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Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

ZOOM MEETING

Attendees: Kristen Vetter Tina Maresca Manny Enes Cindy Fasolino Carlo Reca
Randi Robinowitz Karri Sergio Kathleen Gallaher Dan Margoshes

Absent

Present: Jason Pinto – Recreation Supervisor
Nora Lucas – Trustee Liaison to PRC

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Randi. The minutes from the November meeting were approved with amendments to the final motion to close section. Cindy made a motion to approve as amended, Manny seconded the motion, all in favor.

107.1 The Peak/Capital Theater Event/Outdoor Concert Presentation – Jason introduced Bruce Wheeler of the Capital Theater in Port Chester, NY, Coach and Paul Monahan from 107.1 The Peak radio station. This group would like to offer concerts at Harbor Island Park in the 2021 season. They have teamed up together in the past to put on performances. They are presently scouting open spaces in the Westchester area to hold outdoor concerts in 2021. The last show held at the Capital Theater was on March 7, 2020. There are potentially eight weekends open at Harbor Island Park in July and August 2021. After doing a walk through at Harbor Island Park, they wanted to take the next steps and meet with the PRC. They are successful at creating shows. They can draw A-list performers. If an indoor seating venue is limited or unavailable, then perhaps an outdoor, single-stage venue would be a better option. They can create a 13,000-person capacity venue. Based on equipment requirements, costs to build and move, etc. three or four weekends are a possibility. They are looking for a sweet spot, good programming, good working relationship with the Village, Board of Trustees, etc. The shows will include food trucks, stage area, lighting, sound, screens, with a request for water and power from the park. They would bring in outside utilities if necessary. Their hope is that by Spring/Summer, all COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. They want to make sure everyone is safe. Cindy asked would it be a single artist or multiple artists. There would be an opening act and artists to follow. They would like to be able to serve alcohol at the events and would need to see what licenses would be required for that. Dan was curious to know what other spaces they had already considered besides Harbor Island Park. They are considering Kensico Dam Park



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as well. They like Harbor Island Park because it is a beautiful park and they are local to the area. Right now, they are not in a place to decide. Ultimately, they would like to roll out a short series of concerts to be cost effective due to the expense of concert buildout and development. They desire to strike a balance between the Village doing well financially and their ability to make money. Dan mentioned that these are active playing fields and there is a concern about the field usage and extensive damage potentially to them caused by concert performances. The group emphasized that they want to ensure that the fields are restored to (at the very least), the original pre-concert condition, if not better condition than before the concerts took place. The Capital Theater understands sports and the importance of them. They would need to ensure that the fields were up to par to possibly allow for an annual event should they succeed in this venture in 2021. Randi stated that there is no better partner to be involved with than The Capital Theater and 107.1 The Peak. In her view she believes that the numbers need to be less scary than 13,000; perhaps build up to that, over time. Cindy had a concern about the amount of parking a concert would require. There would be a percentage of people walking in, coming in from the train, etc. Additionally, there is a consideration to have other parking lots utilized for the event. They are still determining what all the ingredients are. They are considering an 80 x 40-foot stage area. The sound mixing would be done 70-80 feet from the stage. They would have 24/7 security, food trucks which would stay all weekend, and there would be a concert area lockdown prior to the event. Carlo mentioned that concerts are driven by headliners. The Capital and Peak said they would like to have a local aspect the concert series, make it more community minded and create a strong partnership making it really good for everyone. Carlo brought up a weather concern, what if there is bad weather? The Peak mentioned that there are protocols for that, show insurance, etc. Carlo also asked would it be standing room only? The Capital said that it would be general admission to keep costs down. Perhaps a couple of VIP tiers, etc. The Capital/Peak would like to keep it like a picnic-type atmosphere. Karrie inquired to whether there would be one show over a weekend. The Capital responded with there would be a balance, perhaps a Fri/Sat/Sun event, Fri/Sat or Sat/Sun (depending on performers), however nothing really late on a Sunday. Dan had concerns about outside people on the fields, damage to other areas. The Capital said they would need to find where the perimeter would be. There would need to be a determination if there is a minimum number of attendees. They will need to work through it and see; message it based on expectations. There would probably be close to 13,000 attendees. They could put a cap on sales to solidify this, depending on the draw of the artist. There was an inquiry as to how far does the sound travel. The Capital said there is new technology which can direct the sound. The system will minimize the overspray of sound to outside areas. Jason said he typically does not bring big events to the Board of Trustees. Coach praised the Capital Theater for their professionalism. They handle everything. The event is in the best hands possible. This type of event will help the community, restaurants, bars, etc. Jason suggested that perhaps they could provide early-bird ticket sales to Village residents. Dan had a question about the revenue model. Jason said it would be based on \$6.00 per ticket sale plus the cost of field restoration, reimbursement of staff payroll and utilities. Grass Island is a comparable space. Jason has not looked into this. Nora stated that



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they are interested in this even if COVID-19 restrictions are not lifted. Karrie asked how much time they will take over Harbor Island Park. Jason said we are not locking it down as was done for the U.S. Open event. We need to see something in writing, what are the expectations. Randi said we are interested, but cautious. Nora suggested that the Arts Council get a recap about it. The Arts Council would like to partner with a bigger organization.

Karrie asked if it were possible to get some signage instructing people not to feed the ducks and swans in the parks. She would like to educate people with a PSA or something like that. Near the Post Road, next to the sewage treatment plant, and across from the Toy Box are areas this is happening.

Cindy asked if we were enforcing mask wearing in Florence Park. Jason said the Police were aware of the situation and have been there several times. It is difficult to enforce.

It was announced that this would be Kathleen's last meeting. She was thanked for her involvement, dedication to consistent attendance.

Karrie made a motion to close, Cindy seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Charles Vigliotti.