

Freddie Fixer Parade 2016 President Editorial

The article in the New Haven Register on Saturday, April 16, 2016 (Dated Early Sunday April 17, 2016) has **Jason Bartlett, City of New Haven Youth Coordinator**, indicating that the \$66,000 in police overtime costs for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 went unpaid by the President of the Freddie Fixer Parade Organization, Maurice Smith, and that “That’s a conversation we can have going forward.” This was a cheap shot from a person with absolutely no experience in organizing a parade and should not be in public office. However, that’s one of many unrealistic excuses that Mayor Toni N. Harp, Jason Bartlett and Jackie James have used for their participation in the attempt to overthrow a well-established event that has shown a positive comeback within the last fifteen (15) years.

This controversy has suddenly unfolded as it relates to the unexpected last minute awarding of the special event license for the annual Freddie Fixer Parade by New Haven Mayor Toni N. Harp to a group that does not have a non-profit status to which Jason Bartlett and Jackie James is affiliated. Just like unregistered voters, many had no idea that they were being disenfranchised because the lack of knowledge that the first Black female in the City of New Haven’s history would award a Special Event License to an inexperienced group and conspire to be a part of this graft.

The Freddie Fixer Parade Organization under Maurice W. Smith’s leadership since 2009 has spent an astronomical amount of money towards security which included the New Haven Police Department and the New Haven Public School Security Officers at one of its biggest fundraisers; the annual Drill Competition to which the former head of security Dwight Weir and current head of security Diamond Powell were the overseers.

The Drill Competition has evolved as one of the biggest fundraisers that at one time, Diamond Powell, a Board of Education Security officer had threatened to shut down because of its huge popularity and crowds. This is in addition to the costs to utilize the Wexler-Grant Facility for the annual fundraising event. This is also contrary to claims that the parade committee has not made any efforts to make any payments towards police overtime. All of the invoices for the last seven years to confirm those good faith efforts have been secured.

Mr. Bartlett, having not been in public office in the City of New Haven long enough to know these facts, should refrain from allegations and assumptions that the President of the current and legal Freddie Fixer Parade Organization “Does Not Have The Capability” to raise funds for the police overtime and that while at the same time utilizing City of New Haven Board of Education resources to support an illegitimate group and then boast about it as if the taxpayers are slaves to him.

In addition, some of the volunteers who have joined forces with the illegitimate group “Elm City” Freddy Fixer Parade to which Jason Bartlett has supported were offered a position as Board Members and Officers of the legal and legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade Organization but all have refused because of “personal” reasons.”

What the City of New Haven officials Jacqueline James and Jason Bartlett is not telling the New Haven community is the fact that they have been holding informal meetings with various city officials to devise a plan to overthrow the current and legal Freddie Fixer Parade organization for several years despite public denials by both. This includes Petisia Adger, a former Black Female Police Officer and Assistant Chief of the New Haven Police Department, along with Honda Smith, a Public Works employee who were both at one time opponents of the Freddie Fixer Parade and who in 2010 tried to convince the current President of the legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade Organization to “Cancel” the Event. Oh Really? Oh. It gets much better. Read on.

Howard Boyd, now Vice-President of the “Elm City” Freddy Fixer Parade who contrary to the support of Ann Boyd, (Howard’s Mother,) attended a meeting upon the invite of the President of the legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade Organization, Maurice W. Smith, who met with former City of New Haven Mayor John DeStefano and Former Chief Administrative Officer Robert Smuts in the Mayor’s office in 2010. Howard accepted the invitation without hesitation. You’ll soon find out why.

Howard Boyd was present at that meeting when the President of the legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade organization informed the Mayor about being approached by Petisia Adger and New Haven Police Sargent Anthony Duff , who attempted to persuade him to cancel the parade, and threatened that “There Will Never Be Another Freddie Fixer Parade If Something Happens.” Howard Boyd pretended that he had no knowledge of the attempt, despite being in the presence of Adger and Duff who are close friends of Boyd. You Think?

There was no one else at that meeting besides, Mayor John DeStefano, Jr., Robert Smuts, Maurice W. Smith and Howard Boyd. So now that Petisia Adger is roaring her head as a committee member and now as spokesperson as confirmed by both New Haven Register reporters Shahid Abdul- Karim and Joe Amarante, it is unclear why she has become so vigilant. Especially after abandoning the ST. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee to come on board with the illegitimate Elm City Freddy Fixer Parade Group. I wonder how many people knew that.

Abbe Smith who was a former employee with the New Haven Register and is now a spokesperson for the City of New Haven and the Board of Education could have something to do with it, but it is unclear and can’t be confirmed at this time. But if she is, she’s out of bounds like all of the other people involved with this fiasco. The names are endless.

