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of the Steering Committee.

- (10) Copy of letter dated February 27, 1957, from the Board of Recreation, opposing any ordinance which would take away the power of the Board of Recreation.

This letter also came in too late for the February meeting of the Steering Committee, but was discussed at the March 4th meeting, and a copy sent to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

- (11) A list of Job Classifications dated March 1, 1957 from the Personnel Dept. was presented and it was the unanimous feeling of the Steering Committee that additional copies should be obtained from the Personnel office and copies sent to all Board members for information. The Secretary was instructed to obtain copies for this purpose.
- (12) Fiscal matters approved by Board of Finance at their March 15, 1957 meeting requiring approval of the Board of Representatives were referred to the Fiscal Committee for study and recommendation at the next Board meeting. None of the items required the approval of any other committee.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

George V. Connors,
Chairman
Steering Committee

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MR. TOPPING MOVED for approval of the Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED unanimously.

Fiscal Committee

MR. KAMINSKI: "Mr. Chairman, just so there will be no question of the confirmation by this Board of the appointment of the Fact-Finding Committee in regard to the controversy between the Fire Fighters' Local and the City on salary increases which was approved at the Steering Committee meeting, I MOVE that the appointment of this Fact-Finding Committee by Mr. Connors be approved." Seconded by Mr. Lewis and CARRIED unanimously.

MR. KAMINSKI: "The following fiscal matters on the Agenda for this meeting were approved by the members of the Fiscal Committee by a poll taken of the members."

- (1) \$1,063.70 - Fire Department - Code 440.15A, Fuel (See Mayor's letter of March 1, 1957)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Waterbury and CARRIED unanimously.

- (2) \$750.00 - Code GG 480.9, Special Stenographic Services (See Mayor's letter of February 20, 1957)

MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

- (3) \$300.00 - Mimeograph Department - Code 485.3, Stationery & Supplies (See Acting Mayor's letter of March 7, 1957)

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MR. KAMINSKI MOVED for approval of the above request. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED unanimously.

Legislative & Rules Committee:

MR. RAITERI, CHAIRMAN, presented the following report of his committee:

REPORT OF
LEGISLATIVE & RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 21, 1957

A meeting of the Legislative & Rules Committee was held at 8:30 P.M., Thursday evening March 21, 1957, at Avignone's Restaurant. Chairman Raiteri presided. Mr. Baker acted as Clerk. Messrs. Nolan and Russell were also present. Messrs. McLaughlin and Plotkin were absent.

The following items were discussed with action taken as indicated:

1. Proposed Amendment to Code of General Ordinances re Rules and Regulations covering Parks and Recreation Areas

Chapter 22 of the Code of General Ordinances as now constituted was carefully reviewed. Many of the specific provisions of the Chapter could, in the opinion of the Committee, be adequately covered by rules and regulations. Such treatment appears to be appropriate. The Committee therefore proposes to amend the Code in the manner set forth in a new Ordinance (see att. 1). The proposal takes into consideration all correspondence received on the subject (see atts. 2 & 3).

2. Change of Name - Nelson St. to Lynn Drive

This matter involved a private street. The petition to this board to change the name Nelson St. to Lynn Drive was transmitted by Mr. Snyder and was referred by the Steering Committee to the Planning Board for action. In letter dated March 14, 1957 (see att. #4) the Planning Board returned the petition saying it did not have jurisdiction on such matters. The Corporation Counsel was asked to resolve this point and in letter dated March 20, 1957 (see att. #5) Mr. DiSesa ruled that the Board of Representatives can act in such matters only where the public interest is involved (i.e. involving peace, safety and welfare of the municipality). He suggests that the Planning Board set up a procedure for changing names of private streets.

The Committee recommends no action be taken on the petition - such action not being within our power - and that the request for change be again referred to the Planning Board, together with a copy of Mr. DiSesa's letter, calling specific attention to the last paragraph thereof.

3. Application for Increase in Telephone Rates

Reference is to communication from the Town of Windsor, Conn. (see att. #6) transmitting a resolution adopted by its Town Council requesting the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Connecticut to deny the application for increased telephone rates and asking the support of Stamford in preventing said increase.

