

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:** Tyler Mack, Co-chair; Aikeem Boyd, Matthew McCarthy, Rolanda Smith

**OTHERS:** Council Member(s): M. Pereira & J. Herron (5:40 p.m.); C. Vickers, Director of Legislative Affairs; Lee Grisby, Cruz Cotto, John Hosier, 203-673-7218

**CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair Mack called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

**31-21 Appointment of Lee Grisby (R) to the Parks Commission.**

Ms. Vickers introduced Mr. Grisby.

Council Member Pereira asked Mr. Grisby asked how long Mr. Grisby had been a Republican and if he had been asked to change his party affiliation.

Ms. Vickers said that Mr. Grisby will be a good candidate and is aware of the pending Commission work load.

Mr. Grisby said that he had lived in Bridgeport most of his life and has always wanted to be involved and give something back. He said that he had been involved

Mr. Grisby said that he has been a Republican for over 10 years and no one has asked him to change his party affiliation.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED AGENDA ITEM 31-21 APPOINTMENT OF LEE GRISBY (R) TO THE PARKS COMMISSION.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

Council Member McCarthy asked Mr. Grisby if he understood the work load that the Commission has to address. Mr. Grisby said that he was aware of this and was looking forward to the job.

*Council Member Herron joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.*

Council Member Herron said that she would like to hear Mr. Grisby's answers to the questions asked by Council Member Pereira.

She also asked what kind of experience Mr. Grisby had with the Parks Commission. Mr. Grisby said that he had not been able to find any documentation about the Parks Commission.

Council Member Herron asked Mr. Grisby how long Mr. Grisby had been a Republican and if he had been asked to change his party affiliation. Mr. Grisby said that he has been a Republican for over 10 years and no one has asked him to change his party affiliation.

Council Member Pereira asked if Mr. Grisby had read the section in the City Charter about the Parks Commission. Mr. Grisby said that he had not read that section but would be doing so.

Council Member Pereira asked Mr. Grisby about his thoughts on the potential return of the Columbus statute to the Park.

Mr. Grisby said that it was a part of history, however he could see how difficult it would be to have a statute of a person who caused so many problems standing over a city that was primarily black and brown. He felt that it would be best to have the statute in a museum.

Council Member Pereira said that the Parks Commission had voted two times to restore the statute to its former pedestal. She wished to know how Mr. Grisby would have voted. Mr. Grisby said that he would have opposed returning the statute to the pedestal.

Council Member McCarthy moved the question.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 31-21 APPOINTMENT OF LEE GRISBY (R) TO THE PARKS COMMISSION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJORN.**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Telesco Secretarial Services