

RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

[Special Meeting]

7:30 PM – February 7, 2013
Hampton Community Center

Comment [GW1]:

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER 7:40 PM

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Burchfield, Arriola, Davis, Wagner, Kelley, Crawford, Yanouzas, G. Hansen, A.Hansen

Absent: LaFontaine, Lake (out of town)

COMMUNICATIONS

- Letter from Mark Davis, intent to resign from the Commission on June 30, 2013, due to demands of musical career. Mark will remain on the Music Series subcommittee
- Letter from Conservation Commission thanking Rec for support in purchase of Cedar Swamp open space parcel and associated state grant

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

- Kathy Newcombe, Gazette Board Chair, commenting on Gazette refusal (private organization) to share financial documents with Rec Commission
- Dayna McDermott, Gazette Editor, making suggestions for sharing Memorial Day BBQ proceeds. Dayna stated that the Rec Commission had paid for no ads in 2012. Commissioners noted that in fact the Commission paid \$250 for spring flower sale order form and \$140 for 2 ads in December.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss and take action on budget for FY 2013-14, including budget request to submit to BOFinance.

Discussion of publicity vehicles for Rec events, possibly including starting a monthly Rec Commission sidebar in the Gazette where all events for the month can be summarized, as in the experience of some Commissioners, Rec events can be overlooked in the body of the Gazette. Motion by Gay, seconded by Lois, to prepare a program proposal and budget request not to exceed \$5000. Budget and program description are under development.

2. Discuss and take action on a family skating session.

UConn has limited open-skate time available. Pomfret School rink may be an option. More information needed, deferred to March 2013 meeting.

3. Discuss and take action on proposed chainsaw maintenance workshop.

Still developing information, deferred to March 2013 meeting.

4. Discuss and take action on Gazette proposal to take charge of the Memorial Day BBQ.

Motion by Lois, seconded by Mark, to alternate years operating the BBQ between the

Rec Commission and the Gazette. Before discussion, Arriola moved to call the question for a vote. Chairman Davis denied the motion and discussion proceeded. Amendment to motion proposed by Gay, accepted by Kelley and Davis, for the two bodies each year to divide the net proceeds of the event. VOTE: Arriola no, Burchfield abstention, remaining Commissioners yes.

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gay, seconded by Eleni. VOTE: all aye

Attached:

Program/budget discussion 2/7/2013

MUSIC

Little River Music Series

7 concerts, ticket price at \$10, children free – Labor Day, a fall concert with student workshops, December holiday concert, Valentine’s Day Sock Hop, bluegrass, Memorial Day (free). Hope to add a Latin and/or Native American musical event.

Income:

Admissions	\$2700	\$450x6
Town stipend	\$1750	
LRMS friends	\$2800	(mail appeal 4/2013)
TOTAL		

Expenses

Artist fees	\$5600	
Artist refreshment	400	\$50x7
Programmes	100	
Brochure	375	
Publicity (see p.3)		

Fundraising concert to raise funds to purchase an electronic piano, date TBD

John Quarticelli has joined the Music Series subcommittee and is winning to host monthly “open mike” sessions where local talent can be showcased (scheduled in advance)

Discussion of Gazette paid ads. See end.

Valentine’s Day Father/daughter dance OR call it Sweetheart Dance and include moms and sons.

A Feb. Friday night, 6-8 pm, deejay music \$20/couple

Willimantic Concert Band (July) YES OR NO?

\$500

Concern that Hampton residents do not attend, yet we spend public dollars to present

New Years Eve Deejay Dance (adults)

Brandy to chair, aided by Juan

Admission depends on menu; 50 @ \$10 per person = \$500 income; BYO

(Note: total request to be submitted \$3195)

THEATER

Memorial Day evening – Angelika to research historical re-enacters; \$100-200

Christmas play – considers presenting 2 shorter pieces with intermission; begin work

NOW on Truman Capote narration and perhaps The Gift of the Magi

Shakespeare – July or August, patrons appeal June 2013 \$1000; patrons party

Storytelling – November, Juan and friends, material about Mohegan's, Pequot's,

Schaghticokes

Play/other (spring 2014) -TBD

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Princess Tea Party – spring

Children can come dressed as their favorite princess

\$10 per child \$25 per family, a Friday night 6-8 PM

Income \$20@ \$10 = \$200

Expenses \$100 refreshments, \$200 prizes (bookstore gift certs.?)

Pet Show – Ed raises show dogs, has performance equipment, and is willing to sponsor an event and coach kids working with animals. Time: June 2014 after school concludes \$200 prizes

Halloween:

Pumpkin carving and hayride, Sunday 27th - \$50 refreshments, \$200 prizes

Halloween Thurs. 31st - Pumpkin Lane, The Witch (Beverly Davis), Headless Horseman,

Ghost on White Steed (Haley Sears)

Caroling – 3-7 PM, Sun. Dec 2? more tree lights needed, Santa at the CCenter (fire truck arrival), Caroling for seniors. Need to have a choir of singers – book PHHS early. What to do about HES lack of participation???

Expenses \$50 refreshments, \$160 school bus for carolers

Lick in the Sticks – Hayride to WeLickIt

When? Connected to another event? Memorial Day afternoon after the free concert?

Hampton Farms Fair, July 14, 2-5 PM

Contact Deb Espinoza to see how Rec could participate. The event takes place at the Community Center bldg and grounds.

Town Tag Sale, summer 2013

Girl Scouts sponsored one last year, check with Karen Burnham to be sure not to step on their event. Offer spaces (\$% each) to all town organizations such as teams, Scouts, seniors. Choose a Friday so as to collaborate with Farmers Market.

GENERAL RECREATION

Hampton trails brochure (with Conservation Commission)

Gay will check with Bob Johnson on status)

Air Line Trail improvements

Allan will check with WINCOG concerning status of promised grant funding

Skating, summer 2013 and 2014

UConn ice time is scarce. Estimated cost would be about \$12 (\$5 admission, \$4 skate rental, plus bus). Looking into rink at Pomfret school.

Family bike rides and hikes

Gay will check with Troy

Possible walks of Hampton abandoned roads

Boston Bus Trip, Sept. 28 – shopping, aquarium, freedom trail, museum visits

Income 40 people @ \$25; town subsidy \$500

Expense bus \$1500

October bus trip to Salem, MA – Oct. 19? (Witch museum and related attractions, Peabody Essex Museum and antique Chinese house)

Income 45 people @ \$30 = \$1350; Town subsidy \$650

Expense \$2000

Casinos, adult bus trip – Mohegan Sun? breakeven pricing

Price \$15 per person, est. 30 people

Expense \$450 school bus

REC PROGRAM PUBLICITY

Discussion of starting a monthly Rec Commission sidebar in the Gazette¹ where all events for the month can be summarized. In the experience of some Commissioners Rec events can be overlooked in the body of the Gazette. Generally Rec pays for \$400-\$800 in paid ads and the flower sale order form insertion, and will contribute to support the Gazette. Rec needs a Facebook page. Gay has drafted a page and John will help refine and launch.

¹ Also contact the High Road

Sidewalk signs (2 large signs, 10 small concert signs) and posters (Hampton and other towns in the region) will continue to be used
Expenses printer ink and card stock, paper \$100; sidewalk signs date strips \$300