The Committee feels that it is not qualified, nor in its opinion is the Board of Representatives qualified, to take a position for or against

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this application. It suggests however that a letter (for proposed draft see att. #7) be sent to the Public Utilities Commission soliciting their careful scrutiny of the matter in view of its economic implications.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

E. B. BAKER
Clerk

Att.

Approved

C. L. RAITERI JR.
Chairman

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(1) Proposed Ordinance for Publication re Park Commission and Board of Recreation, Setting forth Powers of Same.

MR. RAITERI presented a proposed Ordinance for adoption and MOVED for approval. Seconded by Mr. Nolan.

MR. KELLY and MR. SNYDER spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance and Mr. Kelly read from his committee report in regard to the adoption of this Ordinance (see report of Parks & Recreation Committee).

There ensued further discussion as to how the proposed Ordinance came into being.

MR. FREDERICKS: "It is obviously under the jurisdiction of both Committees - the Legislative & Rules and the Parks & Recreation Committee. Was this proposed Ordinance discussed with the Parks & Recreation Committee?"

MR. KELLY: "It was."

MR. TOPPING: "Before I vote on this Ordinance, I would like to see a copy of it. I think that everyone on this Board should be supplied with a copy of this Ordinance before we are expected to vote on it."

MR. KAMINSKI: "It strips the Board of Recreation of its powers. I am definitely opposed to the Ordinance on the same basis as I was opposed to the original Legislative Bill (House Bill No. 838) (See Minutes of March 11, 1957, page 1536). We did not approve the Bill that was before the Legislature, so why should we turn around and pass an Ordinance? The Board of Recreation has carried on a splendid program and done an excellent job. The sorry thing about it is that they have the poorest public relations in the whole City of Stamford. It is my opinion that we would be doing a very poor thing to strip the Board of Recreation of its powers."

MR. RHOADES: "I must agree with everything that has been said up to this time. I am wondering if there is some chance of them getting together on this and working out something agreeable to all. I would like to ask the members of this Committee if there isn't some chance of a compromise on this."

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MR. NOIAN: "In looking at the Ordinance as we studied it, there was no animosity towards the Board of Recreation, nor taking any powers away from anyone. We merely felt at the time that the logical thing would be to give the powers to those to whom they belonged. We don't feel that the Park Department should or would encroach upon the Board of Recreation in any manner, shape or form. We felt that the logical place for this jurisdiction would be the department operating over a 12 month period, and that happens to be the Park Department. If anyone can show us that this is taking away power from the Board of Recreation, we would like to know it."

MR. CZUPKA: "I oppose the publication of the proposed Ordinance. The Board of Recreation have carried on for the past 35 years in Stamford and done a very excellent job. I don't think there is such a wide difference between both of these departments that they can't both sit down and come to an agreement."

MR. VITTI said he agrees with Mr. Czupka and "as long as they are going along all right, let's leave them that way."

MR. HUIZINGA: "This Board went on record at their March 11th meeting as being opposed to the Legislative Bill (House Bill No. 838 - see page 1536) and we voted it down. Therefore, I am very much opposed to an Ordinance trying to accomplish the same ends."

MR. KELLY: "I don't believe that the Board of Recreation was contacted at all on this Ordinance."

MR. KELLY MOVED to hear from Mr. Edward Hunt, Supervisor of the Board of Recreation. Seconded by Mr. Longo and CARRIED by a vote of 22 in favor and 12 opposed.

MR. HUNT spoke briefly. He said the Board of Recreation was very much concerned with the safety of those who use their facilities and thought they should have the jurisdiction over the adoption of safety rules and regulations for the conduct of facilities under their control.

MR. RUSSELL said he thought part of the confusion was because of two things: (1) Parking and (2) Commercial vehicles, and asked who should have control over rules in regard to both of these items. He said that the existing Ordinances as they are at present, are not workable.

