



NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING

Co-Chair: David Tackett, Eleventh District
Co-Chair: Janet Kilpatrick, Third District

July 25, 2023
2:00 PM

VIRTUAL ZOOM WEBINAR MEETING** &
LOUIS L. REDDING CITY/COUNTY BUILDING
1ST FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
800 N. FRENCH STREET, WILMINGTON, DE 19801

AGENDA

- A. Meeting Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Review/Discussion of Resolution(s)
R23-137: URGING THE MEYER ADMINISTRATION TO IMMEDIATELY FORMULATE A
PLAN TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY
PARKS Introduced by: Mr. Tackett
- D. Review/Discussion of Ordinance(s)
- E. Presentations
Presentation and discussion on Chapter 6 of the International Building Code
- F. Other
- G. Public Comment
- H. Adjournment

AGENDA POSTED: July 18, 2023

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Introduced by: Mr. Tackett, Ms. Hartley-Nagle,
Ms. George, Mr. Carter,
Mr. Toole

Date of introduction: July 25, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 23-137

URGING THE MEYER ADMINISTRATION TO IMMEDIATELY FORMULATE A PLAN TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY PARKS

WHEREAS, Our parks in New Castle County are a prized gem and the envy of many local governments in the State of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Individuals utilize County parks for many diverse purposes, from the more sophisticated – celebration of birthdays, cultural events, life milestones – to the more casual – walks with friends, exercise, yoga, taking in the sights and sounds to decompress from a hard day’s work, and more; and

WHEREAS, When our citizens visit our parks, they expect to have an enjoyable time and not worry about anything, let alone be concerned that they might experience a physical confrontation or other troubling event; and

WHEREAS, The calmness and tranquility in some of our parks has been seriously disturbed; and

WHEREAS, Although alarming incidents have been reported in a few of our parks, these types of incidents or the *concern* for potentially similar incidents occurring in other County parks can easily spread, leading to apprehension about the safety of County parks, generally; and

WHEREAS, Statistically, “crimes against the person” (for example, assault, battery) are more likely to occur during summer months; and

WHEREAS, Given the above, it is imperative that the Administration work with the Division of Police and the Public Works Department, and anyone else it feels necessary to tackle these issues, to immediately formulate a plan to allay our citizens’ concerns and ensure that they, again, feel safe in all our parks; and

WHEREAS, In furtherance of the above, New Castle County Council urges the Administration to present this plan, with tangible action steps and a timeline, to County Council at a public meeting so our citizens personally hear the seriousness with which the County is taking these matters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by and for the County Council of New Castle County that County Council hereby urges the Administration to immediately formulate a plan with tangible action steps to address recent incidents in our parks to ensure similar situations do not reoccur or occur elsewhere, and to present the plan in a public forum to ensure the public is aware of the seriousness with which New Castle County government treats the safety of our citizens.

Adopted by County Council
of New Castle County on:

President of County Council
of New Castle County

SYNOPSIS: Same as title.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no discernible fiscal impact with the adoption of this resolution.