

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager
SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet
DATE: August 13, 2010

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 8-10 Notice from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that the City of Rye has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.
- 8-11 Memorandum from Police Commissioner William R. Connors regarding a donation made by Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman to the Police Marine Unit.
- 8-12 Minutes from the Playland Strategic Working Group meeting held June 30, 2010.
- 8-13 Litigation Update from the Corporation Counsel dated August 13, 2010.
- 8-14 Notice regarding a Rye Town Park Commission Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Rye Town Hall.
- 8-15 Meeting notice for the week of August 16, 2010 is available on the City website www.ryeny.gov under Calendar.

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July 20, 2010

PRESS RELEASE

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Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **City of Rye, New York** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to **Jean Gribbins, Comptroller**.

For budgets including fiscal period 2009, 1,214 entities received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving over 17,600 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.



William R. Connors
Police Commissioner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Rye, New York
21 McCullough Place
Rye, N. Y. 10580
Phone: (914) 967-1234
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August 11, 2010

Memorandum for: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

Subject: **DONATION TO MARINE UNIT FROM DR. JEFFREY DORFMAN**

Attached is a check for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) from Jeffrey D. Dorfman D.M.D. PC, of 425 Madison Avenue, Suite 500, New York, New York 10017, to be donated to the Rye Police Department Marine Unit. Dr. Dorfman is a Greenhaven resident who is active in an organization known as the Rye Yacht Club and has made the donation in appreciation of the Marine Unit's service.

I recommend acceptance of this donation, and crediting it toward the Marine Unit's budget for equipment purchases.

A copy of a letter of appreciation I have forwarded to Dr. Dorfman is attached.

Submitted for your consideration.

WRC/wrc

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Connors".

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Jeffrey D. Dorfman D.M.D. PC
425 Madison Avenue, Suite 500
New York, New York 10017

Dear Dr. Dorfman:

Thank you for your donation of two hundred fifty dollars to the Rye Police Department's Marine Unit.

Your kind contribution has been forwarded to the Office of the City Manager. Upon formal acceptance of your donation, it will be deposited into an account maintained by the City of Rye, which is utilized for the purchase of equipment.

I am privileged to lead an outstanding group of police officers who show their dedication to the citizens of Rye on a daily basis. Our Marine Unit, which is staffed largely by part time seasonal employees, brings a unique skill set and level of dedication to their work, and does a consistently excellent job of protecting the boating community. I hope that they will continue to earn your admiration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William R. Connors".

William R. Connors
Police Commissioner

cc: P.O. Rossi

**Minutes of Playland Strategic Working Group
June 30, 2010 at 7:30PM in City Managers Conference Room**

Present:

County Legislator Judy Myers (8:15PM)
Mayor Doug French
Former Councilmember Doug McKean
City Planner Christian Miller
Playland Advisory Group Chair, Charles Dorn
Councilmember Catherine Parker

Absent:

Councilmember Peter Jovanovich

Meeting called to order at 7:30PM.

- I. **Presentation by Doug McKean (AIA) proposing converting Playland into Recreation Park (Concept was McKean's Graduate School Thesis from 1979)**
 - A. **Changes identified**
 1. **Make Playland more water oriented and shore focused**
 - a. **Currently part of shore is hidden by picnic area – chain link fence unpleasant view**
 - b. **Should be more open and facing water**
 - c. **Could include an amphitheatre facing water for music and shows**
 2. **Move some of Kiddyland rides over towards site of proposed children's Museum**
 3. **Create sports and field complex**
 - a. **Fewer parking spaces need for recreation park - could convert part of lot to recreational use**
 - b. **Addition of much needed soccer and ball fields for county residents**
 4. **Remove other rides from Playland**
 - a. **Discussion on moving them to other park in County**
 - b. **We can't compete with larger parks who attract customers with new rides**
 5. **Existing Architectural layout / Colonnade structures to be maintained**
 6. **Pool, Ice Casino, and Boathouse to be maintained**
 - B. **Implications of Playland Recreation Park**
 1. **Recreation Park will not make enough revenue to be self funding**
 - a. **All of the consultant reports stress owning rides (Judy Myers)**
 - b. **Contrary to goal of finding revenue stream for Playland for all 12 months of year**
 2. **If park gets downsized it could create a situation where it ends up getting closed due to lack of popularity**
- II. **Goals and Next Steps of Playland Strategic Plan Working Group**
 - A. **Assist Westchester County in identifying strategies that are compatible with the interests of the City of Rye and supplement and enhance the economic sustainability of Playland**
 1. **Study the 2 RFPs**
 2. **Look at the last Master Plan recommendations**
 3. **Create a list of desirable additions or changes that may positively enhance revenue**
 - B. **Continue fleshing out Playland Recreation Park as an option**
 - C. **Come out with a public outreach plan of action**
 1. **hold public workshop on options**
 2. **possibly create survey based on keeping Playland as amusement park versus recreation park**

**CITY OF RYE
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TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council
FROM: Kristen K. Wilson, Interim Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Litigation Update
DATE: August 13, 2010

LITIGATION

OSBORN v. CITY OF RYE

No new developments.

BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)

No new developments.

151 PURCHASE STREET ASSOCIATES V. CITY OF RYE, ET AL.

No new developments.

SCHUBERT V. CITY OF RYE, ET AL.

No new developments.

R.B. CONWAY V. CITY OF RYE

The City's opposition papers to R.B. Conway's motion for partial summary judgment in this matter were served this week.

DELLI PAOLI V. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

No new developments.

SHEW v. CITY OF RYE

No new developments.

MOLLOY v. PLANNING COMMISSION

No new developments.

TOWNSEND v. BOARD OF APPEALS

No new developments.

PANETTA v. PLANNING COMMISSION

No new developments.

HEAL the HARBOR v. CITY OF RYE

No new developments.

SCHUBERT v. PLANNING COMMISSION, et al

The City filed and served a motion to dismiss in this matter.

CITY COURT

City replied to opposition papers filed by Steven Schwartz regarding Mr. Schwartz's appeal pending in the Second Department, Appellate Term.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen K. Wilson

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Interim Corporation Counsel

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RYE TOWN PARK COMMISSION **MEETING NOTICE**

Commission Members

Joseph Carvin-President
Douglas French, Mayor-City of Rye
Dennis Pilla, Mayor-Village of Port Chester
Joan Feinstein, Mayor-Village of Rye Brook
Benedict Salanitro, Commissioner
Joseph Sack, Commissioner

DATE & TIME: Tuesday, 8/17/2010 @ 6:00PM

Place: Town Hall - 3rd Floor Courtroom

10 Pearl Street

Port Chester, NY 10573

Agenda:

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Minutes, 7/20/2010**
- 3. Park Operations Report – Gioffre**
- 4. Comments from the Public**
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**