

West Haven Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes  
May 9, 2022  
Park-Rec Office 7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order: Motion to call meeting to order by Comm. Coyle at 7:05pm

Present: Comm. Coyle, Comm. Beirne Comm. Tompkins

Absent- Comm. Valaitis, Comm. Freel, Park and Rec Director Mark Paine

Motion to amend the agenda to public hearing set by Comm. Coyle at 7:06pm.

Motion seconded by Comm. Beirne. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Correspondence:

- A. Isaac Quinones: Mr. Quinones sent in a request to hold a Juneteenth Unity Ride & Celebration Event in a pavilion at Painter Park. This event is a family and community event where the bike ride would start and end at Painter Park in which the picnic would start after the ride ended at the park. Mr. Quinones expresses that there will be games for the children, music, food. Mr. Quinones had requested that he was anticipating about a one hundred people for this event. Mr. Quinones is hoping that this event would become an annual event in honor of Juneteenth Day.
  
- B. West Haven Old School Reunion: Mr. Troy Tappin, Mr. Don Lewis, Mr. Joe Gibson, Mr. Lionel Ford. They addressed the commission in regard to the changes of park rental rules and their wanting to rent the park as they have in the past for eight years, excluding the last two years due to Covid. They are looking for the first Saturday of September. Mr. Tappin expressed how he came to the Park and Recreation office to pull the permits and was told that he could only permit one pavilion and each pavilion is limited to fifty people. In the past, Mr. Tappin stated that he has always rental both sides and the number of people was never limited.

## New Business:

- A. West Haven Old School Group: Comm. Coyles expressed his thanks for coming to the commission about their concerns and for approval to hold their event. The commission found no reason to not approve this event based on past events being held with a large group. The commission also, did not see a need to impose new restrictions with this group. A motion was set to approve this event by Comm. Beirne. Motion seconded by Comm. Tompkins. Motion carried out by unanimous vote. Mr. Tappin will be notified the next business day of approval by Kerri Ruocco

## Maintenance:

- A. Other: None

## Old Business:

- A. Isaac Quinones: Comm. Coyle thanks Mr. Quinones for coming this evening to answer questions that the commission had from the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Comm. Coyle asked where this event was held last year and how big was it. Mr. Quinones stated that this event was held last year at his barber shop in New Haven in their parking lot. The maximum of people that attended were about twenty-five people. Mr. Quinones expressed that this event is a family and friends event. There will be a DJ, games for children, food, etc. There will be a bike run that will start from Painter Park and end at Painter Park. The commission again thanked Mr. Quinones for attending the meeting and will have an answer the next business day of the commissions decision. Comm. Coyle had concerns about the amount of bikes that may attend this event (noise, traffic, safety). Mr. Tompkins stated that this request was presented as an event and must be treated as so. The commission agreed. The commission agreed to set a motion to approve this event with the stipulations that Mr. Quinones fill out and get the appropriate signatures on the cities Special Events packet permit. The commission

also requested that Mr. Quinones provide a certificate of insurance for his one day event.

This motion was set by Comm. Tompkins. The motion was seconded by Comm. Beirne. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 8:01 pm was made by Commissioner Beirne. Motion seconded by Comm. Tompkins. Motion carried out by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kerri Ruocco

Please note these minutes are subject to approval