

**Park Commission Meeting
June 2, 2008**

Present: Bob Christiansen, Bill Gardiner, John Mercer, Mike Interbartolo, John McLaughlin, Joan Bell, Cindy Brickley

**I. Interviews for Recreation Coordinator Position
A. Daryl**

Daryl spoke about his background. He lives on the Medford/Somerville line. He has lived in area 11 years. Paul Ryder/Cambridge is a good reference. He wants to get into a municipality.

John McLaughlin asked for a review of his work history.

Daryl: Worked in special needs in Cambridge, he was youth director of Clifton Park under John Flynn. Volleyball is a passion of his. Did a lot with volleyball, soccer and basketball. Currently at the Malden YMCA. Works with 3 budgets. Has created and run many programs from start to finish. Just recently ran Healthy Kids Day. Worked with Kevin Duffy on this. Has interaction with Rob Cox, local MMTV, but not much interaction with Malden Recreation.

John McLaughlin asked what his vision for a municipal program is.

Daryl: One shot programs are good but leagues and programs where you know people will be there are better. Saw a winter carnival up in Lowell. Really liked idea.

John McLaughlin asked if Daryl had any questions

Daryl asked what the city is looking for.

Mike Interbartolo: more than just sports, intergenerational programs

Bob Christianson: New ideas, reach families, over 60's, etc

Bill Gardiner: We have beautiful art and music rooms at the MVMMS, they are underused.

Joan Bell: A better relationship with the school department

John McLaughlin: Also need to work with John Burgess at Pine Banks

Bob Christianson: What is your availability?

Daryl: He would need 2-3 weeks.

B. Rock D'Ericco

Rock spoke about his background. He started Melrose Youth Lacrosse with Mr. Mandraccia. He was the treasurer of Melrose Pop Warner and is now the president. He is very business oriented and likes to be #1. He sees Melrose Recreation as a company that needs direction, needs a CEO.

John McLaughlin asked about his ability to build relationships.

Rock: He has been in Melrose for 10 years and has constantly built relationships.

John McLaughlin: What are obstacles you've encountered with starting up a new sport.

Rock: Getting people to understand a new sport is hard, have gone from 145 to 300 in lacrosse. Communication via emails very important.

Bob Christianson: What would your transition be like, personally?

Rock: Has a passion for youth programs, stay at home dad, traveled 19 years in investment. Ready for stay at home.

Bill Gardiner: Do you have enough experience for recreation?

Rock: Yes!

Bob Christianson: Your assessment of rec programs now?

Rock: Girls sports better than boys, need consistency in coaching , no excuse for poor planning.

Joan Bell: Need to make association with Middle School.

John McLaughlin: There are high expectations of these programs, how to deal with difficult parents?

Rock: Believes in honesty, face to face conversations, goes right to parents. His availability is immediate.

Motion: By Mike Interbartolo to adjourn

Second: Bill Gardiner

Vote: Unanimous