

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013
6:00 PM**

ATTENDANCE: Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia; Council members: Banta, Taylor-Moye
Council President McCarthy (sat in to make a quorum)

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia updated that the meeting scheduled for last week was rescheduled, due to paperwork that wasn't submitted.

Approval of Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2013.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

86-12 Appointment of Charles McNeill (D) to the Harbor Commission.

The appointee Charles McNeill stated that he was previously informed about the responsibilities of serving on the Harbor Commission. He stated that he has been a resident of the south end for nine years. He said that he came at a time when the area was starting to be developed and he saw it as an area with potential. He mentioned that he has a family and three children and they frequently visit Seaside Park, so as a resident of the area he has an interest in the waterfront. Overall, he expressed that he is concerned about the development of the neighborhood and the community.

Council member Taylor-Moye commented that she met Mr. McNeill four years ago and he has always been involved in the community, by helping to keep it clean and

addressing the problems of potholes and sidewalks. She further commented that he always tries to see what he can do to help the south end and the city. She stated that she was in favor of the recommendation to appoint him to the Harbor Commission.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

Council President McCarthy recalled that the following appointees were present at the last meeting when they addressed the questions by the committee members. He suggested that the committee vote on the appointments tonight based on what they heard during the last meeting. Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia and the committee members agreed.

103-12 Appointment of Margot Reynolds (U) to the Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

104-12 Appointment of Esperina Baptiste (U) to the Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

105-12 Appointment of Christine Stafstrom (D) to the Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

106-12 Appointment of Fred Kaskowitz (D) to the Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

107-12 Appointment of Audrey M. Barr (D) to the Food Policy Council.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***Consent calendar**

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia stated that the appointments will need to go before the full city council for a vote and then the Mayor will follow up to make the appointments official.

113-12 Appointment of James C. Carl (D) to the Ethics Commission.

The appointee James Carl stated that he has been a resident of Bridgeport for approximately one year. He said that he resides downtown between Fairfield Avenue and Lafayette Boulevard. He stated that he is the Dean of the College of Education at Sacred Heart University and he formerly lived in Cleveland, Ohio where he was a professor and administrator. He mentioned that he has a good knowledge of politics and school policy and a good knowledge of what the Ethics Commission does. For example, when recommendations come up for elected officials and having to make the determination of whether or not they will benefit from serving on the board. He stated that he would be available for meetings regularly and he is prepared to a commitment of serving on the commission for a two-year term.

Council President McCarthy questioned Mr. Carl about his arrest that occurred a while ago. Mr. Carl explained that he was in his early 20's and a graduate student in Wisconsin and was involved as a student activist and was arrested and subsequently entered a first offender program. He further explained that he was also arrested in New Hampshire during his early 20's for trouble with alcoholism and he has been sober for twenty-five years. He expressed that he saw both issues as being behind him and he currently conducts his life in a peaceful manner, although he had some anger issues in the past.

Co-chair Vizzo-Paniccia commented that the incidents happened a while ago and she said she appreciated Mr. Carl's honesty and being forthcoming about his background. She relayed that it showed true dedication to his sobriety, to himself and his commitment to Bridgeport.

Council President McCarthy thanked Mr. Carl for being honest. He said he felt that his civil disobedience offense actually makes him a good candidate to serve on the commission and he congratulated him on his years of sobriety.

Council member Taylor-Moye congratulated and commended Mr. Carl for his honesty and on his twenty-five years of sobriety.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

*** Consent calendar**

ADJOURNED

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT McCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN
** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham
Telesco Secretarial Services