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OPENING CEREMONY

ROLL CALL

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After determining there was a quorum, Mr. Labrador called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2021 PARKS BOARD MEETING

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2021 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:

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Please submit written testimony to Ellen.Gerrity@bridgeportct.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 9th***

OLD BUSINESS

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1. Howard Saffan, Managing Member, Harbor Yard Amphitheater. LLC, requesting to speak to the Parks Board about holding a proposed Seaside Park Festival “Sound on the Sound Festival 2022 on Saturday, September 24, 2022 through Sunday, September 25, 2022 for the Sound-on-Sound Festival, and possibly a Country Festival the weekend of September 17, 2022 through September 18, 2022.

Mr. Saffan said that he appreciates the Commissioners time and efforts.

Mr. Saffan said that they are proposing to have a Sound-on-Sound contemporary music festival, and the second festival would not be a country festival but would rather be a Vibes type festival which in today's parlance is called more of a jam band festival.

He said with him this evening is Jim Koplik, President of Live Nation Connecticut, and Upstate New York, Tom Russell and Jordan Wolowitz Founders Entertainment and creator of the Governors Ball Music Festival and himself who is the principal of Harbor Yard Amphitheater commonly known as the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater.

He said they are before the Board tonight seeking to bring back the festival business to Seaside Park and are extremely passionate about bringing music to Seaside Park and they feel that there was a tremendous void when the Gathering of the Vibes left Bridgeport and with the opening of the amphitheater here, they would like to make the City of Bridgeport the

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entertainment capital of Connecticut and they think that the festival, which will bring anywhere from 50,000 to 100,000 people into the City of Bridgeport will do as such.

Mr. Saffon asked Mr. Russell to give the Commissioners a little overview of their proposal.

Mr. Russell said that he is with Founders Entertainment and that their big event, The Governor's Ball has been in New York City for 10 years now, and they are so excited about the opportunity of launching Sound on Sound and a jam band event at Seaside Park.

He said that Sound-on-Sound would be a two-day event that would draw around 35,000 people per day.

He said that there will be two stages and for some illustrative talent examples they were thinking of Stevie Nicks, Lionel Richie, The Lumineers, Eddie Vetter, Leon Bridges, among others.

He said that this programming appeals to a little bit of an older demographic which would be more family focused and, as such, there'll be family activities there and a nice food and beverage program.

Mr. Russell said that the activities, sponsorship activations of course bathrooms and the entire setup of the events will be similar to how the Gathering of the Vibes had it, it will be fully enclosed and fenced off.

He said that there will be scrim on the fence; they are known for producing a top-class world-renowned festival in New York and they would bring the same expertise to Seaside Park for the Sound-on-Sound event.

He said that they work with a concessionaire that focuses on large scale music festivals and they also work on events such as the PGA Tour and Cirque du Soleil.

Mr. Russell said that they also work closely with all State liquor authorities to make sure everything is aboveboard and follow all laws and regulations.

He said they always try to make a big effort to work with local vendors and local community groups as much as possible; this applies to their food and beverage program they commonly reach out to local restaurants, breweries to integrate them into their event and they often work with community groups to run volunteer efforts to further causes that are important to the Community.

He said that oftentimes they like to ask the Parks Board and Department and City Council and local residents as to what issues around them impact them the most and how can they use their program to run a volunteer program that can give back.

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He said that they have had lot of success with this at the Governor's Ball with their golf ball give back program.

He said that 10's of thousands of hours has been contributed to helping local food pantries and it is something that they are really proud of, and they work really closely with the New York City Council and the mayor as well.

Mr. Russell that that everything will be ticketed, of course and they run their festivals with RFID technology so people who buy a ticket get a wristband with RFID technology in the mail and when they arrive at the festival, they scan their wristband and they're in.

He said that this allows them to have a lot of control and to have a lot of eyeballs as to how many people are in the venue, where they're moving to make sure that everything is as safe and sound as possible.

Mr. Russell said that about safety, they work with multiple security vendors on all their events, and they work incredibly closely with the local police department, fire department, Economic Development, Mayor's Office, Parks Department, and any organization that touches the event they work very closely with and he is proud to say that they have had one of the best reputations in New York City over the past 10 years.

Mr. Russell said that the jam band event that Mr. Saffan mentioned would be similar to Sound on Sound, but more focused on a certain genre of music jam bands such as modern-day Grateful Dead.

He said that one thing he does want to mention is that for someone who attended the Gathering of the Vibes many times in his younger years; this event will be much better produced and much more buttoned up.

He said that this is something that they would bring to the table and their experience and expertise; between himself, and his team, Howard Saffan and his team, Jim Koplik, and his team,

They are three of the best in the business of what they do, and they are thrilled at the opportunity to bring these unique very cool events to Bridgeport and bring back festivals to the Community.

Mr. Saffan said that he wants to add a little bit to the business plan.

He said that 5% of the gross ticket prices will go to the City of Bridgeport so they are talking about somewhere around \$350,000 to \$500,000 a year, of which a part of the proceeds will go towards the Parks Commission's budget.

He said that additionally, they will pay for all expenses, including police, fire, etc.

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He said that they have already met with economic development, the police chief as well as the fire chief and in addition to all of this, they will annually donate \$50,000 to the Parks Commission for discretionary purposes, specifically for either the parks or the use in the south.

He said that what they are doing is seeking a long-term commitment with the City of Bridgeport and the Parks Commission and their investment will be somewhere between \$5 and \$7 million dollars per festival is substantial and it is truly them saying that they love Bridgeport and want to be a part of Bridgeport and make a long-term commitment.

Mr. Saffan said that they are looking for the use of the parks on an annual basis, the second and third week of September, they believe that the economic impact of both festivals will be as great as \$50 million on the City of Bridgeport.

He said that they are respectfully seeking the Park Boards vote this evening and approval for the weeks of September 17th and September 24, 2022 and the annual use thereafter.

Mr. Saffan thanked the Board and said they are open for any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Labrador said that as Chairman of the Board of Park Commissioners, he is concerned about the safety of the people who attend our parks, on a daily basis, the safety of the people that they may have coming to their event and the safety of their staff during these events.

Mr. Labrador also said that the beauty of Seaside Park has been instilled in him by a previous Parks Director and how we should try to maintain that beauty so the people of Bridgeport can also take advantage of this beauty.

Mr. Saffan said that safety is first and foremost at the amphitheater here and this past Saturday night they had a hip hop/rap show, and he thinks if you ask anybody, you will find that it was incredibly peaceful, it was safe because they overdo it with their security.

He said that they met with the police chief on several occasions and the City of Bridgeport on several occasions, to make sure, everything was mapped out.

He said they always have a plan with the fire department, as well as the police department.

He said that when he formally ran the Webster Bank Area, his reputation in the community was that he always put safety first and foremost.

Mr. Hosier said that the one thing he did not like when the Gathering of the Vibes was at Seaside Park, was the fencing that was put up; he didn't think that it enhanced the park.

He asked if there is any way that they can put banners or enhance the fence to make it look more professional and attractive.

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Mr. Saffan said that when they renovated the baseball stadium their center field was wrapped with graphics because there is nothing that is more distasteful than a chain link fence and at no point whatsoever will that happen at Seaside Park.

He said that aesthetics, is very, important to him and if they've come through the amphitheater, they will see the attention to detail that they take.

He said that Seaside Park is beautiful, and Olmstead had a vision, and they want to enhance that vision and to be able to encompass Long Island Sound, the last thing they would want to do is bring down the people coming into Bridgeport's Seaside Park by seeing a chain link fence.

He said that this will be a very high-end festival with no camping, RV's, or partying; this is something that they can brag about and show off the City of Bridgeport and how beautiful Seaside Park is.

Mr. Hosier thanked Mr. Saffan.

Ms. Wade said that Mr. Saffan answered the questions she was going to ask.

Mr. Cotto asked if Mr. Saffan was looking to secure the dates.

Mr. Saffan said that they are.

Mr. Labrador said that he guesses that they would secure the dates from the Board of Park Commissioners and they would then work out a contract with the City of Bridgeport.

Mr. Saffan said that the way the Gathering of the Vibes did it was to secure the dates then they worked out long-term contract with the City of Bridgeport based on a date schedule then subsequently sit down with Economic Development, then seek approval from the City Council.

Thomas Gill, Director Economic Development said that what the gentleman are looking for is to have a long-term arrangement, so that they can continually be able to look at and book acts during the year because it very hard to have these festivals on a one-shot deal.

He said that in the past, City Attorney Pacacha would draw up the contract and once it is in place it went to the Common Council for their approval as do all contracts.

He said that in New York with the Governor's Ball they have a long-term arrangement and it only makes sense for them to have that same type of arrangement, so that they can have consistency in their planning in their logistics and their setup; so that would they are looking for and what the City of Bridgeport is supporting

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He said that he sees tremendous economic benefits not only directly but indirectly to the City of Bridgeport.

Mr. Gill said that the first night that the Amphitheatre was open all of the restaurants in the downtown area, including those at Steel Point unfortunately, had to turn people away because they were so booked and that's the kind of economic benefit that the City wants to see happen in the City of Bridgeport on an ongoing basis, so he would strongly recommend that the Commission look at securing those dates on a multiyear basis, as opposed to year to year, so that these gentlemen can plan on a regular basis and enter a contract that not only secures them but also secures the City relative to what they are promising and so forth, so that would be the City's recommendation.

Mr. Hosier said for clarification, the contract goes to the City Attorney's Officer first?

Mr. Gill said that once they establish and hold the dates on an ongoing basis, then the City Attorney's Office would draw up the contract and that contract would be sent to the City Council for approval of the contract only.

Mr. Hosier asked that the Parks Board be sent a copy of the contract.

Mr. Gill said that that once the contract is drawn up and reviewed by the Park Commissioners and everybody is satisfied with the contract, then it would be forwarded to the City Council for their ultimate approval.

Mr. Hosier asked if that was for a lease.

Mr. Gill said that it was.

Mr. Labrador said that what he is hearing from people is that the last event held at the Amphitheater was a financially positive situation for many of the restaurants in the area.

Mr. Saffan said that is correct and they have had several concerts since then, and in fact, today they announced a huge concert that they are proud to say sold out in a matter of minutes, so

He also said that they have book the group Greta Van Fleet for two different nights and you cannot get a room at the Holiday Inn and the restaurants are also already booked up, so the economic impact is huge.

Mr. Labrador asked the Commissioners if they had any other questions for Mr. Saffan and if there are no other questions, he is looking for a motion from the Commissioners to either approve or disapprove their event.

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the weeks of September 17th and September 24, 2022 and the annual use, thereafter, pending

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final approval from the City Attorney's Office, Board of Park Commissioners and Common Council.

Mr. Labrador said he is looking forward to seeing the contract and he wishes them much luck with their event.

He said that as long as this is having a positive impact in our city and the community surrounding our city and beautifying our parks, that is something he always looks forward to.

Mr. Saffan thanked the Board for their faith in them and he looks forward to cutting the ribbon next September and they hope that they make the impact that they believe they can for the City of Bridgeport.

On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to allow Charles M. Carroll to speak to the Board regarding the City of Bridgeport in conjunction with the Barnum Festival's request to hold a firework display at Seaside Park on Sunday, September 5, 2021, with a rain date of Monday, September 6, 2021.

Mr. Carroll said that the firework display event is in celebration of BPT200.

He said that the Barnum Festival was not able to hold their fireworks display in June and since things are getting back to normal, he said that they are requesting to hold the event on Sunday, September 5th, with a rain date of September 6, 2021.

Mr. Carroll said that as usual the permit will be signed off by all the City Departments and the proper insurance policy will also be submitted to the City.

Mr. Labrador said that the Barnum Festival has always provided great entertainment to the City of Bridgeport and he wishes them all the best with their event.

Ms. Conine said that she misses Mr. Carroll when he was both Public Facilities Director and Parks Director with the City of Bridgeport and said he got things done.

Ms. Gerrity and other employees reiterated Ms. Conine's sentiments.

Mr. Carroll thanked everyone.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

2. Patrick Dixon, requesting to use the Seaside Park Band Shell and adjacent area to hold a cultural music festival from Thursday, September 16th through Saturday, September 18, 2021, to begin at 2:00 p.m. each day.

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On a motion made by Mr. Hosier, seconded by Mr. Brideau, it was unanimously voted to table the event due to lack of representation,

3. Christy Duffy Acevedo, requests to obtain a park permit for the purpose of playing cricket at Seaside Park, in the area at the end of Barnum Boulevard.

Mr. Duffy Acevedo asked that the Minority Enterprise Bridgeport Labs to receive a permit to play amateur cricket at the west end of Seaside Park away from the ball fields.

Mr. Duffy Acevedo said that last time he met with the Parks Board, their location request did not coincide with other teams that that played there.

Mr. Labrador asked if he was looking for a permit to temporary host a few games of cricket at Seaside Park or is he looking to develop something that will be up for a long time?

Mr. Duffy Acevedo said that they are interested in doing a few games in order to get the amateur league interested in Bridgeport.

Mr. Labrador asked if he had spoken to anyone in Parks and Recreation in regard to hosting cricket games at Seaside Park?

Mr. Duffy Acevedo said that Mr. Castillo said he spoke with someone in Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Labrador asked Mr. Nastu, Recreation Coordinator if he had spoken to anyone.

Mr. Nastu said that he had not.

Mr. Labrador asked if a permit would have to be issued for the area in question?

Mr. Nastu said that it would have to be a new permit issued, currently the area is used for overflow parking at Seaside Park.

Mr. Labrador asked Mr. Duffy Acevedo to visit Seaside Park to see if the area will accommodate what they are looking for.

Mr. Cotto asked if the Checkpoints would be open on the dates being requested.

Mr. Labrador said that they can look at that when they visit Seaside Park.

Mr. Labrador said that he wants this to work out for him the easiest way possible and at a cost-effective way.

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Mr. Labrador asked Mr. Duffy Acevedo to make an appointment to visit Seaside Park with Luis Burgos, Manager Parks and Recreation, and Lee Nastu, Recreation Coordinator to scout out an acceptable location for a cricket field.

Luann Conine, Recreation asked that she be included when they go to the site.

Mr. Brideau asked that the meeting be held and to get their location and dates and to come back to the Park Board for approval.

Mr. Duffy Acevedo said that he is asking for a process to be done that makes sense for the parks.

Mr. Duffy Acevedo said that he knows that this is not an overnight process, but he does need the Parks Board and Parks and Recreation Department's help.

Mr. Duffy Acevedo thanked the Board for their help, and he will speak with personnel of the Parks and Recreation Department.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Gail Robinson, Ph.D., President, and Rick Landau, Member, Ash Creek Conservation Association, Inc., 20 Haddon Street, #3, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to speak to the Park Board regarding the sandspit at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea at the mouth of the Ash Creek tidal estuary.

Ms. Robinson thanked the Board for allowing them to bring this issue to their attention.

Ms. Robinson shared photos of the Sandspit with the Board

She said that they are coming before the Parks Board Commissioners because Mayor Ganim suggested that they address the Board on this issue in terms of the erosion.

She said that they want to go through the photos to show them a comparison of the sandspit 10 years ago and an aerial photo of what it looks like now.

She said that it lost a lot of land and it is narrower, shorter, and also lower in height.

She showed another view of the sandspit, Great Marsh Island and the channel that Fairfield dredges for their marina and what it would look like if they lost the sandspit.

She said that within 15 years they are projected to lose the sand spit and if they lose the sand spit, they will also lose Great Marsh Island and then the rest of the title wetlands would be destroyed.

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She said that the sand spit used to be entirely in Bridgeport, but in 1954 Fairfield acquired the rights to the tip of the of the sand spit so it has to be jointly managed by both Fairfield and Bridgeport.

She said that they are concerned about the sands spit because they could see it was eroding so they commissioned a scientific analysis of the sand spit after the 2019 dredging by Fairfield where there was a lot of damage.

She said that Brian Quinn of One Nature and Steven Danzer PhD & Associates LLC, who've done a number of projects for them, including their master plan in 2012, and they discovered a loss of 60 linear feet.

She said that they also found that the high point of the sandspit had retreated, so they lost height and linear feet in the sand spit and they have projected that if nothing is done it will disappear in 15 years by 2036.

Ms. Robinson said that if the sandspit goes, they will also lose Great Marsh Island and they have already lost 25,000 square feet of the island.

She said that that may be due to increased wave action caused by the reduction in the size of the sandspit.

She said that they have a number of homes that are going to be affected if they lose the sandspit, Great Marsh Island and the title wetlands.

She showed multiple areas that could become chronically inundated because the title wetlands serve as a sponge and the sand spit attenuates waves from storms as they come in and Great Marsh Island serves as a second barrier to the waves, as they come in.

Ms. Robinson said that Storm Sandy was not even a category 1 storm, so if we get a category 1 or category 2 hurricane, it could take out the sand spit in one shot.

She said that what is causing the erosion, are natural events like larger unpredictable storms, rising sea levels from global warming and the Fairfield jetty that prevents sand from coming down the coastline, the dredging that they have been doing since the 1950s removes sand from the sandspit and they do not put it back on the sandspit.

She said that Fairfield's last dredging was the worst and it caused them to contact the Town of Fairfield and Connecticut DEEP, and it was DEEP who requested more information and that resulted in them commissioning the scientific report.

Ms. Robinson said that the dredging trends from Fairfield have been increasing greatly over the past few years, and the reason Fairfield is giving is that the boats are getting larger they have bigger hulls.

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She said that we shouldn't let our title wetlands be destroyed to accommodate boaters at the Marina.

She said that the boaters are not going to go away, but the dredging does not have to be so aggressive.

She said that they made recommendations for Fairfield dredging: 1) a five-year permit when the renewal comes up in 2023, and that is something that Bridgeport has a say in. 2) Stopping the trend of deeper and wider dredging to accommodate larger boats. 3) Protect the title wetlands and then replenishing the sand on the sand spit every time they dredge instead of taking the sand and putting it on Jennings beach and 4) Remediating the damage that was done by the 2019 dredging.

Ms. Robinson said that what they would like to see is for Fairfield and Bridgeport to use Federal funds for habitat restoration of the sand spit.

She said that there is over 3 billion dollars of funds that are being released during this administration from the Federal Government for things like habitat restoration and they actually have a shovel ready plan that they created in 2014 and they almost had Fairfield and Bridgeport to agree to move forward with it and use the funds from Storm Sandy, but unfortunately that did not happen; there was a change in the administrations in both municipalities and by the time everything was in place the people in charge were gone.

She said that they would like to see Fairfield and Bridgeport to jointly manage the title estuary, including the sandspit, because this is our title wetlands, and they are really precious, and we do not want to see them go away.

She said that they have the shovel ready plan which has to be updated, for the conditions that the sandspit is in now; the cost was about \$300,000 back in 2014 but is probably \$500,000 by now because construction costs have gone up and there has been greater deterioration of the sand spit.

She said that they have been trying to set up meetings with officials in Fairfield and Bridgeport to explain the erosion problem.

She said that Fairfield's first select woman agreed that they could meet with officials in her municipality, and as soon as their Director of Conservation comes on board, they will be meeting with that person their City Engineer Bill Hurley and others.

She said that they have been trying to get a meeting going with officials in Bridgeport and they have turned them over to the Board of Park Commissioners.

She said that they were able to get Steve Stafstrom to get the Connecticut Deep to ask Fairfield and Bridgeport to join them in a meeting in the fall as well as themselves, to address this larger erosion issue and the 2019 dredging destruction.

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She said that they want to go after this major funding and implementation, but it is not their land it is Fairfield and Bridgeport's land, so of course they have to go through the municipalities, but they are willing to help out and partner, just like they have on the park restoration, because they know Bridgeport does not have a Conservation Commission.

She said they eventually would like Fairfield and Bridgeport to jointly manage the title estuary.

Mr. Labrador said he does not know a lot about dredging but he thought the Army Corp. of Engineers would be involved in this project.

Ms. Robinson said that they are, but they always ask them to refer people over to Bridgeport's Conservation Committee, but Bridgeport does not have a Conservation Committee.

She said that they would like to speak to City Engineer Jon Urquidi, or whatever equivalent to the same officials in Fairfield.

She said that she would like to fill people in and just have a discussion with the right Bridgeport officials, and she understands that the Parks Commission are not experts but maybe the Board could influence the proper City Officials to meet with the and the Connecticut DEEP.

Mr. Labrador said that he would like to go out to the site to see it for himself and see what they are speaking about.

Ms. Robinson said that the Parks Manager Luis Burgos and Deputy CAO Director John Gomes, and their Council representative have already gone done to the site and they would be happy if he walked the site also.

Mr. Labrador said he will also make a call to the Mayor's Office to convey to them what they are going through.

Ms. Robinson thanked the Board for listening to her this evening.

Ms. Donna Curran said that she is on the Board of the Ash Creek Conservation Commission and wanted to thank the Board for listening to them tonight and said that the area they are talking about is like an extension of St. Mary's By-The-Sea and it is a passive park where people come to sit and fish and although it is not safe to swim, it is part of the beautiful coastline that extends from the Fairfield boundary all the way up through Seaside Park.

She said that they feel that while the Parks Board may not have the engineering expertise, they certainly have the protection and the love of the parks, on their part of the mission they are hoping for and they will be able to help them and thanked the Parks Board very much.

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5. Pete Spain, 280 Grovers Avenue, Bridgeport, CT to speak about the Preserve at St. Mary's-by-the-Sea, 1.7-acre Bridgeport public park and its restoration.

Mr. Spain said it was great to Gail Robinson, President, Ash Creek Conservation Association who had a big part in the restoration of the park restoration.

Mr. Spain said that he appreciates the Board hearing him tonight.

Mr. Spain said that he loves coming before the Parks Board, they are the most solution minded unpaid Board of public servants he has ever seen.

Mr. Spain shared a picture taken in the past couple months of the restored Preserve at St. Mary's by-the-Sea. He said that Parks Board will remember this park costal woodlands just across the street from the sandpit they were just talking about.

He said that the park used to be an overrun weed patch with invasive plants and trees like the Tree of Heaven "Ailanthus".

He showed what the park looked like in 2018 and how it looks today with all the new native planting, put there thanks to donations by Gail Robinson, Donna Curran, Bruce Hubler, Rick and Barbara Landau and himself.

He said that this is an exciting project because when people go to St. Mary's By-the-Sea they are experiencing this transformation.

Mr. Spain said that with the nontoxic removal and persistent mitigation of invasives like that Tree of Heaven planting of soil tolerant native trees and shrubs or a better city park that over time they think it will contain the invasive, reduce maintenance, and boost resiliency in the park.

He said that it is astounding with recent donations that they are now up to almost \$50,000, with private donations made to the Ash Creek Conservation Association, with a recent donation of \$10,000 from the Vincent J. Coates Foundation and an additional \$500 donation from Bruce Hubler for quality native trees(s) to support and speed progress to date with keeping their community engaged.

Mr. Spain said that to date, over 50 native trees have been planted within the beautifully fenced area of the park that Steve Hladun and Luis Burgos did a great job in getting the great contractor that won the bid.

He said that the memorial stone was beautifully placed, and the clovers seeded in front, which is great for our pollinators and for reducing erosion and mowing.

Mr. Spain recommended that the Parks Board read the book "The Nature of Oaks", by Douglas W. Tallamy.

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He said in the book it states “that if we get rid of all the native plant and trees in the park there will be 96% less food in the trees and bushes for our wonderful birds and caterpillars and all those great butterflies, but if you get natives like they are doing now you more than double the food for the native’s wildlife”, which is great, so if you don't want to read the book please watch the video.

Mr. Spain said that they are two years in now working at the park and they wanted to take a closer look on the grounds, and at the end of March they enlisted arborists’ from Oliver Nurseries & Design Associates to take a closer look at the park.

He said that they wanted to get a third party to review how are they were doing and arborists from Oliver’s came over for free and were impressed with what they have done so far.

He said that there were a couple things that they could learn from though, when we bring trees in that we pay, we should make sure that they were not damaged in the process and we should not accept damaged trees.

Oliver’s also noticed that some of the trees were planted about 10 inches deep and that means that in five years those trees would be dying.

He said that with funds raised from the Community and with great cooperation from Steve Hladun and Luis Burgos from the Parks Department they got Oliver’s to dig the trees up, raise, replant, feed and fix them and then they used organic sustain and currently the trees are looking really nice,

He said that they even have some new plantings such as the Pin Oak which can be home to more than 500 species of caterpillar and the American Holly which both will be here beyond our lifetime and they are going to provide shade and beautiful park land for generations.

He said that the Parks Department has done great maintenance, they had a dead stick tree removed by Northeast Horticulture in late July.

He said that Steve Hladun also kept on top of important things such as taking care of the Emerald Ash Borer infestations that could have really gone on to spread, but he got professionals in and contained it.

Mr. Spain said also removed was the Spotted Lanternfly which is a threat to 50% of hardwoods and fruit trees in our northeast section, by getting rid of the invasive’ s, like the Tree of Heaven, which was their host, to take over.

Mr. Spain said that he is here tonight to request the Park Board and Parks Department’s help to get a second cardboard application sometime by the end of the year in the area of the fence where there's still islands of these invasive mugwort.

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Mr. Labrador said that he would like to sit down with Mr. Hladun, Mr. Burgos, and Mr. Nadrizny to see exactly what supplies they have or what they will need to get in order to do the job and they would be more than happy to help out in whatever way they can.

Mr. Spain that he appreciates the Park Board's cooperation, and he understands there are details to work out.

He said that they will keep watering the area and have used 2,400 gallons so far which has cost them less than \$50.00, which was paid by the ACCA and because the neighbors let them do it; they did not have to go through the Aquarion Water Company.

He said that they would like to finish the native plantings with Oliver's Nurseries for the rest of the year and into 2023, which will be paid for by ACCA, community donations and in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Spain said that lastly, they have planted \$1,000.00 worth of clover near the outside of the fence called the meadow area, he requests that the Parks Department let the clover grow by not mowing low.

Mr. Labrador asked if he could meet Mr. Spain on Thursday and Mr. Spain agreed.

Mr. Spain said that as always it was his great pleasure meeting with the Board of Park Commissioners and wished them a good night.

6. Charlie Dowd, Deputy Athletic Director, Sacred Heart University, requesting to speak to the Board regarding to hold a Cross Country Meet at the D. Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course on Saturday, October 15, 2022, and to explore the possibility to shoot off fireworks at the Golf Course's Black Course's 5th fairway on Friday, October 22, 2021.

Mr. Dowd said it was good to see the Commissioners, and he appreciates their time.

He said that as of last Thursday the scoreboard at Veteran's Memorial Park is up and running, and they have done some training on operating it and he has left a message for Lee Nastu to coordinate with him in showing him how to operate the scoreboard.

He said that it is a terrific piece, and he thanks the Board for getting their help in getting it done.

He said that he has a long-term project and a short-term project to ask the Board about.

He said that that his cross-country coach has requested the opportunity to conduct a cross country meet next October 15, 2022, and that the initial event would be a three to five team event approximately three-mile course on the red course, that runs parallel to Park Avenue, and they would have to close the course on Friday approximately 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. so they could mark off the course with markings that are non-permanent.

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He said that a male and female would run first thing Saturday morning and the golf course would be operational no later than noon.

He said that he has spoken with the Pro Stephen Roach who would know how many people that would usually play at that time and they would reimburse greens fees for that time

He said that he is sure that Mr. Roach has the historical data for how many golfers that would be golfing on the third Friday and Saturday in October of each year.

He said that the red course is optimal for a cross country race, it would be challenging but is flat enough so it wouldn't impact, the health and welfare of their runners.

Mr. Dowd said that Christian Morrison who is their longtime cross-country coach has run on the course in the evening and he thinks it would be a great way to bring some outside folks into Bridgeport from a spectator perspective as well as showcase one of the two jewels of the two jewels of the Golf Course, the red course.

Mr. Dowd asked that the Board consider Sacred Heart's request.

Mr. Labrador said that he would like to visit the site with him to see exactly where they would run.

Mr. Dowd said that he would welcome that opportunity.

Mr. Labrador asked Mr. Brideau who is a golfer if he has any questions.

Mr. Brideau asked Mr. Dowd why they want to use Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course instead of using their own golf course Great River.

Mr. Dowd said that the Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course is adjacent to Sacred Heart University and that Great River is slanted and would be a challenge for the runners and it would not be a healthy scenario for the runners

Mr. Brideau said that he does not understand; he said that the golf course is busy all during the year especial at that time.

He said that he thinks the golfers would be very unhappy with this idea.

He said that the golfers might understand a golf tournament but not a track meet.

Mr. Dowd said that he understands, and that is why he has asked Mr. Roach about the green's fees during that time, how many golfers it would impact and whether or not the Black Course could accommodate them.

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Mr. Dowd that that it would be two to three hours on the Friday and two to three hours on a Saturday.

Mr. Brideau said that he does not think this is a good idea.

Mr. Dowd said that he understands, and he would like to take Labrador's offer up and ride with them on the course and show him the cross-country site and revisit this vote at another time.

Mr. Brideau said that he does not think the fireworks is a good idea either.

Mr. Dowd said that they have done this in the past when Charles Carroll was Public Facilities Director without causing any damage to the golf course.

He said that that would contact Zambelli Fireworks who he has contracted with many times before at the Blue Fish Ball Park and has never had an incident with them before.

He said that they would have their cleanup crews on the course at 5:00 a.m. the next morning in time for the course opening.

He said that they would be open to reimburse any lost greens fees.

Mr. Brideau said that they would definitely need to reimburse green fees because they would have a lot of people playing on the course at that time.

Mr. Dowd said that he walked the golf course two weeks ago anticipating this meeting and the golf course is in terrific shape and they intend to leave it in terrific shape; he is just waiting for Mr. Roach to give them the detailed numbers regarding greens fees at that time.

Mr. Labrador asked if any other Commissioners had any questions.

Ms. Conine thanked Mr. Brideau for speaking up.

Ms. Wade asked why they do not want to have the fireworks at Veteran's Memorial Park?

Mr. Dowd said that the fireworks would be part of the first day of basketball practice and their student athletes and students will come out to the football field to observe them.

He said that they would love to have the fireworks there, but they need 400 feet of space, which is required by the state to set up the fireworks in order to be safe and you have to be at least 400 feet away from spectators when you're setting up fireworks.

Ms. Wade asked Mr. Dowd if they had notified Cambridge Manor that they may have fireworks at that time.

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Mr. Dowd said that if they are approved, they would definitely make them aware of the fireworks display.

Mr. Labrador said that he would like to take a ride over to the area for the meet and fireworks display so he can get back to the Board on his observance of the area.

Mr. Dowd said that the fireworks decision would have to be done in a timely manner since the state permitting process is a timely issue and then they also have to get on their calendar of events, but if Mr. Labrador is available sometime later this week, he would be happy to do so.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to deny both requests.

7. Frederick T. Garrity, Jr., Executive Director CT United Ride, requesting to end the 20th Annual CT United Ride on Saturday September 11, 2021, at the Seaside Park Casino Bathhouse area. Their main sponsor is the Uniformed Professional Firefighters Association of CT (UPFFA of CT) and all monies raised over expenses go to the CT State Firefighters Emergency Relief Fund, and CT Police Officers Relief funds (The Hundred Club of CT).

Mr. Garrity said that they are again asking to end the CT United Ride at Seaside Park on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

He thanked the Board and City of Bridgeport for their 20-year partnership and said the reason they have had such a successful event is because they have such a beautiful spot where they land every year.

He said that last year was the first year they were unable to hold the event due to the pandemic that took over everyone.

He said that this year they are starting from Sherwood Island because their usual starting point has too much construction equipment on it.

Mr. Garrity said that will follow the same route, they will be there at the same time, and on behalf of the uniform professional firefighters they are asking to again have permission to end the Connecticut United Ride at Seaside Park as they've done for the past 20 years.

He said that this year they are dedicating the ride to Connecticut State Trooper Eugene Kenneth Baron, Jr, who died in May 2020 from cancer contracted while he assisted at Ground Zero; New Haven firefighter Ricardo Torres, Jr, who died in May 2021 from injuries sustained on the scene of a house fire; and New Haven Fire Lieutenant Samod Rankins, who was critically injured in the same house fire that took the life of Torres.

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He said that New Haven fire fighters will be there as well as state and local police along with the governor and senators at the start of the ride.

He said that Bridgeport is a very strong part of the ride and as Mr. Cotto knows when Bridgeport police helped get the ride off the ground in 2001 two weeks after 911 and we are proud to continue the ride and again and ask for the Park Board's support yet again after 20 years.

Mr. Labrador asked if the Commissioners had any questions?

Mr. Cotto said that his only concern is that the COVID guidelines are met so there are no problems.

Mr. Labrador said that the permit Mr. Garrity must have signed off will make sure that they follow all COVID rules.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

Mr. Labrador wished Mr. Garrity success with his ride, he knows they do a great job and asked him to thank his volunteers for the service that they provide to a cause he's been doing for over 20 years.

Mr. Garrity thanked the Commissioners and said that as they know the ride has grown since their first year with 500 people that went for the ride to now where he is having meeting with the state and local police officers in ten towns and the hundred cadets that help with traffic and the Park Commissioners that are a big part of the ride.

Mr. Labrador thanked Mr. Garrity and said it has been a pleasure to have met him and to see that he continues to fight the fight for those that cannot, and he wishes him a lot of success and may the good Lord continue to guide and protect him and his people for many years to come.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

8. Scott Griffin, Cooperative Educational Services, 40 Lindeman Drive, Trumbull, CT, requesting to hold their Run/Walk at Seaside Park on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with a set-up time of 7:00 a.m. and clean-up of 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Griffin said that this is their 14th annual race, with 10 of them at Seaside Park.

He said that their race is a fundraiser for their schools and programs at Cooperative Educational Services, that that includes Six to Six Magnet School in Bridgeport, school readiness programs they have for children who live in Bridgeport, Special Education

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Division and Arts High School Regional Center for the Arts in Trumbull which is a regional part time magnet art school for kids from all over the area.

Mr. Griffin said that they have made plans for COVID issues such as eliminating same day registration and distributing the bibs and shirts beforehand to minimize any kind of congregating at the site.

He said that the award ceremony will be short and might even mail things to people.

Mr. Labrador asked if there was any problem with the run in 2019.

Ms. Nastu and Mr. Burgos both said that they have not have any problems with the run in the past.

Mr. Griffin said that their walk/run begins at the west end bathhouse where they stay on the sidewalk, walk to the end, turn around and come back along the beach.

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Mr. Hosier, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

Mr. Griffin thanked the Commissioners.

9. Marcia D. Fountain, Minority Entrepreneurs Training Association, Inc. 1245 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to hold a concert at McLevy Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021, from 1:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with a set-up time of 9:00 a.m., with approximately 125 people in attendance.

Ms. Gerrity said that Ms. Fountain has rescinded her request.

On a motion made by Ms. Wade, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to remove the item from the table.

10. Nina Gibson, Black Rock Community, 2470 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to hold their annual Black Rock Day at Ellsworth Park on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 pm.

Scott Gibson spoke on behalf of Nina Gibson.

Mr. Gibson said that their Black Rock festivities typically happen the 2nd Sunday in June, but because of COVID, they postponed the event until October 3rd.

He said that this will not be the full-fledged festival they usually hold but they will have a concert and some food will be sold.

Mr. Labrador said that he should be aware that if things change with COVID, they will have to follow any guidelines that State of Connecticut may mandate.

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On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Hosier, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

11. Kate Pigue, Norma Pfriem Breast Center at Bridgeport Hospital, 111 Beach Road, Fairfield, CT, requesting to hold their Annual Breast Cancer Walk beginning at the Seaside Park Band Shell, on Sunday, October 3, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. with a set-up time of 7:30 a.m. and clean-up beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Pigue said that she is from the Norma Pfriem Breast Center which is part of Bridgeport Hospital and Smilow Cancer Hospital and they are requesting to use the Seaside Park Band Shell this year for what will be the 3rd Annual Walk at Seaside Park and the 4th one altogether.

She said that they have the full support from the Mayor's Office and the Police and Fire Departments.

She said in the past they held the event at the Casino Bathhouse, but this year they would like to start their event from the Band Shell for two dual purposes, one being that the walk is getting bigger with more people coming out to support the cancer walk and secondly because of the Delta variant they can make sure there is ample distance space for everyone to social distance.

She said that the walk would start at the Band Shell and would do a full loop around back to the Band Shell.

Ms. Wade said that she is in favor of the walk since her mother died of breast cancer.

Mr. Brideau said that he is also in favor of the event and said that his wife is a breast cancer survivor.

Mr. Labrador also said that he lost his mother-in-law to breast cancer and he is in favor of the event.

On a motion made by Mr. Cotto, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

Ms. Pigue asked if it was possible to put their banner on the Band Shell for the month of October to remind people to get their mammogram.

Mr. Labrador said that he is not opposed to putting the banner on the Band Shell, but usually people put their banner up the day of their event, and it is removed the next day.

Mr. Labrador asked Mr. Burgos if he would be able to put the banner up for the one day.

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Mr. Burgos said that they can get the banner up for that day and expressed his concern about vandalism if the banner was left up for more than a day.

Ms. Pique agreed and thanked the Board for their approval.

12. Ms. Bobbi Brown, #100 Girls Leading Inc., 285 Hollister Avenue, Bridgeport, requesting to hold her girls mentoring event on Saturday, June 4, 2022, at McLevy Park, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., with a set-up time of 12:00 p.m. and clean-up time of 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Brown thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak to them.

She said that she is presenting the Board with 100 Girls Leading 2022, where they will be celebrating the power of mentorship for young ladies of color reminding them of the power of community and inviting women and young girls from all over Bridgeport in partnership with the Bridgeport Board of Education, to make sure that our girls are receiving the mentorship as needed.

She said that their theme this year is OK, Ladies Let's Improve Our Climate, reminding girls to recycle and to take care of Mother Earth and to take active roles in their Community.

They are also partnering with GBAPP and a few other organizations.

She said that some women that are being highlighted are community leaders and CEO's and women organizers who have done this before.

Ms. Brown said that they are taking this opportunity with these girls to make sure that they have an opportunity to learn about the environment, cleaning and all the projects that they'll do on that day.

Mr. Labrador thanked Ms. Brown for everything she does and wished her much luck with her event.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously to approve their event with the usual stipulations.

Ms. Brown thanked the Commissioners for saying yes to her girls.

13. Razul Branch and Natalie Pryce, Bridgeport Arts and Cultural Council, 1001 Main Street, Ste 14, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to hold a concert at McLevy Park on Thursday, August 26, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. with a set-up time of 3:30 p.m. and clean-up at 9:30 p.m. with approximately 2,500 people in attendance.

Ms. Gerrity said that Mr. Branch and Ms. Pryce have rescinded their request due to the uptick in COVID cases.

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On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to remove the item from the table.

14. Rich McCarty, University of Bridgeport, 126 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to hold their run at Seaside Park on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. with a set-up time of 7:30 a.m. and clean-up at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. McCarty said that they are restoring their homecoming day for October 23, 2021, and would like to begin the proceedings on Saturday, with the Purple Night 5-K run as they have done in the past.

He said that they work with their security team who works very well with the Bridgeport Police Department and others to create a safe environment and they will be following all COVID guidelines.

Mr. McCarty said that they would be running the same route as they have in the past and will remain consistent to the map previously submitted.

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Ms. Wade, it was unanimously voted to approve the event with the usual stipulations.

Mr. Labrador thanked Mr. McCarty and wished him much luck with his run.

Mr. McCarty thanked the Commissioners and said they are entering a new era at the University and they are grateful for everyone's support.

REPORTS

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Hosier made the following statement: Fellow colleagues approximately one year ago, after the mayor removed the Columbus statue from Seaside Park, without the authorization of the Parks Board and in violation of the Charter, the Parks Board passed through a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Facilities, to reinstall the statue to its rightful place.

As the statue was being prepared for reinstallation, the City stopped the effort. Therefore, we are calling on the Mayor to honor the Charter and the authority vested in the Parks Board to return the statue to its perch at Seaside Park.

Mr. Labrador said that the Christopher Columbus statue was taken down without the permission of the Board of Park Commissioners and the Parks Board asked the City to please have the statue put back up and pay for the installation since the Parks Board did not initiate the removal.

He said he hopes that the statue will be put back up without it being a difficult process.

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Mr. Hladun said that Craig Nadrizny was out of the office today so he will address the Director's Report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CRAIG A. NADRIZNY, ACTING PUBLIC FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Mr. Hladun read the Director's report:

Park Projects:

- Court Crack Repairs and Resurfacing: Glenwood Park, Central High School / Kennedy Stadium in progress. Next locations include Puglio, Washington Basketball Courts (Full Post-Tension Concrete reconstruction) and Newfield Basketball Courts. The practice wall at Glenwood is to be repaired by the Public Facilities Building Maintenance Division.
- D. Fairchild Wheeler Memorial Golf Course:
 - Irrigation Repairs are in progress.
 - Repair work in progress on the 8 Black cart path.
 - Stumps have been grinded to date.
- Seaside Park
 - Renovations are slated to start in August on the walking track in front of bandshell.
 - New water fountains with bottle fillers are in the process of being installed with Public Facilities Building Maintenance.
 - Dugout Bench Installations are planned for Seaside Park Diamonds 6 and 7.
- Washington Park
 - Tree trimming to raise canopy has been completed in July.
 - Curbing around splash pad to be installed.
 - Painting of gazebo, decorative lights and other amenities is planned.
 - Parks Dept. is looking at enhancing the existing splash pad with upright play features.

Recreation Dept.

- The Seaside Park Summer Day Camp will conclude on Friday 8/13. This year's camp was attended by (80) Bridgeport youths ages 5 through 12. Daily activities at the camp included arts and crafts, athletics, and swimming. A few camp highlights this year included field trips to the Beardsley Zoo, Bow Tie Cinemas, Roller Magic, Skateland & Lake Compounce Amusement Park.
- Park Checkpoints at Seaside Park and Beardsley Park and staffing at Pleasure Beach continue to be operated daily through Labor Day Weekend.
- Lifeguards are staffed daily at Seaside Park and Pleasure Beach.

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- Park Event Permits, Park Stickers, and Ballfield Permits are being issued at the Parks Office.

Mr. Nadrizny had no further business.

Mr. Labrador thanked Mr. Hladun for the report.

Mr. Labrador wanted to commend Craig Nadrizny, Luann Conine, Luis Burgos, Stephen Hladun and Lee Nastu for going above and beyond the call of their duties.

He said that he has drove through the parks during the summer months and has witnessed firsthand all the work they have done in the parks with staffing of the lifeguards, checkpoints, summer camps and the maintenance personnel which has been especially hard during these COVID days.

He said that it would be very hard for anyone to try to fit in their shoes and accomplish the things they do in a single day.

He wanted them to know he appreciates all of their hard work and what it means to him personally.

Mr. Hladun said that he appreciates all of Mr. Labrador's support.

Ms. Gerrity said she would like to introduce Tatiana Urena who will be attending the Parks Board meetings, compiling the Parks Board agenda, and taking care of all correspondence, permits and approval letters after they have been approved.

She said that the City will be hiring a stenographer to do the actual Parks Board minutes.

Ms. Urena said that this is her first meeting, and it is a lot to take in.

She said that it is an honor to work with the Parks Board Commissioners.

She said that she knows that the Parks Board does a lot of good things behind the scenes with the parks that people do not see.

She said that she is a resident of Bridgeport born and raised and has many fond memories of Seaside Park growing up and spending her summers with her dad and brother and family and now she brings her own children to the parks.

She said that she knows that she will have a good relationship with the Board and she also knows that she has big shoes to fill as Ellen is leaving.

She said that she is indebted to Ellen with everything that she's been teaching her and training her on.

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Ms. Urena said that a lot of credit goes to her that she feels is overdue and a lot of people do not recognize the work she has done over the years.

She said that speaking from Payroll Clerk's point of view, it is unbelievable the amount of work Ellen has been doing over the years and that she gives kudos to her and is going to miss her so much; but knows that she will only be a phone call away for any support or guidance that she will need in this new position.

She also hopes that she can call on the Park Commissioners in the future as did Ellen and hopes that she can gain the same love and respect from the Commissioners and she did.

Ms. Urena said that she only wants the best for our City and parks and wants to see Seaside Park and all the other parks to continue to grow so that we can raise our families and have new great experiences.

Mr. Labrador welcomed Ms. Urena to the Parks Board and hopes the good Lord will continue to bless her.

Ms. Urena thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Hladun said that he and the others in the Parks Department will be there to help her in any way they can.

Mr. Brideau said that it is with regret that this will be his last meeting as he is resigning from the Board of Park Commissioners as of tonight.

He said that he has served through three administrations including Mayor Fabrizi, Mayor Finch and Mayor Ganim.

He said that the years have been enjoyable and he has enjoyed working with them all of the Park Commissioners throughout the years.

He said that he wishes the best for the Board and hopes everything in the future works out well for the Parks Board and Parks Department.

He said that again, he thanks them for everything they have done for him and hopes to see them again in the future.

Ms. Gerrity thanked Mr. Brideau for serving on the Board and said that he will be missed.

Mr. Cotto said that you know when your time comes, and he thanked him for his service.

Mr. Hosier said that from his heart, he is going to be missed.

Mr. Brideau thanked the Board.

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Mr. Labrador said that he will miss Mr. Brideau dearly, he has always appreciated the work that he put into the Parks Board and his work with the golf course and when he gets his golf game going, he hopes they can play a round of golf together in the future.

Mr. Brideau agreed and said that they definitely will.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Brideau, seconded by Mr. Cotto, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. Gerrity

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Clerk