

RECREATION & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

MINUTES

Special Meeting

November 8, 2012 7:30 PM

Community Center

CALL TO ORDER 7:32

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Present: Gordon Hansen, Mark Davis, Troy Lake, Eleni Yanouzas, Ed Burchfield, Juan Arriola, Matt LaFontaine, Angelika Hansen (arrived at 9 PM)

Welcome new Commissioners – Lois Kelley and Brandy Crawford

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Present: Kathi Newcombe, Dayna McDermott, India Arriola

Representing the Playscape Committee: Sandra Frizzell, Geri White, Mike Chapel, Maryellen Donnelly (see agenda under New Business)

Kathi Newcombe spoke about:

1. Gazette proposal to run the Rec Commission's Memorial Day BBQ in order to raise money for The Gazette.
2. Details of Rec Commission minutes omissions, pursuant to her letter of August 2
3. Questions on alleged disrespect shown Juan Arriola in connection with Joseph FireCrow performance
4. No emails received by Kathi via community email list in over a year, why had she been removed from the list? (Answer: she has not been removed)

Discussion followed: more info was provided to clarify Rec Commission procedures; apologies rendered to Juan for unintended appearance of disrespect

Kathi was asked if she required an official letter concerning the foregoing or if the discussion was satisfactory. She said she did not need an additional official response.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 23, 2012

Approved as amended:

1. Under New Business, talent show, typo corrected, see strikeout: –“Vote: all yes except Ed abstains, objecting to practice of repositioning agenda items, ~~admission charges~~”
2. Old business, FireCrow – clarify that this is a motion:

“MOVED by Gay, seconded by Matt.

1. Pay Mr. Firecrow a fee of \$800

2. Change budget as follows:

REVENUES: Earned Income line, \$100, Gifts line \$100, for total revenue of \$400

EXPENSES: People line, \$800

NET: event deficit becomes \$400, approved to be taken from Rec fund balance”

Vote: unanimous yes

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Discuss and take action on Playscape Committee's request for Rec to release the \$5000 set-aside for the playscape before fundraising goals have been reached.

Committee plans to purchase and store play equipment to avoid further cost increases as they continue the remaining fundraising (\$3275-\$6460 needed depending on options chosen.) Motion by Troy, seconded by Matt: to release the Rec Commission's \$5000 set aside for the project in 2010 to the Playscape Committee for the playscape, so long as the funds are used for the playscape; Playscape Committee to return to the Rec Commission any Rec funds not used for the playscape.

Vote: unanimous yes

Note: Gay Wagner has resigned from the Playscape Committee due to expanding commitments with other organizations. Lois Kelley, new Commissioner, is also a Playscape member and can take up the liaison function between the two bodies.

- Discuss and take action on use of community email list to publicize political committees' events

Motion by Gay, seconded by Matt: to use the community email list to publicize community events for all community organizations, so long as the events meet the inclusionary standards of the Rec Commission's purpose (i.e., all people welcome), and so long as the email announcement makes clear the purpose of any funds raised.

Note: the understanding of people registering to join the list, 2008 and subsequently, was and is that they would be advised of all community events, described as above, not just Rec events, and that their emails and other personal information will be held in confidence and not shared with individuals or organizations outside of the Town government. The list is jointly maintained by Rec and First Selectman's Office and is also available for use by Town government if needed for emergency preparedness and other appropriate town business.

- Discuss and take action on Kathi Newcombe's letter alleging Rec Commission violation of FOI regulations

See above, audience for citizens

- Report on **Hampton's Got Talent**, rescheduled to January 2013, date to be determined

Date changed to January 13. Because of this extension, additional acts can be solicited. Mark and Gordon to visit HES again. Participants will receive money prizes, paid for by Rec budget line for winter activities and admission fees. All participants will receive a commemorative shirt or a hat, TBD by the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Report on Christmas play, Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, radio drama by Anthony Palermo

Weekend of Dec. 14-16. Dress rehearsal 14th, performances evening 15th, afternoon 16th. Gordon Hansen and Eleni Yanouzas are directing and managing the performance. Cast

signups are this weekend Sat and Sun 3-5 PM. Reminder community email to be sent ASAP.

- Discuss and take action on the need to purchase microphones, cables, and mike stands for Community Center use.

Motion by Gay, seconded by Troy, to purchase 3 mikes, 5 mike stands, and necessary cables, not to exceed \$500

Vote: yes Juan, Matt, Gordon, Eleni, Troy, Mark and Gay; abstentions Ed and Angelika

AUDIENCE FOR CITIZENS

Dayna McDermott commented on importance of email notifications not crossing line concerning religion and politics

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Juan, seconded by Gay, Vote: unanimous yes.