## Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting February 6, 2013

Members Present	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Also Preser</u>	<u>1t</u>	
Daniel Worroll, Jr., Chairman	Kerri Ro	wland, Commissioner	Paul Piscitelli, Recreation Director	
Ann Fabian, Vice Chairman	Frank Gi	ustino, Commissioner	Nicholas Shaw, Eagle Scout	
Julie Nash, Commissioner	Public W	orks Representative		
	Nick Ved	Nick Veccharelli, Jr., Aldermanic Liaison		
	Anthony	Anthony Giannattasio, Aldermanic Liaison		

The Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission held their Regular Meeting on **February 6, 2013,** at 7:30 p.m. in Conference C. Director Piscitelli called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

# I. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission held on January 2, 2013.

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to accept the January 2, 2013, minutes as read. Commissioner Nash seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### II. Election of Officers - Chairman and Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman Fabian makes a **Motion** to nominate Daniel Worroll, Jr., as Chairman. Commissioner Nash seconds the **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

Director Piscitelli congratulated Chairman Worroll and handed the meeting over to him. Chairman Worroll opens the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Chairman Worroll makes a **Motion** to nominate Ann Fabian as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Nash seconds the **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

#### III. Public Statement

The time limit granted to each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. None.

Vice Chairman Fabian makes a **Motion** to reorder the agenda to discuss Item VIII, 1.

Nicholas Shaw - Eagle Project. Commissioner Nash seconds the **Motion**. **Motion** unanimously carried.

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#### IV. New Business

- Nicholas Shaw Eagle Project at Community Gardens Director Piscitelli Introduced Nicholas Shaw and explained he will be working on the Community Gardens entranceway, which had been previously board-approved. Nicholas Shaw explained his project to the Commissioners, saying he hopes to obtain two 8-foot swinging gates for the entranceway. He said he hopes to begin the project in March or April, and it will take about three weeks to complete. Chairman Worroll inquired if Public Works will be involved at all; Director Piscitelli said they will be in a very small extent. Vice Chairman Fabian makes a Motion to authorize Nicholas Shaw to perform his Eagle Project at the Community Gardens as presented. Commissioner Nash seconds the Motion. Motion unanimously carried.
- 2. Vendor Parking at Walnut Beach Director Piscitelli Explains that up to now, there have been four available vendor parking spaces at Walnut Beach, which presented an issue last summer when three of the four vendor licenses belonged to ice cream trucks. Director Piscitelli proposed creating two more spots on the opposite end of the parking lot. He added that there has been a lot of interest in purchasing vendor licenses for the upcoming summer. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired if the boardwalk has been repaired after Hurricane Sandy; Director Piscitelli said repairs have not been completed, but the boardwalk is usable. Vice Chairman Fabian makes a Motionto approve the two proposed vendor parking spots at Walnut Beach as provided on the map. Commissioner Nash seconds the Motion. Motion unanimously carried.

#### V. Correspondence

None.

#### VI. Director's Report

- 1. Adaptive "Nutcracker Ballet" Award Director Piscitelli Explains the program to the Commissioners and commented it was an honor to be a part of the award ceremony in December at the New Haven Lawn Club. Vice Chairman Fabian commented it was a good production. Director Piscitelli showed the program book to the Commissioners.
- **2.** Facility Permits & Sign Permit 2012 Report Director Piscitelli Explains facility permits are very popular and interest is up at its highest level this year.
- **3. Winter Programs** Director Piscitelli Progressing. He said the registration numbers are better than they were in the fall. He said marking on Facebook has helped, and the new computer registration makes it easier on citizens. He said the spring program will be up in a month.
- **4. Carousel Update** Director Piscitelli In progress of working out the lease details with the City Attorney. He said he hopes to have this in place by Memorial Day. He added that the hours of operation are still up for discussion, maybe making the carousel a weekend-only operation with earlier closing times in consideration of the nearby residents.
- 5. Anderson Avenue Basketball Courts Director Piscitelli The bid has been written and the papers will be out in a week or so. He said there will be an option added to resurface the court on Hawley Lane as well. Chairman Worroll inquired if there will be two full-sized courts; Director Piscitelli said there will be.

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### VII. Commissioner Reports

- **1. Golf Course Committee** Chairman Worroll The course is sometimes open, sometime shut, depending on the weather, but rounds have increased by 4,000.
- 2. Walnut Beach Enhancement Committee Chairman Worroll Expenditures have been totaled and there is \$140,000 remaining after certain projects have been completed. He added that certain items have to wait for approval by FEMA. Vice Chairman Fabian inquired after the status of the Casey Pavilion after Hurricane Sandy; Director Piscitelli said the pavilion was designed to allow for the wash-out and the integrity of the structure was never compromised. He added there are plans to put a picnic table in the pavilion. Chairman Worroll said some of the dune crossings had to be repaired from the parking lot to the beach.
- 3. Bench Dedication Program Vice Chairman Fabian Reported Harriet Racz's bench at Walnut Beach was installed by the pier. She said she was unable to attend the dedication ceremony, but was informed it was attended by about 50 people. She also extends her thanks to the Public Works Department, especially Ed Cronin, for making this program work. Vice Chairman Fabian said there are other spots to fill, two of them being at Gulf Beach. She said she hopes in the spring to install four pads at a time. Director Piscitelli said a brochure should be put together to outline the available spots. He also discussed the specific style needed for continuity of all the benches. Vice Chairman Fabian offered her assistance in the creation of the brochure. Chairman Worroll said there has been some interest in dedicated benches at the golf course as well, and the Commission might want to look into implementing some pads there as well.

Vice Chairman Fabian explained to the Commissioners that the Milford Rape Crisis Center is participating in the One Billion Rising event that is taking place at noon on Valentine's Day. She said she has spoken with Mayor Blake, who will be participating in the event as well. She said people will be meeting on the steps of City Hall at 11:50 on Valentine's Day, and encouraged everyone to attend. She explained a dance is online choreographed by Debbie Allen, and Lauralton Hall and West Haven High School are participating as well.

#### VIII. Old Business

None.

#### IX. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Fabian made a **Motion** to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Commissioner Nash seconds **Motion**.

Motion unanimously carried.

The Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission will hold their next Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 6, 2013, in Conference Room "C".

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Birney Secretary pro-tem