

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 17, 2006

4:00 PM

Conference Room I

Committee on Parks

Joan Cleary, Chair; Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM and recessed for lack of a quorum. The meeting was reconvened at 4:05 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Andy Baechle, Director, Parks

Summary: *Invited Guests Present: Mr. Baechle and Derek Uber for Mr. Flynn*

Recognized Attendees - Clarence Hopson, Parks

Council Staff Present: John Mascio, Jared Barker, and Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Michael Finnerty, and Joan Cleary

Absent: Jim Burn, Susan Caldwell, Matt Drozd, and Jan Rea

III. Approval of Minutes

2714-06 Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2006 Parks Committee Meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Ordinances**

2681-06 An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Authorizing the County Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement with the Mon Valley Express Drum and Bugle Corp for the Use of Exhibit Building #8 in South Park.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *The Chair asked Mr. Baechle to provide a summary of the bill. Mr. Baechle said that the Mon Valley Express Drum & Bugle Corp performs in parades and at local community events throughout the County and that the Parks Department proposes to lease Exhibit Building No. 8, located near the Fairgrounds in South Park, to them for the purpose of practicing their music and marching routines.*

This Bill would allow the County Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Mon Valley Express Drum & Bugle Corp for either \$200 a month rent or the equivalent in refurbishments/repairs to Exhibit Building No. 8. The Bill would give the County Manager and the Law Department the authority to approve and execute any documents necessary to carry out this purpose. Under the terms of the contract, the Mon Valley Express Drum & Bugle Corp is solely responsible for all insurance and required permits, licenses, etc.

Mr. Baechle said that his department has drafted a policy for fairground usage in general which they plan to submit to the Chief Executive.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2694-06

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 07-06, the existing schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees for the use of County recreational and park facilities.

Sponsors: Joan Cleary

Summary: *The Chair provided a summary of the bill. She said that in light of the recently constructed flag retirement area in South Park, this Bill would amend Ordinance No. 07-06, adding language referring to such in the schedule of facility and recreational rates and fees.*

She also said that the amendment would add that no rental fee will be charged or collected for use of By the Dawn's Early Light Flag Retirement Plaza and the Director of the Parks Department would have the authority to grant requests to use the facility on a first come, first served basis.

The Chair asked Mr. Baechle what the progress was on this project. Mr. Hopson said that it is progressing well and he said that it is approximately 70% completed. Mr. Baechle said that this will also be on the county's web site and people can reserve it by the hour up to a day.

The Chair asked if people were using it. Mr. Hopson said that it is used by boys scout groups, the South Hills YMCA, and other outside groups. He said that every day they receive flags for burning. He said that he prefers that people either put in a box located at the site or drop the flags at the office so that the department could burn them. He said they have burned approximately 400 flags thus far.

Action: **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM*