

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 21, 2024**

This meeting was held via Zoom.

**ATTENDANCE:** Benji Labrador, Chair; Cruz Cotto, Vice President; Lee Grisby, John Mark Hosier, Lillian Wade

**OTHERS:** Tatiana Urena, Parks Department; Brett Caulfield, Superintendent of Parks; Lee Nastu, Parks; Michelle L. Brooks, Bridgeport Community Festival; Susan Schnitzer, CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, Willie from Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders, Kevin Moore, South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ); Corey Baldwin, Bridgeport Police Department, Paul Brown, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse & Grill II Restaurant; Donald Wilson, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse & Grill II Restaurant; Justin Batres, Missionary Church “El Olivar”, Daniel Viera, LivFree, Gina Malheiro, Vicki Soto Memorial Fund, Marc Campbell

**OPENING CEREMONY / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Labrador. called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. He then led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Urena called the roll. There was a quorum present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:**

**• MAY 21, 2024 (SPECIAL MEETING)**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC SPEAKING FORUM:**

The public may call the Office of Parks and Recreation at 203-576-7234 and speak with Tatiana Urena or email her at [tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov](mailto:tatiana.urena@bridgeportct.gov) to sign up for Public Speaking.

Commissioner Labrador said that he would like to make some comments to the Board Members. He said that he would be speaking on behalf of himself. He said that the City administration had a meeting and decided that both he and Commissioner Cotto were no longer needed on the Parks Board. Commissioner Cotto has served the City for more than 40 years as a police officer. Commissioner Labrador said that he was informed through the grapevine that they would be removed from the Board and the administration did not notify either man. Some officials claimed that notifications had not been sent to them. Commissioner Labrador said that there were some individuals who had been considering removing them from the Board for a number of months. He added that if the administration had wanted to have someone else on the Board and told him, he would have been okay with it, but that's not what they did.

Commissioner Labrador said that he had spoken with Commissioner Cotto and they decided Commissioner Labrador would attend even though he was on vacation. He added that if there was anyone felt that he and Commissioner Cotto shouldn't be there, they should be say so that both he and Commissioner Cotto could leave.

Commissioner Labrador said that he had tried to contact a number of individuals via phone calls or texts, but had not received any response. He said that the reason that he was at the meeting was out of respect for the staff.

Commissioner Cotto said that he would be staying for the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Michelle L. Brooks, 336 Bradley Street, Bridgeport, CT requesting approval to change the date of the 10th annual Bridgeport Community Festival to Saturday, August 3, 2024 at McLevy Green from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a setup at 8:00 a.m. and cleanup at 8:30 p.m. for approximately 150 people.** (This event was previously approved for Saturday, July 20, 2024 on the March 12, 2024 Park Board meeting.)

Ms. Brooks said that she was sorry to hear about the news regarding Commissioner Labrador and Commissioner Cotto.

Ms. Brooks said that she had originally wanted to change the date from July 20th to August, but the sound man was not available on the August date. She said that the application approval had been held up in one of the departments. Commissioner Labrador was

Commissioner Hosier said that because they had already approved the date of July 20th, and there did not

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOISER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 1. MICHELLE L. BROOKS, 336 BRADLEY STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY**

**FESTIVAL OF JULY 20, 2024 AT MCLEVY GREEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 8:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 1. MICHELLE L. BROOKS, 336 BRADLEY STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL DATE FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITY FESTIVAL OF JULY 20, 2024 AT MCLEVY GREEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 8:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 8:30 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**2. Susan Schnitzer, CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, 670 Clinton Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual World Refugee Day on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at Seaside Park – Grove area from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a setup at 11:00 a.m. and cleanup at 10:00 a.m. with DJ, Food Trucks and Vendors for approximately 150 people.**

Ms. Schnitzer said that they had been doing this event for about eight years before COVID but would like to have a time change.

Commissioner Cotto asked how long the agency had been holding this event. Ms. Schnitzer said that they had been holding it in the park for eight years pre-COVID, is was a small event, but they are trying to build it up. She invited everyone to attend this family friendly event.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 2. SUSAN SCHNITZER, CT INSTITUTE FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, 670 CLINTON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL WORLD REFUGEE DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – GROVE AREA FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 2. SUSAN SCHNITZER, CT INSTITUTE FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS, 670 CLINTON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL WORLD REFUGEE DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – GROVE AREA FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 10:00 A.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. Ruth Ortega, Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leaders, 595 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the annual Caribe Day on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Seaside Park – Behind the Casino Bath House from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a setup at 9:00 a.m. and**

**cleanup at 4:30 p.m. Includes a Bounce House, DJ, and Food Truck for approximately 150 people.**

Mr. Willie greeted the Commissioners and said that Commissioners Labrador and Cotto had served the parks very faithfully and will be missed.

He said that they had held the event for many years. The Commissioners had no additional questions.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 3. RUTH ORTEGA, BRIDGEPORT CARIBE YOUTH LEADERS, 595 MADISON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL CARIBE DAY ON SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BEHIND THE CASINO BATH HOUSE FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 9:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 4:30 P.M. INCLUDES A BOUNCE HOUSE, DJ, AND FOOD TRUCK FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 3. RUTH ORTEGA, BRIDGEPORT CARIBE YOUTH LEADERS, 595 MADISON AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL CARIBE DAY ON SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BEHIND THE CASINO BATH HOUSE FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 9:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 4:30 P.M. INCLUDES A BOUNCE HOUSE, DJ, AND FOOD TRUCK FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Kevin Moore, South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ), 325 Lafayette Street, Unit #4310, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the South End Day at Seaside Park – Band Shell on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a setup at 11:00 a.m. and cleanup at 7:00 p.m. with DJ, Food Trucks and Vendors for approximately 50-100 people.**

Mr. Moore said that they were looking to host the first of what they hoped would be a South End NRZ Annual Caribe Day.

Commissioner Hosier asked if it was the same day as the East Side Caribe Day event. Mr. Moore said that it was the same type of event, but did not think it was the same day. Ms. Urena said that the East Side had Washington Park reserved for the Caribe Day. Discussion followed about possibly moving the date of the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ). Mr. Moore asked if he could check with the other organizers.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 4. KEVIN MOORE, SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ), 325 LAFAYETTE STREET, UNIT #4310, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST**

**THE SOUTH END DAY AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 7:00 P.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 50-100 PEOPLE TO THE END OF THE MEETING.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 4. KEVIN MOORE, SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ), 325 LAFAYETTE STREET, UNIT #4310, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE SOUTH END DAY AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 7:00 P.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 50-100 PEOPLE TO THE END OF THE MEETING PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. Corey Baldwin, Bridgeport Police Department, 300 Congress Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Car & Bike Show at Seaside Park – West Beach (at the very end) on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a setup at 7:00 a.m. and cleanup at noon for approximately 500 people and to include Vazzy’s Food Truck.**

Mr. Baldwin said that he would like to thank Commissioner Labrador for all that he had personally done for him.

Mr. Curry said that he did not know if they was a first time event. One complaint that they had received for the last car show was the noise. Mr. Baldwin said that this would not be a car show where they would be blasting their music. Mr. Curry said that there were others who had been concerned about the amount of bikes on the property. Mr. Baldwin asked if they eliminated the motorcycles, if the event could be approved. Mr. Curry said that he would like to meet with the organizers because there had been a problem last week end’s car show. Mr. Curry said that the good thing that it was being done by the Police officers.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 5. COREY BALDWIN, BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, 300 CONGRESS STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A CAR & BIKE SHOW AT SEASIDE PARK – WEST BEACH (AT THE VERY END) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. WITH A SETUP AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT NOON FOR APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE AND TO INCLUDE VAZZY’S FOOD TRUCK CONTINGENT UPON A MEETING WITH MR. CURRY AND THE POLICE ORGANIZERS.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 5. COREY BALDWIN, BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, 300 CONGRESS STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A CAR & BIKE SHOW AT SEASIDE PARK – WEST BEACH (AT THE VERY END) ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. WITH A SETUP AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT NOON FOR**

**APPROXIMATELY 500 PEOPLE AND TO INCLUDE VAZZY'S FOOD TRUCK CONTINGENT UPON A MEETING WITH MR. CURRY AND THE POLICE ORGANIZERS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**6. Donald Wilson & Paul Brown, Bridgeport Youth Lacrosse & Grill II Restaurant, 56 Fairview Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a collaborative Community Outreach event on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at Seaside Park – Band Shell from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a setup at 10:00 a.m. and cleanup at 6:00 p.m. to include DJ, Live Music, Vendors, Food Vendors/Alcohol for approximately 1,000 people.**

Mr. Brown said that they had been in Bridgeport for five years and was requesting to change the date to July 4th. They would be providing the food and have hired police officers on site. Commissioner Hosier said that they had previously denied permission to others on that holiday week-end. Mr. Brown said that they would stick with the original date.

Commissioner Wade expressed concerns about the serving of alcohol. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Brown said that they had hosted similar events at the Park. He noted that there were several events at the park in the last week and the attendance was low.

Commissioner Wade said that she knew that some adults would give alcohol to teen agers. Mr. Caulfield said that when alcohol is served, they have a fenced in area that is monitored.

The discussion moved to the plan for the construction of the stage near the bandshell. Ms. Urena said that the Brazilian event had been held a few years ago and it was very complicated. There were multiple issues and they almost were not able to hold the event.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 6. DONALD WILSON & PAUL BROWN, BRIDGEPORT YOUTH LACROSSE & GRILL II RESTAURANT, 56 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 6:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ, LIVE MUSIC, VENDORS, FOOD VENDORS/ALCOHOL FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE TO NEXT MONTH**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER GRISBY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 6. DONALD WILSON & PAUL BROWN, BRIDGEPORT YOUTH LACROSSE & GRILL II RESTAURANT, 56 FAIRVIEW AVENUE, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 6:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ, LIVE MUSIC, VENDORS, FOOD VENDORS/ALCOHOL FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE TO NEXT MONTH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Justin Batres, Missionary Church “El Olivar”, 510 Summit Street, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host a Community Outreach event on Saturday, August 31, 2024 at Seaside Park – Band Shell from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a setup at 10:00 a.m. and cleanup at 5:00 p.m. and include a DJ, Food Vendors for approximately 150 people.**

Mr. Batres greeted the Commissioners and gave a brief overview of the history of the church that has been in Bridgeport for 20 years. The church pastor and staff are all volunteers. He said that they were going to give out backpacks with supplies and there will be no offerings taken. Giving one person or family a positive impact.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 7. JUSTIN BATRES, MISSIONARY CHURCH “EL OLIVAR”, 510 SUMMIT STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 5:00 P.M. AND INCLUDE A DJ, FOOD VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOISER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 7. JUSTIN BATRES, MISSIONARY CHURCH “EL OLIVAR”, 510 SUMMIT STREET, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 10:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 5:00 P.M. AND INCLUDE A DJ, FOOD VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 150 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. Daniel Viera, LivFree, 12 Sharon Road, Trumbull, CT, requesting to host the annual LivFree Baseball/Softball Tournament on Saturday, October 12, 2024 and Sunday, October 13, 2024 at Seaside Park – Ball Fields 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, and 15 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a setup at 6:00 a.m. and cleanup at 8:00 p.m. to include DJ and Food Trucks for approximately 300 people.**

Mr. Viera from LivFree said that they had held this event for a number of years but they had been rained out the last two years.

Mr. Nastu said that there weren't many issues, but they should be aware that the music festival was held two weeks before the event and the fields may not be in playable condition. Mr. Viera said that when he had played the fields after the festival, it was fine.

Mr. Caulfield asked if they were expecting the staff to drag and line the field. Mr. Vieira said that this had been done in the past. Mr. Caulfield asked if they had ever been charged in the past. Mr. Vieira said that they had not. Commissioner Labrador said that in the past, the thinking

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8. DANIEL VIERA, LIVFREE, 12 SHARON ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL LIVFREE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BALL FIELDS 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, AND 15 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 8:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ AND FOOD TRUCKS FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8. DANIEL VIERA, LIVFREE, 12 SHARON ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL LIVFREE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BALL FIELDS 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, AND 15 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 8:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ AND FOOD TRUCKS FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9. James Wiltsie, Vicki Soto Memorial Fund, Inc. requesting to host the annual Vicki Soto 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 2, 2024 beginning at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater through Seaside Park and back to the Amphitheater from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a setup at 6:00 a.m. and cleanup at 12:00 p.m. for approximately 2,000 people.**

Ms. Malheiro said that she works in OPED and Mr. Wiltsie had a schedule conflict, so she requested permission to present the event. Ms. Malheiro said that this was the 12th year of the run and that this was the third year it was in Bridgeport.

Mr. Curry said that there had not been any issues and that it was a good event. Ms. Malheiro said that they will speak with the Parks Departments and Police Department about the details.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8. DANIEL VIERA, LIVFREE, 12 SHARON ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL LIVFREE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BALL FIELDS 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, AND 15 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 6:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 8:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ AND FOOD TRUCKS FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 8. DANIEL VIERA, LIVFREE, 12 SHARON ROAD, TRUMBULL, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE ANNUAL LIVFREE BASEBALL/SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 AT SEASIDE PARK – BALL FIELDS 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, AND 15 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 6:00 A.M. AND**



**CLEANUP AT 8:00 P.M. TO INCLUDE DJ AND FOOD TRUCKS FOR APPROXIMATELY 300 PEOPLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10. Chaim Tillinghast, All Community Events, 1152 Ensell Road, Lake Zurich, IL, requesting to host a Run/Walk at Seaside Park – Band Shell on Thursday, November 28, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with a setup at 4:00 a.m. and cleanup at 12:00 p.m. for approximately 1,000 people with Vendors.**

There was no one in attendance to present the item.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 10. CHAIM TILLINGHAST, ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS, 1152 ENSELL ROAD, LAKE ZURICH, IL, REQUESTING TO HOST A RUN/WALK AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. WITH A SETUP AT 4:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 12:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE WITH VENDORS.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 10. CHAIM TILLINGHAST, ALL COMMUNITY EVENTS, 1152 ENSELL ROAD, LAKE ZURICH, IL, REQUESTING TO HOST A RUN/WALK AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. WITH A SETUP AT 4:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 12:00 P.M. FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE WITH VENDORS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. Marc Campbell, requesting approval to rent out pedal bikes and aqua bikes at Seaside Park.**

Mr. Campbell said that he could see the number of out of town people coming to the Park. He said that he would like to start renting out double bikes that are low to the ground. He said that he would have Bridgeport youth renting the bikes to people. He added that a percentage of the profits would be donated towards mental health programs because in memory of a family member who had mental health issues.

Mr. Campbell spoke about his “Ball Event” last year where he encouraged people to look to sports rather than violence. He distributed all kinds of sports balls to kids at the projects and other locations. He just wants to give back to the City of Bridgeport.

Commissioner Hosier said that there needs more of plan and Mr. Campbell would be to contact the City Attorney’s Office. Commissioner Cotto said that the Police Department would want to look at this more closely and work out the details. Commissioner Hosier said that there would be questions about liability along with how and where they would store the bikes.

Mr. Campbell said that he was working with Harry Bell and Color a Positive Thought and a variety of different other organizations. He said that people could talk all day about what to do for youth but the youth needs to be able to earn money for food.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 11. MARC CAMPBELL, REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RENT OUT PEDAL BIKES AND AQUA BIKES AT SEASIDE PARK.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM 11. MARC CAMPBELL, REQUESTING APPROVAL TO RENT OUT PEDAL BIKES AND AQUA BIKES AT SEASIDE PARK PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Moore indicated that he had been able to speak with the other organizers for the South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone event.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO REMOVE AGENDA ITEM 4. KEVIN MOORE, SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ), 325 LAFAYETTE STREET, UNIT #4310, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE SOUTH END DAY AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 7:00 P.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 50-100 PEOPLE FROM THE TABLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

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

**4. Kevin Moore, South End Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ), 325 Lafayette Street, Unit #4310, Bridgeport, CT, requesting to host the South End Day at Seaside Park – Band Shell on Saturday, August 10, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a setup at 11:00 a.m. and cleanup at 7:00 p.m. with DJ, Food Trucks and Vendors for approximately 50-100 people. CONT'D.**

Mr. Moore said that the board members were in agreements that they could reschedule the event for August 11th instead of August 10th.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED AGENDA ITEM 4. KEVIN MOORE, SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION ZONE (NRZ), 325 LAFAYETTE STREET, UNIT #4310, BRIDGEPORT, CT, REQUESTING TO HOST THE SOUTH END DAY AT SEASIDE PARK – BAND SHELL WITH THE CHANGE OF DATE FROM SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. WITH A SETUP AT 11:00 A.M. AND CLEANUP AT 7:00 P.M. WITH DJ, FOOD TRUCKS AND VENDORS FOR APPROXIMATELY 50-100 PEOPLE FROM THE TABLE.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER WADE SECONDED.**

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

Ms. Urena said that there was an application that had been submitted earlier in the day and the person wished to add her application to the agenda.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER MOVED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

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

**Danielle Wright, Caribbean Music Festival on Thursday, July 4th at Veteran’s Memorial Park, between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Set up at 6:00 a.m. for set up**

Ms. Danielle Wright greeted the Commissioners and said that the last event has held at New Haven Caribbean Music Festival. They had tried to schedule the Scandinavian Club, but they cancelled at the last moment. She said that they would prefer to host the event in Bridgeport and Veteran’s Park is not usually crowded. They raise a tent and set up speakers.

Mr. Caulfield said that they would be preparing the area for The Wall that Heals and construction will start in the next few weeks. There were also concerns about scheduling the police coverage. Mr. Caulfield said that July 4th was a challenging event. Mr. Caulfield said that Ms. Wright would have to call him to see if they can find another location.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER GRISBY MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR DANIELLE WRIGHT, CARRIBEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH AT VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK, BETWEEN 12 P.M. AND 5 P.M. SET UP AT 6:00 A.M. FOR SET UP CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROPRIATE LOCATION BEING CONFIRMED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND APPROVALS FROM THE BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER HOSIER SECONDED.**

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

**REPORTS**

**1. Commissioner’s Report** - No report at this time.

**2. Director’s Report** – Luis Burgos, Director of Public Facilities

Mr. Caulfield said that he wished to thank both Commissioner Caulfield and Cotto for all their hard work. He appreciates their professionalism.

Mr. Caulfield then gave a brief overview of the recent upgrades to the various parks.

Commissioner Labrador said that he would like to thank the Board Members who have served for a very long time. A great deal of work has been done. He thanked Ms. Urena for her contributions. He said that Mr. Cotto had served the City for 40 years and had worked to benefit Bridgeport. He said that the way that the process was politically and handled poorly. He apologized to those who felt that he and Mr. Cotto had not done a good job. He is thankful to the Board Members who had been working since Day 1.

Commissioner Wade said that she would miss Mr. Labrador and Mr. Cotto.

Mr. Baldwin asked if Marina Village item was on the agenda. Ms. Urena said that it was not on the agenda because the application had not been submitted.

Mr. Baldwin said that he appreciated the Commissioners' time and encouraged them to rise above the political maneuvers.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER WADE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER COTTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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