



Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives

Jim Caterbone, Co-Chair Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center,
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Caterbone and McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Briscoe, Giordano, Heaphy and Mahoney. Absent or excused were Committee Member Reps. DePina, Pratt and Ryan. Also present were Rep. de la Cruz; Ken Smith, Terry Conners Rink; Laurie Albano, Superintendent of Recreation; and Erin McKenna, Land Use Bureau.

Co-Chair McGarry called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. PR29.025	RESOLUTION <u>and Public Hearing</u> ; Approving Fee Increases For Terry Conners Ice Rink. 02/05/15 – Submitted by Jim Hricay 02/26/15 – No action taken 03/26/15 – Held in Committee (public hearing held) 04/30/15 – Held in Committee 05/21/15 – Held in Committee 06/25/15 – No action taken 07/22/15 – No action taken 08/27/15 – Approved by Committee	Approved 6-0-0

Secondary Committee: Cost Savings & Revenue Enhancement

Co-Chair McGarry opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed. A motion to amend the resolution to have an effective date of December 1, 2015 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. McGarry, Caterbone, Briscoe, Giordano, Heaphy and Mahoney in favor). A motion to approve this resolution was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0-0 (Reps. McGarry, Caterbone, Briscoe, Giordano, Heaphy and Mahoney in favor).

2. [PR29.035](#) APPROVAL; agreement with Stantec Corporation for Cummings Park and West Beach Master Plan Design Services. **Approved 4-1-1**
09/03/15 – Submitted by Mayor Martin
09/10/15 – Approved by Board of Finance

Ms. McKenna stated that:

- The City has been working on the Master Plan since last summer
- There has been extensive community input
- Based on this input, the plan includes:
 - A reduction of 2½ acres of permeable surface with the same number of parking spaces
 - Increased access for pedestrians and bicyclists
 - Upgrades to the pavilion
 - Replacement of the food concession with a rentable pavilion and food trucks, in order to avoid potential damage to the concession due to weather
 - Consolidation of fields 4 & 5 into 1 lighted multi-use full field which will include soccer
 - Updating of the West Beach boat launch
 - Renovation of existing bathrooms to make them ADA compliant and addition of extra bathrooms
- They did a beach resiliency study, and will do “back passing” on West Beach and “beach nourishment” on Cummings Beach
- The decision about what is included in the first phase came out of the meetings with the public and includes:
 - Renovating the beach front
 - Eliminating the concession and replacing it with a rentable pavilion area and renovating the other pavilion
 - Adding a multi-use path to the road and making the entrances off of Soundview Avenue one-way
 - Making the bathrooms ADA compliant

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. McKenna explained that:

- The ballfield modification is a priority for the City and is a more affordable item
- The RFP initially had a menu of design items. This was broken up into smaller phases in response to the request of the Parks & Recreation Committee
- The decision to include the beach renovation in this phase was made by Stantec with the public’s input
- The Parks & Recreation Commission has approved this Phase
- There will be multiple phases
- The total cost estimate for construction of the entire project is \$15 million, which budget was developed by the Master Plan consultants
- Design costs are assumed to be 8-10% of the construction costs
- The Construction cost for this phase is assumed to be \$3.1 Million
- This agreement is for the design and detailed construction drawings for this phase
- The plans then get bid out for the construction work
- This project could take 7-10 years, depending upon the available funding
- The work could be begun next year if the initial design work is completed

- Stantec did the design work for Phase 1 of the Scaalzi renovation; another company did Phases 2 & 3

Ms. McKenna stated that she will provide a breakdown of the phases and projected costs to the Committee when she provides it to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 4-1-1 (Reps. Caterbone, Giordano, Heaphy and Mahoney in favor; Rep. Briscoe opposed; Rep. McGarry abstaining).

3. PR29.034 REVIEW; Non-Resident Marina Fees Charged by **Held**
 City of Stamford.
 08/05/15 – Submitted by Ernie Orgera and Rep. de
 la Cruz
 08/27/15 – Held in Committee

Co-Chair McGarry explained that this item would be held due to the unavailability of Mr. Orgera.

Co-Chair McGarry adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).