

TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND

PROCLAMATION

THE BEACH BOYS

WHEREAS: In commemoration of The Beach Boys concert on September 22, 1971 at the Ramada Inn in Portsmouth, RI, which was a significant historical event in the band's career; and

WHEREAS: the concert was the first-ever appearance of musicians Ricky Fataar and Billy Hinsche to the touring band, essentially changing The Beach Boys' live act's line-up into a multi-racial group, and shifted the band into an important creative period, which included the recording of the classic albums 'Carl and the Passions - So Tough' and 'Holland,' of which shortly thereafter Rolling Stone magazine would name them Band of the Year; and

WHEREAS: Roger Williams University, promoter of the 1971 concert, and who now runs the site of the historic show as Baypoint Inn and Conference Center, has agreed that this is an important musical milestone in The Beach Boys' career, and will unveil plaques in the band's honor in the center's lobby on September 22, 2017; and

WHEREAS: this was an important moment in Rhode Island Musical History, and the Town of Portsmouth is proud to be a part of this celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith E. Hamilton, on behalf of the entire Portsmouth Town Council, do hereby extend our congratulations in acknowledgement of your musical and historical contributions to Rhode Island, and to Roger Williams University, hosts of the 1971 concert, as it is our distinct pleasure to issue this Proclamation to

The Beach Boys.

Keith E. Hamilton, President
Portsmouth Town Council

Jennifer M. West, Town Clerk

Amanda Lawson

From: Jennifer O'Dwyer
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Amanda Lawson; Jennifer M. West
Subject: FW: Beach Boys Portsmouth Concert Commemoration

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From: Al Gomes [mailto:al@bignoisnow.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Jennifer O'Dwyer <jodwyer@portsmouthri.com>
Cc: Connie Watrous <cmwnkids@aol.com>; al.bignoise@gmail.com
Subject: Beach Boys Portsmouth Concert Commemoration

Hi Jennifer :

Nice talking to you yesterday.

As I mentioned, my name is Al Gomes. I'm a music producer and music historian here in Providence, RI. For the last 10 years, my company and I, Big Noise, have worked with The Beach Boys.

Last week, The Beach Boys were honored for the 40th Anniversary of performing for the largest concert audience EVER assembled in the history of Rhode Island - over 40,000 fans on September 2, 1977 at the Narragansett Park Race Track in Pawtucket, RI.

The commemoration ceremony was held at The Beach Boys concert at Bold Point Park in East Providence, RI before the show on-stage in front of the band's fans. The ceremony was coordinated by myself and my partner Connie Watrous, and included Grammy Award-winning Beach Boys producer Alan Boyd, Pawtucket, RI Mayor Donald Grebien, East Providence, RI Mayor James Briden, and proclamations by Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo and US Senator Jack Reed.

Connie and I also asked the city of Pawtucket to commemorate where the 1977 concert stage stood and re-name the street as 'Beach Boys Way,' and that was also unveiled that evening for the audience.

In lieu of these events, we've asked Roger Williams University to pay tribute to The Beach Boys for another significant historical event in their career - their concert on September 22, 1971 at The Ramada Inn in Portsmouth, RI - now the Baypoint Inn & Conference Center.

The concert was the first-ever appearance of Ricky Faatar and Billy Hinsche to the touring band, essentially changing The Beach Boys live act's line-up into a multi-racial group and shifted the band into an important creative period, of which shortly thereafter Rolling Stone Magazine would name them Band of the Year.

Roger Williams University has agreed that this is an important musical milestone, and on September 22, 2017, the university will unveil plaques in honor of the band's 1971 concert at the Baypoint Inn & Conference Center, which will include a special 'Beach Boys-themed dinner' in the dining hall, and Grammy Award-winning Beach Boys producer Rob Fraboni as one of the guests of honor.

This is a formal request to ask the town of Portsmouth to declare September 22, 2017 in honor of the band as 'Beach Boys Day.'

Can you please place us on the itinerary for the City Council meeting on Monday, August 28, 2017, so that Connie and I can speak at the meeting and put our request up for a vote.

This was a big moment in Beach Boys and Rhode Island musical history, and we're proud that it will be celebrated!

We will do tons of press and publicity, and I will personally coordinate all parties involved to make this great moment truly special.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

All the best,

Al Gomes and Connie Watrous
Big Noise

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