BOARD OF ALDERMEN
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.

JOAN WILLIAMSON ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS

MINUTES

Chairman Arthur T. Gerckens called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. All rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Arthur T. Gerckens, Ronald Sill, Peter Olenoski, Carmen DiCenso

Also Present: Mayor Anita Dugatto
Barbara L. DeGennaro, Alderwoman
Anthony DeFala, Street Commissioner
Carlo Sarmiento, Building Official
Andy Cota, Blight Officer
Thomas Welch, Corporation Counsel

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA
Mr. Sill said he would like to add the following item:

- New #13 – Nutmeg Avenue (Access road/Picnic Grove) – Discussion/Possible Action
- New #14 – Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DiCenso to adopt the revised agenda. ***Motion carried.***

PUBLIC PORTION
Mr. Gerckens asked if anyone wished to speak during public portion. Hearing no requests the Public Portion was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DiCenso to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 as presented. ***Motion carried.***

REQUEST TO PLACE A SIGN FOR THE COMMODORE HULL ROAD RACE NEAR THE KIOSK AT THE DERBY-SHELTON BRIDGE AT END OF THE GREENWAY. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Mr. Gerckens noted that this event has been going on for a number of years.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DiCenso recommend to the full Board of Aldermen the request to place a sign for the Commodore Hull Road Race near the kiosk at the Derby-Shelton Bridge end of the Greenway. ***Motion carried***.

REQUEST TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE DIANA DONALD SCHOLARSHIP/INTERNSHIP PROGRAM TO HIRE AN INTER IN THE PLANNING OR PLANNING RELATED FIELD. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Mr. Gerckens stated that this is a standard application. Mayor Dugatto said this is going to "piggyback" with our zone changes. The due date is the day after the full Board of Aldermen meeting. Mr. Gerckens noted that there would be no cost to the City – it is not a matching grant.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. DiCenso to recommend to the full Board of Aldermen to approve the request to submit an application for the Diana Donald Scholarship/Internship Program to hire an intern in the planning or planning related field. ***Motion carried.***

BANNER AND SIGN PLACEMENT REQUESTS. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE FULL BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mr. Gerckens stated and the committee agreed that the requests for sign placement are getting out of hand. He is open to any ideas or suggestions. Mr. Gerckens said he has produced a list with some suggestions such as how many days before an event that a sign can go up; signs must be removed no later than 48 hours after the event. Banners would be one location only with Derby non-profits given first choice. Mr. Gerckens said he would print out the list and have it ready for the full Board of Aldermen meeting.

A MOTION was made by Mr. DiCenso with a second by Mr. Sill to bring this item to the full Board of Aldermen for discussion purposes only. ***Motion carried***.

DISCUSS VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION OF NICHOLS DOG HOUSE/SHAUN GONZALES – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Debbie Gonzales was present for the meeting. She said her recently deceased father ran the Nichols Dog House for over forty years. Ms. Gonzales said her son Shaun would now like to operate the Nichols Dog House food truck in the same location and noted that they are looking for a renewal of the permit. She told the committee that the property where the food truck has operated from is actually State property. Ms. Gonzales said the food service license was in her father's name and is non-transferrable. They are in the process of having Shaun's name on the food service license and are working with the Naugatuck Valley Health Department in order to get this done.

DISCUSS VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION OF MY MIX GRILL/JOYCE LAMAS – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Gerckens said there is no one here this evening from My Mix Grill. There is also no paperwork from the State. No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSS VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATIONS FROM DERBY HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM COMMITTEE FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Gerckens said they did electronically receive the vendor locations. He said now they're trying to add a bounce house. Mr. Sill said he has no problem with it as long as there is insurance. Mr. Gerckens said he would put it out for comments to the full Board of Aldermen. No action taken.

NUTMEG AVENUE (ACCESS ROAD/PICNIC GROVE) – DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Mr. Gerckens stated that John Matto from 285 Hawthorne Avenue is present this evening to speak on this item.

Mr. Matto said he purchased his home in 1999. He said many good neighbors are leaving due to this road. First responders didn't want a dead end road – nor did the coaches, players and parents. He said when the Middle School was being built there was incredible traffic. GPS tells trucks, etc...to go this way since the address is 8 Nutmeg Avenue. There are always out of state license plates, drug paraphernalia, car accidents. The noise level during good weather days is incredible. There is really no quality of life for people living in the area. The Police are getting an attitude with the neighbors calling so much to complain. Mr. Matto said the road was originally designed to be a dead end. The lights being shut off have been of some help. He said there really isn't a need to have the lights on in the first place after sunset. Mr. Matto said he would love to see a gate installed. Change the schools address to Chatfield Street that way GPS won't instruct you to turn onto Nutmeg Avenue. Mr. Sill asked if there was a gate for the picnic grove. Mr. DeFala said there is. He said Public Works is constantly cleaning up the area. Mr. Matto said the final straw was the flag on the ground with the trash – he finally snapped seeing that. He truly believes that having the lights off would be a tremendous help. Mr. Sill asked what time the lights currently go off. Mr. Matto said it is 9:30 p.m., 10:00 p.m. when they go off. Mr. DeFala suggested having a representative from Parks & Recreation come to the next meeting to discuss what can be done. They have a lot of events going on. Ms. DeGennaro note that the Picnic Grove closes at dusk. Mr. DeFala said he does say that but many times people are there well after dusk. Mr. Matto said he has no problem with the sports teams – it's the riff raff that's causing problems. Mr. Sill said he would get in touch with Dennis O'Connell from Parks & Recreation.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sill with a second by Mr. Gerckens to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Finn

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Recording Secretary

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.