



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR



BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Fort Taber Community Center

1000 South Rodney French Blvd

New Bedford, MA 02744

July 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER 6:11 pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Peter Boswell, Chair, Paula Robinson Dear, Elaine Safioleas

Absent: Diane Berube

ALSO PRESENT Mary Rapoza, Director Parks, Rec., and Beaches, School Committee Member Bruce Oliveira, Bernadette Barreira, Accounting Clerk

ACCEPT PAST MINUTES

ELAINE SAFIOLEAS MOTIONED TO ACCEPTED THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY MEETING. 2ND BY PAULA ROBINSON DEARE ACCEPTED BY ALL.

NEW BUSINESS - APPEARANCES/ACTIONS

1. Mr. Leon Branchard to provide background on his grandfather or father's accomplishments

Motioned to table to a future meeting, after Mary Rapoza and Peter Boswell meet with Mr. Branchaud, by Paula Robinson Deare. 2nd by Elaine Safioleas and accepted by all

2. New Bedford High School Class of 2019 Advisors to discuss this year's bonfire @ Buttonwood Park 11/21/18
Invitee: Jack Bartholet, Sonia Lopes, & School Committee member Bruce Oliveira

Details of event are as follows: Judging of floats at NBHS at 6pm. Parade to Buttonwood Park starts at 630pm and arrive at park around 7pm. Bonfire to start shortly after arrival. Should be over by 930pm. This is a citywide community event that has been taking place since 1957. When a 1965 graduate was asked what his fondest memory of high school was, he stated" the Bonfire". This event brings community spirit and unifies our city. The class advisors feel that the event is important not only to the city, but to the student body of New Bedford High School. School alumni come together due to posts on social media of the event. They have looked into other way of doing this event but are very costly. Also, speaking with student body, the bonfire tradition is very important to them and a high priority. There is police and fire on site and parameter of the bonfire is secure. A \$5,000.00 bond required. Mary will notify them of the requirement. School Committee Member Bruce Oliveira

Was present and in support of the event.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve the Bonfire on 11/21/18. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare2 and accepted by all.

3. LoBos Family Inc. Community Festival @ West Beach Pavilion 8/ 19 & 9/16

Invitee: Maria Fuentes

No one came to meeting

Elaine Safioleas motioned to table. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

4. Learn to Quahog with Sea Lab @ Fort Tabor 8/7/18

Invitee Rebecca Vasa

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event.2nd by Paula Robinson Deare accepted by all.

5. Operation Food Drop @ Buttonwood Park Warming House 11/10/18

Invitee: Kasey E. Silvia

Will have Buttonwood Community Center if available. Will need electric if outside. \$400.00 fee if the building is used. This event collects food for local pantries.

Elaine Safioleas motioned to receive and place on file the map plan for the event. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all

Elaine Safioleas motioned to approve event. 2nd By Paula Robinson Deare and accepted by all.

6. Freestones Restaurant requesting permission to set up tables and serve food in Custom House Square.

Invitee: Tracey Gomes

Freestone's would like to serve a limited menu. Getting several requests for outside seating. There is no room for seating on sidewalk. No alcohol will be served. Mary suggests getting purchasing involved. Many other offices within the city will need to be involved as well. Tracey Gomes will send details to Mary Rapoza. No vote taken at this time.

7. Elaine Safioleas nominated Paula Robinson Deare as Park Board Representative to the CPA Committee as of September 2018. Paula accepted the Nomination and vote was taken as follows:

Elaine Safioleas –yes

Peter Boswell- yes

Paula Robinson Deare - yes

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT DIRECTOR OF PARKS RECREATION & BEACHES

OTHER

NEXT MEETING

Sept 19, 2018 at 6pm Location Fort Taber Community Center

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Elaine Safioleas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. 2nd by Paula Robinson Deare accepted by all.

A true record attests

Pete Boenell

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Barreira

