Park, Beach, and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting

June 3, 2009

Members Present

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

Public Works Representative

Also Present

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

The Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held their June meeting on Wednesday June 3, 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. <u>Consideration of Minutes</u> of the Regular Meeting of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission held on May 6, 2009.

Commissioner Dooling <u>made a motion</u> to accept the May 6, 2009 minutes as read. Seconded by Commissioner DiBiase and unanimously carried.

II. Public Statement

<u>John LaCruz</u>, Foran Road - Spoke regarding beach parking and beach stickers procedures.

Commissioner Dooling <u>made a motion</u> to move New Business up on the Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Fabian and unanimously carried.

III. New Business

- Eagle Scout Emmett Costen presented the Eagle Project he would like to do at Eisenhower Park. He
 explained to the Commission that the project would be to restore 640 feet of trail near the obstacle
 course and what that would entail. He would like to do the project the weekend of August 1 or August
 22. Discussion followed. The Commission had no objections and support the project with the approval
 of Inland Wetlands and Public Works. Director McCarthy will send Emmett a letter stating this.
- 2. Joe Woyciesjes N.E.M.B.A. gave the Commission an update on the activities they are working on at Eisenhower Park. June 20, 2009 at 11 a.m. there will be a walk through at the park going over the project. He requested permission to camp out the weekend that the trail crew will be in town working on the project (August 13 16, 2009). After discussion, Chairman Worroll told Joe to get a normal permit from the Recreation Department. Director McCarthy stated that he would pencil them in the book.
- 3. Eagle Scout Brian Casey presented the Eagle Scout Project he would like to do at Walnut Beach. He explained to the Commission that he would like to renovate the Casey Pavilion and the Pavilion area. He would like to do this project this summer. The Commission had no objections and support the project with the approval of Public Works. Director McCarthy will send Brian a letter stating this.

IV. Correspondence

1. Director McCarthy received an email from an umpire that the Washington Field restrooms were locked and there was not a portable toilet on site. Director McCarthy reported that this issue has been taken

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care of.

2. Director McCarthy received a telephone call requesting the use of Eisenhower Park for an ad agency photo shoot. He gave them a tentative approval and is awaiting further information.

V. Director's Report

- 1. The Challenger program is underway again this year with over 30 children.
- 2. Public Works has repaired the skate park fencing.
- 3. The Board of Alderman cut another \$4,000 from the Recreation Department budget.
- 4. The Hershey Track Meet was held on May 15 at Foran High School and went very well.
- 5. The City Attorney, Recreation Department, Mayor and Public Works will be meeting to review the McCann Natatorium lease.
- 6. Attended annual Oyster Festival meeting at Mayor's office. The Summer Playground Program will once again have the Oyster decorating contest.
- 7. Eisenhower Park restrooms will be opened and closed on weekends by Phil Ciolino.

VI. Commissioner Reports

- 1. Chairman Worroll attended Meet the Artists & Artisans fair and it went very well. One issue they had was an item stolen after hours and he suggested the possibility of Denise hiring a security firm to work her September show.
- 2. Chairman Worroll attended the Dog Show at Eisenhower Park. It went very well.
- 3. The golf cart issue at the golf course is still not resolved.
- 4. Chairman Worroll attended the first bike rally at Gulf Beach with Alderman Toohey. The response was fantastic.
- 5. Chairman Worroll explained that the July meeting might be at 7 pm on July 1 due to the fact that there may be a public hearing regarding the possibility of constructing a telecommunications tower and related facility in Eisenhower Park.
- 6. Chairman Worroll reported the following upcoming events: Mary Taylor Fair on the Green June 5 and 6; Annual Fife and Drum Muster and Parade June 27; Benefit for Jim Melaney June 28 at Stonebridge.
- 7. Commissioner Rowland inquired as to who is responsible for opening Washington Field on the weekends due to some problems that she ran into last weekend. After discussion, Director McCarthy said that he would contact Public Works to get the situation resolved.

VII. Old Business

1. The Coda Wedding at Walnut Beach will no longer be serving alcohol due to insurance issues.

VIII. Adjourn

Commissioner Fabian <u>made a motion</u> to adjourn at 8:45 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 July 1, 2009 in City Hall Auditorium.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sandra L. Betzig, Secretary