MR. GEORGOULIS also spoke in opposition to this Ordinance. He said: "Now here is a case where they are not completely willing to cooperate. As Mr. Hunt has stated, the Board of Recreation feels they are responsible for the safety of children and adults who use their facilities and think they are the ones who should make the regulations and rules governing those areas."

MR. KAMINSKI: "It is true that this Ordinance at some time, perhaps even in the near future, should be either amended or abolished, but the Board of Recreation should not have all its powers taken away from them and given arbitrarily to another Board. I would like to see two things done. Either allow the Board of Recreation to sit down and decide exactly what they feel is under their jurisdiction and then set up an Ordinance and a set of rules; or, draw up an entirely separate Ordinance for the Park Commission. We know the Park Commission must have rules to operate under before we pass on this."

MR. LEWIS: "I think that we are getting a little off base. I think that if our two Committees - the Legislative & Rules and the Parks & Recreation Committees would get together with the Park Commission and the Board of Recreation, they could come up with something more suitable. I MOVE that this be recommitted to the Legislative &

Rules Committee for further study." Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. RHOADES: "In answer to John, I spent most of last summer floating at Cove Island in the water and I spent a very splendid summer. I can see no conceivable reason why the Park Commission should make rules that govern playgrounds. Would not the Legislative and Rules Committee consider the possibility of letting both the Park Commission and the Board of Recreation each make their own rules and regulations?"

MR. RAITERI: "It was the feeling of the Committee that this was the best way to handle the whole thing. I think that both the Board of Recreation and the Park Commission are doing a good job. We are just trying to do what we feel is a good job also."

MR. LEWIS: "Mr. Kelly, as Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee - do you feel that if these two committees sit down and discuss this question that you can come up with a solution?" Mr. Lewis said he refused to withdraw his motion to recommit.

MRS. PEATT said she could see no reason for adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

MR. RAITERI said he was opposed to recommitment as they could only come up with the same recommendations at a following meeting.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the previous question.

VOTE on Mr. Lewis' motion to recommit to committee. LOST, 8 in favor and 26 opposed.

MR. FREDERICKS MOVED the original question of adoption of the proposed Ordinance for publication. (First version, as read by Mr. Baker)

VOTE on Mr. Raiteri's motion to adopt the proposed Ordinance for publication. LOST, by a vote of 30 opposed and 4 in favor.

MR. RAITERI then presented a second version of the Ordinance and MOVED its adoption for publication. Seconded by Mr. Baker, who read the suggested Ordinance, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING PARKS, BEACHES AND
RECREATION AREAS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:

Chapter 22 of the Code of General Ordinances is hereby repealed and a new Chapter 22 substituted therefor, reading as follows:

Chapter 22 - PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS

Sec. 1. Rules and Regulations of Public Recreation Areas.

Those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of all public recreation areas and all of their facilities which have been or shall be adopted by the Board of Recreation and filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by the latter Board by resolution, shall have the force and effect of law; provided a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the city and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at such premises.

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Sec. 2. Rules and Regulations of Public Parks.

Those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of all public parks and all of their facilities which have been or shall be adopted by the Park Commission and filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by such Board by resolution, shall have the force and effect of law; provided a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at such premises.

Sec. 3. Rules and Regulations of Hubbard Heights Golf Club.

Those rules and regulations for the use and conduct of the Hubbard Heights Golf Club and all of its facilities which have been or shall be adopted by the Hubbard Heights Golf Club Board and filed with the Board of Representatives and approved by such Board by resolution shall have the force and effect of law; provided a copy of the same is published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the City and a copy of the same is posted in a conspicuous place at such premises.

Sec. 4. Violations.

A violation of all or any part of such rules and regulations which have been adopted in accordance with Sections 1, 2 and 3 shall be deemed a misdemeanor and punished in the manner provided for in section 11 of chapter 1 of this Code.

Sec. 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

VOTE taken on above proposed Ordinance for publication and CARRIED unanimously.

(2) Change of Street Name - From Nelson Street to Lynn Drive (See Committee report for details)

MR. RAITERI MOVED that no action be taken on changing the name of this street, but that a copy of the following letter from the office of the Corporation Counsel be sent to the Planning Board, with the recommendation that they institute procedure for the sake of uniformity of action, regarding future requests for the changing of names of private streets in cases where all interested parties are in accord. Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED unanimously.

CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

Board of Representatives
City Hall
Stamford, Connecticut

March 20, 1957

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter of January 31, 1957, requesting an opinion as to whether your honorable Board has the authority to take action on street name changes when they are private roads.

In the past, the names of private streets have been changed by

Ordinance of the Board of Representatives where such action was deemed expedient for the purpose of maintaining and promoting the peace, safety and welfare of the municipality.

In these cases, a similarity in street names created a situation which, through confusion, might have adversely affected public safety or welfare. This would appear to be a proper exercise of the Board's implied power under Section 40 (61) of the Charter.

However, a review of the State General Statute and of the Charter has failed to bring to light any express legal basis on which the Board might exercise its power to change the name of a private street where the public interest is not involved.

It would, therefore, appear that when a change of name is sought for purely aesthetic or euphonious reasons, the matter is not one on which the Board might properly act.

It is suggested that the Planning Board for the sake of uniformity, might promulgate a procedure for changing the names of private streets, where all interested parties are in accord.

Very truly yours

CORPORATION COUNSEL

By: Arthur L. DiSesa
Assistant Corporation Counsel

(3) Proposed Increase in Telephone Rates Before Public Utilities Commission.

MR. RAITERI read a suggested draft of a letter to be sent to the PUC stating that the Board of Representatives does not feel qualified to appraise the merits of the application in either supporting or opposing it, but urging that the Commission subject the requested increase in rates to the most careful analysis in order that the best interests of the people be fully protected.

MR. SNYDER MOVED that such a letter be sent to the Public Utilities Commission. Seconded by Mr. Baker and CARRIED unanimously.

Appointments Committee:

Appointment to HUBBARD HEIGHTS GOLF COMMISSION - ANDREW ROBUSTELLI (Ind.)
66 Dora Street
Term Ending: Dec. 1, 1961

MR. GEORGOLIS presented the following report of his Committee:

A meeting was held in the Mayor's office on Friday, March 15, 1957, at 6:00 P.M. for the purpose of interviewing Mr. Robustelli, candidate for the Hubbard Heights Golf Commission. The following members were present: George Georgoulis, Chairman; Mary Bankowski and Robert Findlay. Absent members were: Irving Snyder and William Brett.

The Committee interviewed and unanimously recommends Mr. Robustelli's confirmation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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George Georgoulis, Chairman
 Appointments Committee

MR. GEORGIOULIS read the qualifications of Mr. Robustelli and MOVED for approval of the appointment. Seconded by Mrs. Bankowski. Vote taken by ballot and APPROVED by a count taken by the Tellers, of 33 in FAVOR and 1 OPPOSED.

Public Works Committee:

A dangerous situation existing on Weed Avenue was brought to Mr. Topping's attention by Mr. Raiteri and it was requested that the Committee investigate it and see if posts could not be placed along there to prevent accidents. Mr. Topping promised that his Committee would take this under advisement.

Health & Protection Committee:

MR. MILANO, CHAIRMAN, presented the following report of his committee:

The Health and Protection Committee met with Chief Kinsella in regards to a letter received from the Rippowam Rifle and Gun Club, requesting permission to use the shooting range in the new Police Building.

The Committee is in accord with Chief Kinsella, that if permission is granted by this Board, we would be setting a precedent and would have to grant others the same permission.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, the Committee does not recommend the request be granted to use the new Police Building, but would like to suggest that the Rippowam Rifle and Gun Club contact Mr. Sotire of Civil Defense for permission to use the new shooting range on Scofieldtown Road.

Joseph P. Milano
 Robert Lewis
 J. L. DeForest
 S. E. Kelly
 Frank Longo

MR. MILANO MOVED that the request from the Rippowam Rifle & Gun Club for use of the shooting range in the new Police Building be DISAPPROVED for the reasons cited above. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks.

MR. KETCHAM spoke on this request and said it would be a violation of a City Ordinance to grant this privilege.

MR. TOPPING spoke in favor of granting this permission.

MR. BARRY also spoke in favor of the request.

MR. SNYDER MOVED to hear from Chief Kinsella. Seconded by Mrs. Zuckert and Mrs. Bankowski and CARRIED unanimously.

CHIEF KINSELLA of the Police Department addressed the Board. He said they had consulted with the Corporation Counsel and had found that if this request for use of the shooting range at the new Police Building were granted, it would open the door for similar requests from other organizations desiring the same opportunity. He said it was decided upon advice from the Corporation Counsel to deny any requests

of this nature as he had indicated there were certain factors that went beyond the Chief's control. He said: "As far as I am concerned personally, it is a different story, but we must abide by the advice of our Corporation Counsel in matters of this sort so they will not present legal problems in the future."

After considerable further discussion, vote was taken upon Mr. Milano's motion to DISAPPROVE this request and CARRIED by a vote of 26 in favor and 8 opposed.

Re: Closing of Precinct Two. (See Minutes of Jan. 7, 1957, pages 1474 through 1476

MR. MILANO MOVED to remove from the Table. (See 10th paragraph, page 1476 of Minute Seconded by Mr. Nolan and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Upon MOTION, duly seconded, it was decided to hear from Mr. Alphonsus J. Donahue, J Chairman of the Board of Public Safety on the subject of closing Precinct Two.

MR. DONAHUE addressed the members of the Board, explaining the reasons why it was not necessary to have continued use of the Haig Avenue building as a Police Precinct. He said it required double coverage in regard to clerical work and record keeping and its closing would not act as a detriment to better Police protection in the outlying country districts, but rather, free men formerly doing clerical work there for other more pressing duties elsewhere. He stressed the need for more men in the department, however, and also that attention be given to a better paid Police Department, which in turn, would act as an incentive to attract well qualified applicants. He said many men had to accept part time jobs in order to supplement their income.

Calling attention to a recent request placed before the Personnel Commission, that broader privileges be granted to the Department in order to reward men who have done outstanding jobs, by giving promotions without the need for another Civil Service examination, he stated that this procedure was being followed in other cities and towns with excellent results.

Mr. Donahue stressed the fact that the outlying districts were not being deprived of police protection by the closing down of Precinct Two, and that because of excellent communications in the new Police Building, coverage of the country areas could be maintained at an even better level than before. He did say he realized things could be better and when the department could be adequately staffed to its full capacity, improvements could be well worth while the additional expense and give the city adequate protection at all times. He mentioned that this protection was a round-the-clock continuing need.

Several questions were directed to Mr. Donahue by various Board members.

MR. HUIZINGA: "Your remarks are easy for us to understand. The only reason this has been delayed so long is because we have received so many 'phone calls from people who were afraid that the closing of Precinct Two would curtail their protection in the outlying districts of the city."

MR. DONAHUE mentioned that two patrol cars were on duty in the country area on a 24 hour basis with a Duty Lt. and a Duty Sgt.

QUESTION: "Is that more than you had before?"

ANSWER: "Definitely."

MR. DONAHUE: "We do a better job today than we did under the old system."

MR. KETCHAM: "When you speak of a Duty Sgt. and a Duty Lt., am I correct in my

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belief that their supervision area is in the whole City of Stamford?"

MR. DONAHUE: "We are going to place added emphasis on these two Duty cars up there."

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: "How do you feel about closing down Precinct Two as it just now about bisects the area in question?"

MR. NOLAN: "Is there any possibility that by keeping Precinct Two open there will be any better coverage in the foreseeable future?"

MR. RAITERI: "The Board of Public Safety has stated that by closing Precinct Two, it would give better protection to the community as a whole. They only have a limited number of cars and they are being distributed as best they can."

MR. KAMINSKI: "Regarding the line of questioning being pursued by the opponents, I feel Mr. Donahue's presentation has been excellent and there should be no doubt in anyone's mind as to the feasibility of closing Precinct Two."

