

Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

March 4, 2009

Members Present

Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman
Kerri Rowland, Commissioner
Suzanne DiBiase, Commissioner
Patrick Dooling, Commissioner
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman

Absent

Public Works Representative

Also Present

William McCarthy, Recreation Director
Judith Toohey, Alderman
Jessica Blacketter, Alderman

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their March meeting on March 4, 2009 at 7:30 PM in Conference Room C of the Parson's Government Complex. Chairman Worroll called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

- I. **Consideration of Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on January 7, 2009.

Commissioner Rowland **made a motion** to accept the January 7, 2009 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

II. **Public Statement**

Joe Woyciesjes, 262 Woodruff Road – New England Mountain Bike Association – gave the commission a brief update on what progress he was making with the bike trails at Eisenhower Park and requested he be put on the agenda when his presentation material is ready.

III. **Correspondence**

1. Director McCarthy reported that he had received a telephone call from Chuck Krause, 1st Union Bus regarding bus bids. Director McCarthy referred him to the Purchasing Department.
2. Director McCarthy received a telephone call from Sue Francowicz, U.S. Census Bureau requesting the use of a room at the Margaret Egan Center for training purposes, which we gave them.

IV. **Director's Report**

1. Marcia Winter requested information from Director McCarthy on the usage of Eisenhower Park that was needed for the state grant writing for Bodie's Place.
2. Director McCarthy reported that he met with Pop Warner regarding football and cheerleading locations for 2009. The cheerleaders will be moved to the Fannie Beach Community Center.
3. Director McCarthy met with Ben Blake in January and also with the Finance Board regarding his budget.
4. Director McCarthy updated the Commission on the new Use of City Facilities form and Insurance Requirements. He asked for any input from the Commissioners.

V. **Commissioner Reports**

1. Chairman Worroll reported that the golf course would be opening in approximately 2-3 weeks pending any more snow. This year they will be having two electric golf carts.
2. Chairman Worroll reported that himself and Alderman Toohey spoke with the Community Gardeners regarding several issues at Eisenhower Park.
3. Chairman Worroll reminded the Commission that the St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 14, 2009.

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VI. Old Business

1. Director McCarthy reported that Mark Lofthouse has turned in all of his paperwork and the Boy Scouts are ready to start meeting on Saturdays at Eisenhower Park.

VII. New Business

1. Connecticut Yankee Council of Boy Scouts request to have BB gun target practice at Eisenhower Park during their annual summer camp July 20 – July 24, 2009. Chris Guarniere and Dan Marazita explained the BB program and what it entails. Instruction and safety were highly stressed. Discussion ensued. Chairman Worroll will contact the City Attorney for opinion and notify Director McCarthy and the Commissioners of such. If there is no objection by the City Attorney, the program may be held.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a motion to table a vote until the information from the City Attorney has been received. Seconded by Commissioner Dooling and unanimously carried.

2. Servants of Christ Motorcycle Ministry requesting permission to have a two-hour show on the third Thursday of the month, 5 times, at Gulf Beach. They will be raising money for various local charities and will give prizes to the bikers. They have contacted the Police Department and as long as an approval is received from the PBR Commission, they are fine with the event. Chairman Worroll stated that the car shows last year went very well and he believes this would be a good idea.

Commissioner DiBiase made a motion to give permission to the Servants of Christ Motorcycle Ministry to use Gulf Beach the third Thursday of the month, 5 times for a bike show. Seconded by Vice Chairman Fabian and unanimously carried.

Director McCarthy will send an approval letter to the Police Department.

3. Dawnmarie Pieger requested the use of Eisenhower Park for the Ortsgruppen New England, Inc. Dog Club Breed Survey May 9 – 10, 2009 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. Discussion followed. The Commission had no problems with Director McCarthy issuing this permit.

VIII. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Rowland and unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on April 1, 2009 in Conference Room C.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary