

Borough of Wildwood Crest Tourism Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Crest Pier Recreation Center

Meeting called to order by Brian Cunniff at 4:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of the Sunshine Ordinance – In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 231 175, the notice requirements have been classified as to the time, place and date of holding said meeting by posting notice of the same on the bulletin board in borough hall and by mailing the same to the Press of Atlantic City and the Cape May County Herald.

Roll Call:	Don Cabrera, Mayor/Commissioner	present
	Joanna Lacivita, Tourism Commission	present
	Dennis Hall, Tourism Commission	present
	Frank Basile, Recreation Supervisor	present
	Brian Cunniff, Asst. Rec Supervisor/TDC secretary	present

A quorum is present.

Dennis Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2023 TDC meeting as presented. Joanna Lacivita seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Brian Cunniff asked the members on their thoughts regarding the proposal for funding from Sky Festival Productions for the 2024 Wildwoods International Kite Festival. Mayor Cabrera stated that he'd like to see something showcased in the Crest Arts Pavilion. Dennis Hall added that for a donation of \$500 to \$1000 perhaps we could have kites displayed inside and outside the Crest Arts Pavilion. Mayor Cabrera added that he'd like to see some kind of kite demonstration as well. All of the members agreed. Brian said he would circle back to Beatrix Pelton of Sky Festival Productions.

Brian Cunniff asked the members on their thoughts about bringing back Seward Johnson sculptures for the summer of 2024. Mayor Cabrera stated that he'd like to see two sculptures at the arts pavilion, perhaps one in front and one in back. Dennis Hall asked if we could get some examples of what would be available. Joanna Lacivita agreed. Brian Cunniff said he would circle back to the company and report to the members next month. Mayor Cabrera stated that the money for this could come from the tourism budget and not from TDC.

Brian Cunniff stated that the TDC is now in need of two members, now that Lester Klayman has stepped down. Mayor Cabrera said he'd like to find someone with fresh ideas. Joanna Lacivita said she'd try to think of some people who may be interested in joining.

Brian Cunniff stated that registration for beach box rentals for 2024 was opened today for renters from 2023. New registration will take place in a few weeks. Mayor Cabrera said the borough has ordered 25 more boxes (50 rentals) for this summer.

Mayor Cabrera announced that construction on the outdoor landscaping at the Crest Arts Pavilion is due to begin next week. The rock will be moved and will be on display and will be called the "Fox Rock." Work scheduled to be completed before Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Cabrera stated that the extensive work done to the Von Savage Pool is finished and that the building is now open as usual.

Mayor Cabrera announced that the beach bumpout project for street ends north of Rambler Road has gone out to bid. Ramps will be widened six to eight feet. Foot showers, benches and bike racks to be added. Much of work should be complete prior to Memorial Day weekend and completely finished by mid June.

Mayor Cabrera said the Army Corps of Engineers is finishing plans for the new dune project. The new dune would cover the existing fishing pier so the borough is looking to possibly rebuild and lengthen at least 750 feet into the ocean. Between credit from Army Corps, county open space money and other grants, it would probably cost taxpayers about \$1.5-\$2 million to do. Dennis Hall and Joanna Lacivita said they support any efforts to rebuild and lengthen the pier. Dennis Hall stated that giving handicapped persons the ability to go out over the water on the pier would be worth it alone.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.