

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF NORWALK
Historical Heritage Commission
May 30, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. by Interim Recreation Supervisor Pati Escano. Commission members present were: Gina Ayala, Polly Haack, Marlene Hardy, Ericka Hidalgo, and Pat Martin. Staff present were Pati Escano, Interim Recreation Supervisor, and Susan Colon, Recreation Leader III.

Commissioner Martin moved to accept the minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Ayala seconded. Minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting were accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

History Trunk Status

Interim Supervisor Escano spoke with the director of Recreation, Bill Kearns about the City Council's involvement in the trunk program. The Council will be notified about the program once we have written confirmation from teachers regarding their interest in the trunk program. Commissioner Hidalgo suggested using placing some of the items from the Grand Opening, and some of the items from the Hargitt House that there are more than one of, into the history trunk. Supervisor Escano agreed that it would be a good idea.

NEW BUSINESS

Hargitt House Grand Re-opening Celebration

Commissioner Martin commented that we had a good turn out and made a suggestion about changing up the way we ran the stamp card program if we used it in the future. She believed that stamping at the end of the tour would be more efficient than stamping upon entrance. She also mentioned that she would get an official count of the number of visitors early next week. Commissioners were pleased with the new pull shades that were installed. Ms. Martin asked that a work order be put in to exterminate the wasps' nests around the exterior of the museum.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Supervisor Escano confirmed that an additional Ice Cream Social will take place on Saturday, July 15. Commissioner Martin and Ayala discussed the social having a patriotic theme and having an Uncle Sam character visit. The city will provide Ice Cream and toppings and the Friends of the Hargitt House will provide cookies.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Martin thanked the city staff for a great event. The rest of the commission agreed with her and also thanked staff. Commissioner Martin shared that while in attendance of the Grand Opening, Councilmember Jennifer Perez mentioned that flyers and field trip information should be shared with the private schools in the area.

The Rose Garden Ceremony will take place on August 5, 2017. Tours will take place from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. The ceremony will occur from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Plaques will need to be ordered for Don Carter and Dorothy Escobar.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Marlene Hardy, Chairperson