

**TOWN OF HAMDEN
TOWN CENTER PARK COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2014
10:00 AM
MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
HAMDEN GOVERNMENT CENTER
2750 DIXWELL AVENUE
HAMDEN**

Commissioners in attendance: Matt Fitch, Chairman
Jessica Hazen
Meg Nowacki
Gerry Tobin

Others in attendance: Julie Smith, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Liz Frias
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Fitch called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance was taken as noted above.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 13, 2014 MINUTES

Ms. Nowacki motioned to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Meeting. Ms. Tobin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Fitch said that it is necessary for the Commission to decide on the categories for the Friday Night Movie Series, and the choice of films under each category. He suggested the following categories to choose from:

- Sports
- Musicals
- Animation
- Family
- Disney
- Action
- New Releases
- John Hughes Films

Ms. Smith suggested a Classic Film Night

After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the categories would be:

John Hughes Films
Musicals
Family
Sports
Animation

Choices under each category will be as follows:

John Hughes Movies

Ferris Buhler
Home Alone
16 Candles
Mr. Mom
Weird Science

Musicals

Westside Story
Evita
Across the Universe
Almost Famous
Mama Mia

Family

Big
PeeWee's Big Adventure
Jumanji
Willy Wonka
Hugo

Sports

Here Comes the Boom
Mighty Ducks
Invictus
Karate Kid
Field of Dreams

Animation

This will be determined based on availability and the Commissioners will e-mail their choices.

Next, Mr. Fitch explained the ways voting would be conducted, including on facebook, local newspapers, the Chamber of Commerce, etc. He encouraged those present to share the movie ballot on their own facebook page.

Next, Mr. Fitch invited Ms. Frias to discuss some of the suggestions she has for events in the park. Ms. Frias said she is interested in planning a Community Tag Sale or Swap. She suggested having dumpster and a shredder there to facilitate recycling. Mr. Fitch suggested that Goodwill and Salvation Army be invited to take unsold or un-swapped items.

There was a discussion regarding fees for this event. It was suggested that the fee be \$10.00. Ms. Hazen suggested a "freecycle" area. It was suggested that this be held in May. May 10th was suggested for the date. Ms. Smith suggested it be done on the last weekend of April. It will be called The Hamden Tag Sale and Freecycling. This event will be open to the regular food vendors. Fees for the food vendors were discussed. It was agreed on a \$25.00 fee for vendors. Non-Hamden residents would be charged \$25.00. Mr. Corcoran said the split fee would have a xenophobic quality that will appeal to most people.

FARMERS MARKET/FOOD TRUCKS - JUNE 2014

There was a discussion regarding vendor fees for the June Food Truck Festival. There was a discussion regarding this subject. Fees ranging from \$50.00 to \$150.00 were suggested. Mr. Fitch suggested if a vendor is doing both it could be \$150 or \$250 for both.

Ms. Smith said there would be a new Italian Ice vendor. Mr. Fitch said Wentworth's Ice Cream has a mobile cart, and are interested in attending the Truck Festival events.

There was a discussion regarding what vendors would attend which events.

Ms. Frias said there are 32 vendors currently on her list.

Mr. Fitch suggested reaching out to the Councilmember Chair of the Recreation Committee.

All agreed that the \$150/\$250 fee would be fair.

Ms. Frias will e-mail the vendors with the information regarding the events. It will be noted that these events and fees are pending Legislative Council approval.

Next, Mr. Fitch discussed the second Farmers Market. There was a discussion regarding when and where this Market will be held. It will be on Mondays from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Highwood Square (The Old Johnson Building). It will begin on Monday, June 23rd and be held every Monday until October 6th except for Labor Day.

There was a discussion regarding whether the vendors would be charged the same fee at both markets. After the discussion regarding this subject it was agreed that the charge would be \$150 for Town Center Park and \$100 for the Southern Market or \$200 if doing both markets.

Ms. Frias suggested a penalty fee for a vendor who does not show up. There was a discussion regarding this subject. Ms. Hazen explained how this is handled at other markets. The discussion continued. Mr. Fitch suggested a performance bond of perhaps \$30.00. This will be discussed with the Town Attorney.

As discussed at the last meeting, Ms. Nowacki has looked into the trees that were slated to be planted in Town Center Park. She has learned that the trees are at the Public Works Department and will be planted in the spring.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Fitch called for a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Tobin motioned to adjourn. Ms. Nowacki seconded the motion that passed unanimously. Mr. Fitch adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.**

Submitted by _____
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk