

**Town of Provincetown
Recreation Commission Meeting
Veterans Memorial Community Center
2 Mayflower Street, Provincetown
Minutes of Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

Members Present: David Oliver, Kristin Hatch, Robert Enos, Heather Rogers, Brandon Quesnell, Cathy Nagorski and Tim Downey

Members Absent:

Also in attendance: Recreation Director, Brandon Motta; Assistant Recreation Director Caroline Thompson; Brenda Hayward; Racial Justice and Kristen Becker, Summer of Sass founder.

Call to order: 5:30 pm

Public Comment: Brenda Hayward part of the Racial Justice group that applied for the fourth of July parade was wondering what the status of her application was. Wanted to know if it was approved. Committee let her know that was the next item on the agenda for the meeting.

New Business:

- A) **4th of July Parade Application and Review:** Total of 18 applicants. 13 returning and 5 new applicants for 2019. The organizations that applied are: Raffaello La Mantia, Brian Cruet, Racial Justice Provincetown, Miss Richfield and Scarbie, Lower Cape Ice, West End Racing Children's Community Sailing, Walter Welsh Council, Del Mar Vacations, Best Buns Inc./ Bayside Betsy's, Provincetown Select Board Members, Provincetown COA, peregrine Theatre Ensemble, Provincetown Rec Dept., Cape Cod Excavating, Pilgrim Monument, FA Days and the Office of Tourism. Kristin H. makes a motion to approve all 18 floats. Dave second and all are approved. 5-0-0
- B) **Discussion of Board Members Responsibilities:** Brandon M. addresses housekeeping issues he has found present amongst the committee. His overall goal is to keep the committee moving in the right direction and to stay on task. Brandon discusses the roles of the members and how there are 5 regular members and the alternates vote when one is absent. The alternate with the longest tenure has the first vote amongst the two alternates. Questions were asked regarding alternates being able to motion vote. Brandon M. will be in touch with the town clerk to finalize the exact details and responsibilities of the committee's members.
- C) **Reorganization of Recreation Committee:** Before July 1st, discussions needed to take place about the positions of chairperson, vice chair and a possible rotating clerk. Heather motions to reelect David Oliver as chair and Robert Enos a vice chair. Kristen seconds. However before moving forward Cathy asks that the members discuss their roles in the community. All shared their passion for recreation and wanting to give back to the community. Brandon M. thanks commission for all their hard work. Brandon Q. then asks David why he would like to remain as chair. David states he is more than qualified and has been serving as chair for the past twelve years. Kristin and Brandon voice that they believe David should remain as chair. The commission also discusses their role for serving as an advisory team for Brandon M. Robert is more than willing to be vice chair and agrees to keep David as chair. Kristin asks if all are in favor, Heather motion to appoint David Oliver as chair and Robert Enos as vice chair. Kristen seconds 4-1-0

Old Business:

- A) **Hall Property Facility Use Form Review:** Kristin opens the conversation asking if anyone needs to disclose a conflict of interest. No members mention anything aside from Kristin, she believes that Brandon Q. is a conflict of interest with this topic as his business is in the East End. Brandon Q. disagrees. Heather remains vocal about her wants for this park. She discusses how it was brought to the Rec Commission as a passive park for relaxing, kayaking and hopes it remains that way. She would like it to be somewhat like Suzanne's Garden. Questions were asked amongst the members. The committee has decided to spend more time thinking and discussing the uses of the park. Brandon Q. is not happy with the timeline and would really like to showcase park. He shares an email that was sent to him from Captains Daughter- located at 349 Commercial St. (Owners: Dani Niedzielski and Meghan O'Connor) They stated that they were abutters and hope it can be used as passive recreation but consider all applicants and work "case-by-case." Kristin asks when this email was sent. Brandon Q. says it was sometime last week and that he will send a copy to Brandon M. Robert asks if we are ready to motion to move this talk to the next meeting. Kristin seconds and the final vote is 4-0-1. More discussion will come up in the next meeting.
- B) **Recreation Facilities Use Form Review:** Currently there is a form that needs to be filled out any time someone would like to use a "recreation facility." Some of the facilities include Motta Field, West End/ East End Playground and the skate park etc. On this form are rates in which you would pay if you would like to rent, and other rules and guidelines. The committee discusses what they like/dislike about the form and how they can improve it and possibly add Hall Park to the list of facilities, such as, listing the available facilities, converting the form into a pdf, and have fundraiser checkbox option. The committee votes to make a few modifications to the use form. Cathy motions this vote, Kristen seconds and all approve.
- C) **East End Preview Party at Hall Park:** Kristen Becker is present to discuss the preview party. She voices that she would like to work with the Recreation Committee to help her with this event that local businesses "gave" to her. She stated that it would be a great way to serve all the people and would do it with good intent. Heather shows a great amount of support to Kristen B's organization and suggests another location. Kristen B. is more than willing to be open at the thought of another location but would like to wait things out with Hall Park because that would be her ideal choice. A motion to change the agenda title to East End Summer of Sass is made, Tim seconds, final vote 5-0-0.
- D) **Tennessee Williams Request:** Brandon M. confirms no amplified music. 40 people and plans on determining about the fee's and rehearsal time.
- E) **Update on Hall Property Working Group:** The working group met last week and discussed the Hall Park property. They are a consultant for the overall visual. The working group alongside the Rec Commission are looking for function and practicality.

Heather makes a motion to adjourn.

David seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

From: dani niedzielski <dani@captainsdaughters.com>

Date: Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 5:07 PM

Subject: Letter to Recreation Commission

To: <brandon@8dyer.com>

Dear Recreation Commission,

I am writing in regards to your consideration of uses for the Hall Waterfront Park. I own the business directly across the street, The Captain's Daughters, located at 384 Commercial Street, and I have the great privilege of enjoying a view of the park year round, and seeing the many visitors that enjoy the park each day.

I understand your board has not yet determined approved uses for the Park and I would like to offer my point of view from the perspective of an abutter and business owner.

I believe the park should be used for passive recreation but also remain open to applications on a case by case basis that include some limited commercial activity; specifically non-profit events and gatherings, events that are open to the public or donation based and would meet some of the following suggested guidelines:

-Event positively impacts Economic Development in the East End

-Event highlights or draws attention to the waterfront location and history of the site as part of the working waterfront

-Event meets all other criteria or permitting requirements set forth by Conservation, Sanitation, local by-laws, licensing, etc. and is covered by liability insurance, town will be named additional insured

-Event considers the open space and does not block pedestrian access to the street or to the water

-Preference for events benefitting local charities, produced by local residents and in partnership or utilizing local vendors

-Specific designated area provided on a detailed plan

- Set up and break down must occur within 24 hours of the event

-Portable toilets (1 for every 30 people) and additional trash receptacles provided

-No glass

-All recycled materials for food (paper plates etc)

-Event hours 10A-8P

-Some portion of proceeds contributed to a fund for park maintenance and long term interpretive plan

As you know, a group of East End Businesses (including my own business and a group that included every single restaurant in the East End and many East End residents) recently proposed an outline to your board for feedback in advance of our application to use the park for a public BBQ to benefit Summer of Sass, a Provincetown not-for-profit benefitting LGBTQ+ youth. At this time, we have postponed our efforts to host a Family Week event but do hope that we can work together to offer our suggestions to the Board for use of the park and perhaps have you consider an application for us to use the park in the future.

Thank you,

Dani Niedzielski

Sent from my iPhone