MR. FREDERICKS: "At our November 7, 1956 meeting we passed a resolution, signifying it was our intention to O.K. additional men for the Police Department whenever they are requested. (See Resolution No. 246, page 1410 of 11/7/56 Minutes) Why can't you get the manpower you need?"

MR. DONAHUE: "Because our budget has been cut."

MR. DEFOREST: "I have made an investigation of the residents in my district, whatever their political background, whether they are Republicans or Democrats and I have discovered that most of them are in favor of closing Precinct Two."

MR. LEWIS MOVED the question.

MR. NOLAN restated the original motion which was presented at the January 7, 1957 meeting (see page 1476 of 1/7/57 Minutes):

"MR. MILANO said it was the recommendation of the Health & Protection Committee that Precinct Two be closed and so MOVED. Seconded by Mr. Raiteri."

VOTE taken on the question that Precinct Two be closed and CARRIED by a vote of 32 in FAVOR and 2 OPPOSED.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

MR. KELLY, CHAIRMAN, presented the following Committee report:

The Parks and Recreation Committee met on Friday evening, March 29th, 1957, at 8 P.M. with the following members present: Charles Gilbert, Frank Longo, William Hearing and Stephen E. Kelly.

The Rippowam Shrine Club of Pyramid Temple, will hold a special ceremonial, on Saturday, June 15th, 1957, and are requesting the use of Woodside Park for a period of about one hour, prior to the start of the parade, to assemble all of their marching units. The Park Commission has granted permission for the use of the Park. The line of march for the parade is from Bridge Street, entrance of Woodside Park, easterly on Bridge Street to Summer Street; South on Summer Street to North Street, East on North to Bedford Street; South on Bedford, to Broad and Atlantic, down Atlantic to Federal,

on Bedford, to Broad and Atlantic, down Atlantic Federal, West on Federal, to Guernsey Street, South on Guernsey to Beehler, West on Beehler to South, where they will disband. With permission by the Park Commission granted, and provided the approval of the Police Department is forthcoming for the proposed line of March, your Committee is unanimously in favor of granting this request and I so move.

The Jr. Chamber of Commerce requests permission to stage a "Fair on the Square" on Saturday and Sunday, June 1st and 2nd, 1957. Geographically, they intend to use sidewalk space on the East and West sides of Bedford Street, for the outdoor display of art work on outdoor units which will be rented from the Chamber of Commerce of New Canaan. They will erect an elevated platform on Walton Place, with permission from the Chief of Police to close off to vehicular traffic. A second stand is to be erected on the former Presbyterian Church property at Sumner and Broad, if permission is granted by the present owners. In addition, they propose to present popular music and/or a square dance in the evening, to be held either in the parking area near the Avon Theatre or some other available area. They are also seeking use of Walton Park and are asking permission from the Park Commission. Contact has been made with Mayor Quigley, the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Hanrahan, and Chief of Police Kinsella, and the required posting of suitable bonds are being arranged for with the Corporation Counsel. Accordingly, they are requesting the approval of the Board of Representatives and wish us to authorize the issuance of the necessary permit for the presentation of the "Fair in the Square". The necessary permit will have to be procured from the office of the Commissioner of Finance. Permission to block off the streets will have to be granted by the Police Department. The use of sidewalk space for the units is in violation of a City Ordinance, unless it can be reconciled by some branch of our local city government, and the affair is of such a worthy nature, your Committee requests the approval of the "Fair in the Square", pending the approval of all the necessary agencies and the posting of the necessary bonds to insure the City of Stamford against any kind of suits for damages, to be determined by the Corporation Counsel.

In regard to the proposed Ordinance re Park Commission and Board of Recreation, setting forth powers of same for publication: Your Committee feels that under no circumstances has the Park Commission the right to propose rules and regulations to govern any part of the functions of the Board of Recreation, and that it further has no right to ask our Board to put into an Ordinance anything concerning the Board of Recreation, which, according to our decision rendered recently, is a separate Board and not a part of the Park Commission. Further, we feel that the Park Commission should go into session with the Board of Recreation, and try to straighten out any differences of opinion which, at present, exist between the two Boards. Your Committee feels that this Ordinance and its publication should be defeated, and strongly urges that all members of this Board uphold the decision they made a short time ago, that the Board of Recreation is a Board engaged in work of an entirely different nature than that which is proposed to be performed by the Park Commission.

STEPHEN E. KELLY, CHAIRMAN
FRANK LONGO
SAMMY GIULIANI
C. A. GILBERT

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Housing Committee:

MR. LONGO, CHAIRMAN spoke briefly in regard to authorization given to the Urban Redevelopment Commission to prepare a "workable program" in order to obtain Federal financial aid in eliminating blighted, deteriorated and slum areas. (See June 4, 1956 Minutes - Resolution No. 225, page 1264) He stated that the Urban Redevelopment Commission has prepared a first draft of a contemplated program and a proposed Ordinance and asked the President of the Board to see if copies could not be obtained from Mr. Harris of URC for distribution to members of the Board interested in seeing same. Mr. Connors promised to try to obtain copies from URC. (Note: Copies given only to Legislative & Rules Committee and members of the Housing Committee, as it is not in final form.)

PETITIONS

- (1) Rippowam Shrine Club - PETITION NO. 227 - Request for use of Woodside Park for assembling parade - Saturday, June 15, 1957

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote of approval.

- (2) Jr. Chamber of Commerce - Letter dated March 18, 1957 requesting permission to hold a "Fair in the Square" on June 1st and 2nd, 1957 on the park in Bedford Square and to use sidewalks and other nearby areas. (see Committee report for full details)

MR. KELLY MOVED for approval of this request, pending the issuance of approval from other necessary city departments. Seconded by Mr. Hearing.

There was a great deal of discussion on this request, several members of the Board expressing doubt as to whether or not it would be advisable to tie up the center of a well traveled traffic artery on a Saturday and Sunday. It was also mentioned that use of the sidewalks for display purposes would be in violation of a city ordinance. Several members also pointed out that churches on Prospect Street and in the Bedford Park area, conducting their Sunday services, might run into a bad traffic problem.

MR. NOLAN MOVED to refer this back to Committee for further study. Seconded by Mr. Topping and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

- (3) Girl Scouts, Stamford Area Association - PETITION NO. 228 - Request for use of City owned land in conjunction with operation of summer day camp on Scofieldtown Road for 1957 season.

MR. KELLY MOVED for suspension of the rules in order to bring this before the Board, as the request had been received too late for the Steering Committee to place on the Agenda. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote in favor.

MR. KELLY said the Parks & Recreation Committee approve this request and recommended this request be granted. Seconded and CARRIED by unanimous vote in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. TOPPING: "I think this Board should go on record as commending Mr. Macrides for his work before the Legislature in his recent trip to Hartford as a representative of this Board to explain and present the Board's sentiments on pending Bills being considered by the various Legislative committees. He did a very fine and outstanding job and I MOVE for a vote of thanks for his efforts." Seconded by several

voices and CARRIED by unanimous vote of approval.

Re: House Bill No. 2201 - New Court House Sessions

MR. MACRIDES said he had received a telephone call from a member of the Bar Association telling him that a Bill is pending before the Judiciary and Governmental Functions Committee of the State Legislature and is to be heard on Thursday of this week. He said the Bill would establish definite sessions of the Superior and Common Pleas Courts in Stamford in the new County Courthouse now under construction and he would like to have an expression of opinion of the Board in regard to this Bill.

MR. LONGO MOVED for approval of House Bill No. 2201. Seconded by Mr. Milano and CARRIED unanimously.

Re: Police Pension Fund

MR. TOPPING presented a resolution in regard to placing the Police Pension Fund on a sound financial basis. Referred to Steering Committee.

Re: Vacation and Sick Leave Policy for City Employees

MR. KETCHAM MOVED that the Personnel Commission be requested, through the Director of Personnel, to furnish the Board with complete and definite information regarding the vacation and sick leave policy for city employees. Seconded by Mr. Fredericks and CARRIED by unanimous vote.

Upon MOTION OF MR. RHOADES, duly seconded by several voices, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

George V. Connors

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President

Board of Representatives

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