

***City Council Committee Reports for 2023***

*Date: Oct 3, 2023 Recorder: McCauley with inputs from Jane Snow*

***Community Service Committee***

<b>Councillors Attending</b>		<b>Others Attending</b>	<b>Address</b>
James McCauley	<i>m</i>	<i>Sean Reardon</i>	<i>Mayor</i>
Jennie Donahue	<i>m</i>	<i>Andrew Levine</i>	<i>CoS</i>
Connie Preston	<i>m</i>	<i>Andrea Egmont</i>	<i>Dir YS</i>
Byron J. Lane			
Ed Cameron		<i>Ted Boretti</i>	<i>Chair Parks Comm</i>
Heather L. Shand	<i>x</i>	<i>Molly Ettenborough</i>	<i>Sustainability Dept</i>
Afroz Khan	<i>x</i>		
Bruce L. Vogel		<i>Jane Snow</i>	
Christine E. Wallace		<i>Stephanie Niketic</i>	
Sharif I. Zeid			
Mark Wright			

***AGENDA ITEMS***

***ACTION TAKEN***

<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR494 9-26-23 Gift Acceptance – Spring Awakening Sculpture</i>	<i>Approve 3-0</i>
<i>ORDR495 9-26-23 Gift Acceptance – Rabbit Man Sculpture</i>	
<i>ORDR496 9-26-23 Constellation New Energy Contract</i>	
<i>ORDR497 9-26-23 AO to create Rec &amp; Youth Svcs Dept (COTW)</i>	

**Recording**

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## ***Agenda Items***

Chair Cllr McCauley, Cllr Preston, Cllr Donahue

### ***Approval of Previous Minutes for 9/11, 9/26***

***Committee: Approve 3-0***

### ***ORDR 494 Gift Acceptance- Spring Awakening Sculpture***

### ***ORDR 495 Gift Acceptance – Rabbit Man Sculpture***

Ted Boretti, chair of Park Commission- approached by Nbpt resident and offered to donate 3 sculptures Parks Committee accepted two. With donors we found appropriate place. Rabbit – March's Hill other on Tracy Sq. Cllr McCauley agreement says no maintenance nor insurance. Ted- only thing it will need is appropriate footing. Sculptures are designed to be outside and brave the elements. Cllr Preston asked where we stand with Community art policy? Cllr McCauley haven't brought it forward 70 pg. document. Ted- Parks Commission often deals with art donations. Cllr Donahue- where about on March's Hill will it be placed? Agree we should get public art policy in place. Ted – bowl of March's hill on left grove of trees - in that area. It will be visible from High St.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

Committee: Vote 3-0 to accept gifts

### ***ORDR 496 Constellation New Energy Contract***

As per Molly Ettenborough – continuing to get prices which have gone down some in the last few weeks. Want to be prepared to execute a contract. Contract will be anywhere from 1-5 yrs. Cllr McCauley is this the contract framework we are working with. May be some changes. Cllr Preston very awkward to sign off on contract that doesn't exist. Cllr Pres Shand- last time only had one. Cllr McCauley not sure if we approve this and then another contract is accepted do we have to vote on that also. Andrew Levine- contract will be reviewed with attorney. Won't have much time when contract comes in to lock it in. Molly done this for many years to help get price. Cllr McCauley- asking us to sign a blank contract with no information that can be activated in 24 hrs. Andrew- we now have 2 contracts to choose from. We could give you both contracts to see if you would be more comfortable with that. Molly legal states they will get it back end of week and need contract by Nov. Cllr McCauley committee could meet 16th and review both contracts at one time. Feel it makes smoother presentation to council. Cllr McCauley hold in committee until we get further information.

#### **Public Comment:**

None

Committee: Vote 3-0 to hold

### ***ORDR 497 Administrative Order (AO) to create a Recreation and Youth Services Dept (COTW)***

Mayor and Dire Egmont in Chambers, Andrew Levine is on line. After moving Parks to DPS we looked at forming recreation and youth services department. Decided since this is most important department to put it under parks Cllr McCauley – over view meeting tonight. Public Hearing on 10/11 with a target date of Oct 30th for full council Dir Egmont- I am ok with this. Positive to change the name. With expansion of Adult Rec it will make it easier for people to find. Will have 2 divisions with different type of work we have. Youth Services pieces are all connected. Giving young people opportunity to tie together Prevention

funding since the beginning of department Recreation: Proposed structure similar to now but extended to all ages. Ques: Is Recreation getting all the parks request? Yes. Running pickleball, hiking group, etc Cllr – concept software (My Rec) to co-ordinate activities and dates being used?. DPS has same program. Same software covers membership. Cllr- what about after school are we still sourcing it to Y. Andi we never have done child care so after school child care under Y. Cllr Preston- so as I read this can we do this with people we currently have. Yes. Cllr Khan nice that budget book anticipated this. Has it been easy for folks to find activities. Andi – No. Nbpt Youth Services does not bring in adults. Needs to be rebranded. Cllr Khan- website needs to be updated. User fees activate salaries for staff. Feel we will become self-supporting. Cllr McCauley- did ask administration for public hearing meeting for an organizational chart. Would be helpful to have framework as to how this is funded. Feel it is an important piece. Andi-will have that. Youth Dev Services. Focused on positive youth development Beacon Coalition – HS & MS drop-in center. Andrew L. after school was for 6,7,8. HS had Hang time. Andrew L.- helpful division as to how things are done. Less of a strict set up of funding sources such as DPS. Useful for framing- less structured. Andi- met with other towns and departments and they often do not have a fee structure. Some we take a loss on some and others do well. Grant funds come in thru for our programs. Cllr McCauley- in division- partnership – some of the work with Beacon over laps. Is grant funding strict as to what the work effort is? Are the work efforts the same with enrichment center or our neighbors table etc. Would it be helpful to delineate those two paragraphs a little more? Andi- way it evolved was prevention grant. Ties all the work we do together even the adult section. In Tina’s position she is managing 2 large grants. IE has therapeutic grant (Tower Grant) covers handicapped children. Feel it isn’t delineated more. We are writing grants. This is what we do asking for funding to ie so we can do wreck center for free. Prevention grant off set that fee as MS age is time when kids experiment when have too much time on their hands. Cllr McCauley- need a way to include this information in budget as much as possible. Your timing is different than cities. Financial challenge to make sure it is stated and identified. Andi- Grant Funds we have to get permission for everything for state by research and data. Cllr McCauley- you also have wild card of folks donating to NYS. Andi- by the time it gets to us it is restricted. Cllr McCauley- need to understand relationship between Friends and YS. Andi- feel they have done a good job of that. Most donations are for specific things. Cllr Khan- in budget book funding source overview so now recreation program needed also. Cllr McCauley- feel pretty straight forward- driven mostly by user feels. Other part grant funding and other things. Andi trying to think how that would be provided. Cllr Khan thinking more information on the grants. Andi have multiyear grants. The Public Hearing on this will be Oct 11th. Planned for 90 mins. Hearing is for public comment

**Public Comment:**

In Person: Jane Snow, Stephanie Niketic

Via email: Omni Raimo, Tasha Cough, Julie Hebeisen

Committee: Vote 3-0 to hold. Public Hearing 10/11, planned item for 10/24 CS meeting.

***Motion to adjourn 3-0.***