, CT, requesting approval to install a Skate Park at **Went Field Park**.

3. Frank Richardson, East End Reunion Committee, 805 Old Town Road, Bridgeport, CT, requesting approval for the 8th annual East End Reunion Cookout on Saturday, September 6, 2025 at **Newfield Park** from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a setup at 10:30 a.m. and cleanup at 7:30 a.m. for approximately 500 people.

4. Bobbi Brown, #100 Girls Leading Inc, 285 Hollister Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting approval for the annual #100 Girls Mentoring event at **McLevy Green** on Saturday, June 6, **2026** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a setup at 9:00 a.m. and cleanup at 5:00 p.m. for 100 people.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chadwick Schroeder, Sustainability Manager, Public Facilities, City of Bridgeport, requesting approval for the Miyawaki Forest Project located at **Seaside Park**.

2. Evron Davis, Bridgeport Tabernacle SDA Church, 717 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting approval for a Walk-A-Thon at Seaside Park Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a setup from 7:30 a.m. and cleanup at 1:00 p.m. for approximately 150 – 200 people.

REPORTS

1. Commissioner's Report – John Hosier, Chair of the Parks Board

2. Director’s Report – Luis Burgos, Director of Public Facilities

ADJOURNMENT