

Court of Common Council

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Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

Wildaliz Bermúdez, Minority Leader/Chair
John Q. Gale, Assistant Majority Leader
James Sanchez, Councilman
rJo Winch, Councilwoman
Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilman

Wednesday, September 5, 2018
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

Presentations:

- MIRA/Sacyr Rooney Update on Waste Management
- Tree Advisory Commission Updates and Gaps Needed to be Filled

Items

- 1. RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AS A GIFT THE "HEAVEN SKATEPARK" STEEL SIGN PURSUANT TO § 2(F) OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD AND TO WAIVE § 2-178(B) OF MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE SIGNAGE'S ARTISTIC MERITS AND DESIGN BY THE CULTURAL**

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TOWN & CITY CLERK
JOHN V. BAZZANO

AFFAIRS COMMISSION IN ADDITION TO INSTALL THE SIGN WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION. (MINORITY LEADER BERMUDEZ) (ITEM #25 ON AGENDA of June 25, 2018)

2. **RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PARKER MEMORIAL CENTER WITH A NINE VOTING BODY. (COUNCILMAN CLARKE II) (ITEM #26 ON AGENDA of June 25, 2018)**

Your chair,

Wildaliz Bermúdez

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SKATE PARK SIGNAGE

INTRODUCED BY:
MINORITY LEADER WILDALIZ BERMUDEZ

Court of Common Council
City of Hartford June 25th, 2018

WHEREAS, In 2009, the Hartford Court of Common Council empaneled the Skateboarding Task Force to study skateboarding and related activities in Hartford and make recommendations regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the Task Force recommended to the Council a repeal of the decades' old ban on a skateboarding on city sidewalks and roads, and the construction of a formalized skatepark in "Heaven" (also known as New Ross, Wexford County Park) the city's unofficial skatepark since the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, The Council accepted these recommendations and in July, 2014, the skatepark was completed; and

WHEREAS, Concurrent with the rise in the popularity of skateboarding at that location, Heaven also became a mecca for graffiti and hip hop; and

WHEREAS, Heaven has become vital to the cultural fabric of downtown Hartford and the City and region as a whole; attracting visitors from across the country and world; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Heaven was the recipient of a Jet Blue grant for park beautification through Jose Camacho and the Friends of Heaven Skatepark; and

WHEREAS, As part of that grant, signage was commissioned in the form of a very cool, giant steel skateboard with "Heaven Skatepark" etched across it, created by Y Designs; and

WHEREAS, Due to bureaucratic inertia, the sign has never been installed; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council accepts as a gift the "Heaven Skatepark" steel sign pursuant to § 2(f) of the Charter of the City of Hartford; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council waives § 2-178(b) of Municipal Code requiring approval of the signage's artistic merits and design by the Cultural Affairs Commission, as that body is dormant; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Court of Common Council through the Mayor directs the Department of Public Works to install the sign within 60 days of the passage of this resolution.

INTRODUCED BY:
Thomas J. Clarke II, Councilman

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, June 25, 2018.

WHEREAS, The Parker Memorial community center has long been the cornerstone for the Hartford northeast and Clay Arsenal neighborhoods for the healthy development of families and a safe-haven for individuals undergoing personal difficulties along life's path, and

WHEREAS, The collaboration of vested entities devoted to the "Brighter Futures Initiative" through The Hartford Foundation, gives rise to the eminent need to put into place an organized body devoted to the infrastructural maintenance and overall operation of the Parker Memorial Community Center; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Court of Common Council hereby establishes the Friends and Family of Parker Memorial be formed with a nine (9) member voting body.