

RICHTER PARK AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Danbury City Hall—Third Floor Conference Room

TUESDAY, January 26, 2016, 6:30 PM

In compliance with Connecticut General Statute § 1-225, these minutes are being provided for informational purposes and are subject to approval of the Richter Park Authority Board of Directors at its next regular meeting.

Chairman Leroy Diggs opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Members present: Leroy Diggs, Jean DaSilva, John Priola, Bob Eberhard, Bill Totten, Al Mead, Wendy Grispin, Don LoRusso, and George Radachowsky.

Also present: Rob Dorsch, Grounds and Greens Superintendent, Karen Madaus, Business Manager.

Absent: Felix Bonacci, Frank Russo, Brian Gehan

· **Public participation**

None

· **Approve minutes of previous meeting**

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 15th 2015 meeting. AYES: Priola, Eberhard, Totten, Mead, Grispin, LoRusso, Radachowsky. ABSTENTION: DaSilva. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence

None

Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the chairman's suggestion to allow the presentation of the reports regarding the cell tower and Richter house to be made at the beginning of the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
(See Old Business and New Business sections)

Arts association report-

Planning for the new spring season is nearly complete.

Musicals at Richter

A good summer season is anticipated.

Richter House

See new business

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A quarterly report was distributed.

Business Manager's Report

Gift cards have sold well. There has been much interest shown in the "Touching Towns" program.

Head Golf Professional/Operations Report

No report

Grounds and Greens

New pump house is 90% complete.

Financial report

All amounts in the report are subject to change based on the upcoming audit. Mr. Mead made a motion to accept the report and place it on file for audit. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Finance Committee Report

Role of the finance committee was discussed.

Chairman's Comments/Reports

The Chairman expressed appreciation to John Priola and his committee for work on the cell tower and to Bill Totten and his committee for work on implementing the Master Plan.

Savings may be realized through discussion regarding trash removal.

Old business

a. Cell tower Update

Dan Rosemark presented a report. Four companies have made bids. A licensing agreement is being worked on. A report will be presented to the Authority at the February meeting. Presentation could be made to the city at the March council meeting.

New business

a. Richter House Project

The Richter House will receive \$1,000,000 grant-in-aid from the DECD State of Connecticut. The City of Danbury has offered support of an additional \$500,000.

Steve Nocera, Director of Project Excellence, talked about the fiduciary responsibilities of the authority, city and state. The authority must show how the money will be spent and what will happen throughout the project. He offered to be a resource for any questions that arise.

Jim Blansfield gave a report regarding the architectural plans for the Richter house.

The renovation of the house is divided into two phases. Phase one will cost \$1.5 million dollars. \$200,000 will be for design and \$1.3 million will be for construction.

Phase two will need \$700,000 to complete. This amount still needs to be raised. It includes an important educational component.

Executive Session

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Jean T. DaSilva

Recording secretary