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*~Ad Hoc Report~  
Use of City Property Camp Thunderbird  
Wednesday, August 20, 2014*

Chairman Andrew Wetmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 in the Caucus Room. Present was Committee member Paul Rotello, Jack Knapp was absent. Also present were ex-officio John Priola, Michael J. Haddad Sr., Joe Cavo, Benjamin Chianese and Joe Scozzafava.

Also present were Robin Edwards, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Nick Kaplanis, Director of Recreation; Dave Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities; Dot Stasny Public Works Staff and Bruno Tropeano from Amerigo Vespucci, Petitioner

The Petitioner noted they are requesting to use Camp Thunderbird for parking. He commented that Vespucci will clean up the property and they will accept liability, fix the fence, cut the grass, etc.

Ms. Edwards noted the request is for long-term use. It will be used for parking approximately 20-30 vehicles. The Planning Commission report was negative noting the property is to be for parks and recreation and they expressed concern for the longevity of the proposal. Alternatively, perhaps a license agreement with a fee could be considered for a defined period.

Mr. Day noted Lake Kenosia is used as a water supply and given that, any change would require a Change in Use Permit from the State of CT DPH.

Mr. Cavo commented several years ago there were efforts to open a dog park in the area and the state DPH would not consider it.

Mr. Kaplanis described the site and its history noting the sensitivity of the area due to the watershed. All improvements have been denied.

Mr. Day responded to inquiries regarding existing facilities of the Italian Club noting that it is on private property; however City-owned land is different.

*A Motion was made by Councilman Rotello to Take No Action. Seconded by Councilman Wetmore*

*The motion passed unanimously*

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew Wetmore, Chairman

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Jack Knapp

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Paul Rotello