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Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, June 6, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

- 1. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (PRAC).**
(Item #3 on Agenda)

2. **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26- PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II- CONDUCT AND USE REGULATED OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. (MAYOR BRONIN)**
(Item #20 on Agenda)

3. **(COUNCIL PRESIDENT THAMES) (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) (ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER GALE) RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ADMINISTRATIONB TO WORK WITH ACTIVE CITY TO ACCEPT DONATION MATERIALS, IDENTIFY PARKS AND INSTALL THESE SMALL "SOCCER COURTS" IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS WHERE MOST APPROPRITE. (Item # 21 on Agenda)**

4. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE RECREATION CENTERS (PARKER MEMORIAL AND SAMUEL ARROYO) HAVE EXTENDED WEEKEND HOURS DURING THE 2017/ 2018 SCHOOL YEAR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE 2018/ 2019 SCHOOL YEAR, SPECIFICALLY FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS AND THAT CORPORATE MONEY DESIGNATED FOR RECREATIONAL CENTERS CAN HELP DEFRAID THE OPERATING EXPENSES TO BE ACCRUED.(COUNCILMAN CLARKE II) (MAJORITY LEADER CONCEPCION) (Item #24 on Agenda)**

5. **DONNA SWARR (SECRETARY PRAC) TO PRESENT TO THE COMMITTEE ISSUES SURROUNDING THE FISHING DERBY IN GOODWIN PARK.**



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

May 14, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
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RE: Appointments to Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is a resolution confirming the appointments of Kathleen Grey Kraczkowsky, Denise Best, and Christopher R. Hayes and the reappointment of Craig Mergins and Donna S. Swarr to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC).

The PRAC is a 21-member board which is responsible for making recommendations concerning park management, park policies, and recreation programs and for informing and involving the general public in decisions on recreation and parks. PRAC members serve 3-year terms. The Municipal Code provides that the twenty-one members of the Commission shall include a representative of each of the Friends of Parks groups recognized by the City. Each group may nominate their representative using a process of its own choosing.

The Elizabeth Park Conservancy has nominated Kathleen Grey Kraczkowsky for membership on the PRAC. She is currently the Park Operations Manager for the Conservancy and previously served on the Conservancy Board for 14 years. She has been a Hartford resident for more than 40 years and has a long history of volunteering. The Friends of Keney Park have nominated one of their most active members, Denise Best, for membership on the PRAC. Ms. Best is the Chair of the Upper Albany Neighborhood Revitalization Zone, a board member of Upper Albany Development, Inc. and a member of the Hartford Votes ~ Hartford Vota Coalition. Christopher Hayes is Director of Operations for Riverfront Recapture and has been with RRI for 12 years. He has lived in Hartford for 9 years and is a Corporator for the iQuilt Plan. Donna Sanchini Swarr has been nominated by the Friends of Colt Park (FOCP) for another term on PRAC. She currently serves as the Secretary of both FOCP and PRAC and was the primary author of PRAC's 2017 Annual Report. Recently, she has been visiting Hartford's NRZs to update them on the work of PRAC and to solicit input from them. Craig D. Mergins has been an active member of the PRAC for a number of years and currently serves as its chair. During his tenure, he has led the Commission in increasing its visibility and influence and in working in partnership with the City Administration through the Department of Public Works Parks Division and the Families, Children, Youth & Recreation Department's Recreation Division. I am pleased to reappoint Mr. Mergins both as a member of the Commission and also as its chair for another term. Resumes/applications are attached for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathleen Grey Kraczkowsky
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Career

- Park Operations Manager for the Elizabeth Park Conservancy, 2018 to present
- Southern New England Telephone Company, subsidiary of AT&T, 1967-1990
Began career for SNET/ATT while in college. Held various management positions, district manager of customer services, marketing director, project management for computer installations and engineering, organization development over the twenty plus years.

Volunteer Positions

- Elizabeth Park Conservancy Board of Directors, 2003 to 2017
- Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, City of Hartford, 2005 to 2007
- Wadsworth Atheneum, Board of Trustees, 1997 to 2009
- Chair, Hartford Stage Company, 30th Anniversary, 1994
- Co-Chair, Riverfront Recapture 15th Anniversary Celebration, 1996
- Chair, First annual Golf Tournament, Renbrook School, 1997
- President, Women's Committee of the Wadsworth Atheneum, 1997-1999
- Co-Chair, Share our Strength for Hartford Food System, 1998-2000
- Hartford Hospital Auxiliary Board Member, 2006 to 2010

Education and Professional Development

- B.S. History, Central Connecticut State University, 1971
- M.S. History, Central Connecticut State University, 1975
- Smith Executive Management Business Administration, 1983-85

Personal

Hartford Resident since 1975. Recently widowed with two grown children.

Christopher R. Hayes

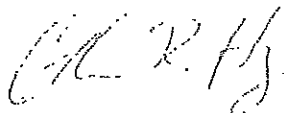
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To Whom it may Concern,

Please accept this letter, attached resume, and form as my application to be considered for the role of At Large Commissioner on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. As a city resident for 9 years and an employee of Riverfront Recapture for 12, I care deeply about the City of Hartford. My desire to serve on this commission is driven by my professional and personal belief that great parks are at the core of what makes any city a desirable place to live. As the Director of Operations for Riverfront Recapture, I have a unique perspective that will be beneficial to the Park and Recreation Advisory Commission.

I believe Hartford's parks are its most significant asset and I look forward to the opportunity of formally joining this commission. A detailed list of my experience relevant to this commission can be found in the attached resume. Please contact me at (860) 966-1504 or at Christopher.R.Hayes@gmail.com with any questions.

I appreciate your consideration,



Christopher R. Hayes

Riverfront Recapture, Hartford, CT — Previous Positions

High School Rowing Coordinator, January 2009 - December 2009

Ran the High School Rowing Program as well as coached adolescent, adult, and adaptive rowing courses

Part Time Rowing Coach, June 2006 - December 2008

Coached adolescent, adult, and adaptive rowing courses

Interim Sporting Events Manager, August 2007 - December 2007

Ran multiple public sporting events, including the Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival, managing budgets, permits, planning, set-up, execution, breakdown, and debrief.

Sporting Events Intern, June 2007 - August 2007

DONNA SANCHINI SWARR

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EDUCATION

Jan. 2004 6th Year Diploma: Combined Library Media and Education
Southern Connecticut State University - New Haven, Connecticut

May. 1999 MBA
Rensselaer Polytechnic University - Hartford, Connecticut

May 1992 MLIS
University of Rhode Island - Kingston, Rhode Island

May. 1973 Bachelor of Science
University of Connecticut - Storrs, Connecticut

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Aug. 2009 - Jan. 2015
Glastonbury, CT
Library Media Specialist, Glastonbury Board of Education
Design and deliver 6th Grade Information Literacy, Research Skills and Literature Literacy instruction. Manage and maintain print and online resources. Maintain digital content and portal pages.

Aug. 2007 - Jun. 2009
Hartford, CT
Library Media Specialist, City of Hartford Board of Education
Taught grades Pre-K to 8th at Noah Webster MicroSociety. Designed integrated library media instruction with science and social studies curriculum. Instruct, managed and maintained the print and online library resources, provided after school programming; Pajamarama Night, Chinese New Year, Battle of the Books, 4th/5th grade, 6th grade and 7th/8th grade book clubs.

Aug. 2006 - Aug. 2007
Hartford, CT
Library Media District Coach, City of Hartford Board of Education
Designed and delivered professional development for library media specialists, analysis of district collection, weeded and selection of Hartford Public High School collection for NEASC review.

Mar. 1991 - Aug. 2006

Field Worker, Culbro Tobacco
Worked summers in the tobacco fields and barns.

VOLUNTEER SUMMARY

I have volunteered in several community organizations in a variety of roles, including;

Den Mother for the Boy Scouts of America 1992-1995

Second Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol – 2002-2002

Docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art 2002- 2011

Regional Board Member at the Connecticut Audubon at Glastonbury 2006-2009

City of Hartford's Park and Recreation Advisory Commission 2011- present

Board Member of the Friends of Colt Park 2011- present



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

April 23, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: Municipal Code Revisions: Chapter 26 – Parks and Recreation

Dear Council President Thames:

Attached for your consideration is an ordinance proposing revisions to Article II, Chapter 26 of the Hartford Municipal Code. Article II, Chapter 26 of the Hartford Municipal Code regulates the conduct in, and use of, parks and recreational facilities within the City of Hartford. The purpose of the revision is to name Dillon Stadium among the list of exceptions set forth in Section 26-41 which allow for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain city-owned facilities and for certain purposes.

As part of the agreement that will bring professional soccer to Hartford, amending our current ordinances to allow the sale of alcohol at Dillon Stadium during professional sporting events and other events promoted by Hartford Sports Group (HSG) is an essential component of a formula for success.

It is important to note that the sale and consumption of alcohol is currently permitted, under certain conditions, at Bushnell, Keney, and Goodwin Parks, the Carousel Pavilion and Pump House Gallery in Bushnell Park, and the Elizabeth Park Pond House Restaurant, to name a few. Allowing for the sale and consumption of alcohol at the stadium will treat Dillon similarly to other city-owned assets where the sale and consumption of alcohol are currently allowed.

The proposed revision will require that appropriate liability insurance is retained and that the requisite municipal and state licenses and permits are obtained as a condition for the sale of alcohol at the stadium.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Bronin", written over a horizontal line.

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Introduced by: Mayor Luke A. Bronin

HEADING
AND
PURPOSE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 - PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II -
CONDUCT AND USE REGULATED OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF HARTFORD

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF HARTFORD

April 23, 2018

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
HARTFORD:**

Sec. 26-41. - Alcoholic beverages prohibited generally; exceptions.

(a) *Definitions:*

"*Alcoholic beverage*" or "*alcoholic liquor*" includes all varieties of liquor defined in this section including alcohol, beer, spirits and wine and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes.

"*Beer*" means a beverage obtained by alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or concoction of barley or other grain, malt and hops in water, and includes among other things beer, ale, stout, lager beer, porter and the like.

"*Bring your own beverage*" is a term which means that the owner of an establishment or host of an event will not be providing alcoholic beverages but that guests are welcome to bring their own if they choose.

"*Events*", for purposes of this section, shall mean any public or private function held on the grounds of a park, which may include the lawn area, clubhouse, pond house, recreational facility, pavilion, carousel or other amusement area of the park.

"*Golf course*" includes the area designated for play of the game of golf as well as the property adjoining and used in conjunction with said area, including the driving range area, practice green, club house, pro shop, restaurant, lounge, snack shop and any areas adjacent thereto, all of which make up the golf course.

"*Spirits*" means any beverage which contains alcohol obtained by distillation, and includes brandy, rum, whiskey, gin or other spirituous liquors when rectified, blended or otherwise mixed with alcohol or other substances.

"*Wine*" means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of natural contents of fruit or vegetables, containing sugar, including such beverages when fortified by the addition of alcohol, or other spirits, as above defined.

(b) *General prohibitions and exceptions:*

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have alcoholic beverages or to be intoxicated in any park, except that alcoholic beverages may be consumed under the following circumstances:

- a. Beer and wine only may be sold and consumed at any event held at Bushnell Park, excluding the Pump House Gallery and the Carousel Pavillion, provided that prior to the event, the proper permission has been obtained from the City to hold the event, the Council adopts a resolution approving such sale and consumption and the location

- (2) proper liquor liability insurance approved by the City of Hartford Risk Manager. The service of such beverages may also be subject to any special and further requirements of the City;
- (3) The sale or service of alcoholic beverages at the Elizabeth Park Pond House Restaurant and Auditorium, the Pump House Gallery, and the Keney and Goodwin Park golf courses is contingent upon the operator or manager of these facilities obtaining proper liquor liability insurance and a state liquor license.
- (4) The provisions of Chapter 35 of the Code shall not apply to the sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages under the provisions of this section or section 26-42 of this chapter.
- (5) The sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages at events held in city parks pursuant to this and any other applicable section shall be subject to any further conditions and regulations required by the Mayor or the Council to promote public safety and welfare.
- (6) Alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed within Dillon Stadium during professional sporting events or other events promoted by the ownership group of a professional sports franchise under an agreement for use of the Stadium, provided that the Operator or Manager of the Stadium, or a vendor licensed by the Division of Licenses and Inspections under a permit issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, provides proper proof of liquor liability insurance to the Risk Manager for the City of Hartford, in amounts determined by said Risk Manager, and a state liquor license is obtained by the requisite entity.

INTRODUCED BY:
Council President Glendowyn L.H. Thames

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 23, 2018

CO-SPONSORED BY:
Majority Leader Julio Concepción
Assistant Majority Leader John Q. Gale

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford continues to think of creative ways to provide free and safe recreation facilities in our neighborhoods with culturally relevant programming; and

WHEREAS, The sport of soccer has become increasingly popular amongst Hartford residents in recent years; and

WHEREAS, There is a new concept that exist in various forms world-wide and has emerged in cities across the USA where a small non-grass space can be designed to play small-sided soccer games on roughly the same surface as a tennis or basketball court; and

WHEREAS, A key benefit to these flexible interchangeable small soccer spaces provide an alternative to our limited and overburdened grass fields for those interested in pick up soccer, and youth soccer practices allowing our grass fields to rest and recover; and

WHEREAS, Active City a local organization committed to youth sports and programming has been raising money and sourcing donations with the hope of gifting "soccer courts" to various neighborhood parks in Hartford; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council encourages the Department of DPW and the Administration to work with Active City to accept donation materials, identify and install these small "soccer courts" in our neighborhood parks where most appropriate.

INTRODUCED BY:
Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilman
Julio A. Concepcion, Majority Leader

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, April 23, 2018.

WHEREAS, The reduction in operating hours of our recreational centers has and will always affect the communities and families we serve in the capital city, and the compromise of such a vital role these centers continue to facilitate is one we should extend even dire resource to maintain; and

WHEREAS, We are well aware of the financial burden the city currently face and the due diligent expectations most recently placed on us by our state stakeholders, and the many other challenges we face on the path to financial stability, however the quality of life for all city residents and their abilities to have basic necessities these centers provide should be maintained at all respectable cost; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Court of Common Council, through The Administration, is kindly requesting the recreation centers (Parker Memorial and Samuel Arroyo) to have extended weekend hours to commence for a period of the 2017/2018 school year to the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year, specifically Fridays and Saturdays until 11pm and Sundays until 9pm; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the corporate money designated for recreational centers can help defray the operating expenses to be accrued.