I was told some years ago that “If it Doesn’t Come Out In The Wash, It Will Come Out In The Rinse.” The City of New Haven needs a thorough cleaning and city officials attempting to take over a non-profit organization using city resources is not a good look as they will soon see in Federal Court. The President of the current and legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade Organization has absolutely no fear of any City of New Haven Politician or employee.

So now, Petisia Adger has suddenly joined the ranks and file of the illegal “Elm City” Freddy Fixer Parade group as posted in the New Haven Register as their spokesperson, and again on Friday, March 13, 2016 as printed in the Weekend Edition. Wow! Really? Yup! Helen Powell, the former Chairperson of the Freddie Fixer Parade who was voted out of her position in

1999 has also confirmed her status as a spook. Minutes of that meeting to confirm that Helen Powell did in fact “Vote” herself out of office was sent to her by certified mail after she “Predicted” that she would be the chairperson in an article printed in the New Haven Register in 2010 written by Pam McGloughlin. How would that be possible if she had no affiliation or involvement with the current and legitimate parade organization if she was no longer a board member let alone being a committee member since 1999? Give me a break!

This information forms the basis of the Federal lawsuit that has been filed against Mayor Toni N. Harp, Jacqueline James, Jason Bartlett, Jennifer Pugh, Dexter Jones, Howard Boyd, and the entire “Elm City” Freddy Fixer Parade Committee as laid out in the complaint against them. Even more disturbing is the fact that some of the current and former City of New Haven officials albeit not named, may be subpoenaed because there is “overwhelming evidence” that this conspiracy was in fact “Planned and Premeditated” for at least the last four years as alleged in the complaint. Here was their attempted strategy:

Their first step was to accuse the President of the legal Freddie Fixer Parade Organization of having not done enough to raise more money to help offset the costs of the police overtime for the annual parade despite an agreement that was previously put in place which only required a “Good Faith” effort. This information could have only been revealed from “Inside Sources” and is contradictory to the article recently published in the New Haven Register of allegations about “Unpaid” police overtime bills by Jason Bartlett, the City of New Haven Youth Coordinator, on **Thursday, March 31, 2016 on the front page of the New Haven Register.**

The second step was to accuse the Freddie Fixer Parade Organization of not having an active Board and that the Mayor of the City of New Haven, Toni N. Harp, requesting that that Board be increased to at least fifteen (15) members to include “people that they know,” including at least one “white person,” that Jacqueline James and Jason Bartlett knows because of their connections to the City of New Haven resources. Now, this brings to question, since when did city officials especially the Mayor of New Haven, determine who and how many people should sit on a board run by a non-profit organization? I wonder if the same applies to all of the churches with city ties that are on the CDBG list. You don’t wanna go there!

Jason Barlett has also stated in that article that “We’re covering some of the Board of Education expenses in terms of the Drill Competition and the Basketball Tournament, which will be new this year.” Oh really? Contrary to the allegations of Maurice Smith not making enough of an effort to raise money to cover the cost of police overtime, The Freddie Fixer Parade has held the annual Celebrity Basketball Game since 1999 when Ben Gordon from the University of Connecticut was a highlight at Payne –Whitney Gymnasium at Yale University.

Howard Boyd who was the emcee at several other Freddie Fixer Parade community basketball fundraisers at Wilbur Cross High School that followed, knows better. The second question is since when did Jason Bartlett and the New Haven Board of Education acquires expenses related to the annual Freddie Fixer Parade? They are not the lead organizers of the annual event and some current and former Board of Education officials have threatened to fire

some of their administrators if they “Allowed” any of their students to participate in the annual Parade. What’s wrong this picture?

All of these events have been “Stolen” as alleged in the Federal Lawsuit in addition to the use of the Freddie Fixer Parade name. This is also contrary to the fact that the Freddie Fixer Parade, acting under Freddy Fixer, Incorporated, has held the “Community” Basketball Game for years in its attempt to raise money to help offset the costs of police overtime. Included in those invoices was the cost for on-duty police officers as well.

The New Haven Board of Education has not allowed the school bands to march in the annual Freddie Fixer Parade until 2016, and it is obviously hypocritical of them to “Offer” to cover some of the expenses associated with the Drill Competition and Basketball Tournament with the illegal group, yet previously charging the current President of the legal Freddie Fixer Parade huge fees to use the New Haven Board of Education facilities, such as the Wexler-Grant School Gymnasium and the Floyd Little Athletic Center for one of its biggest fundraisers. Then Jason Bartlett makes arrangements to secure the Floyd Little Athletic Center for the illegal group only to have that event cancelled. Parents and the entire out of town groups were devastated!

This is no different than the key players within our criminal justice system having to have to weigh the balance and the responsibilities of protecting the rights of those accused of committing crimes against society under our constitution, while simultaneously securing the safety of its citizens as well. This is extremely important as it relates to this fiasco created by the ignorant people responsible for a “failed” takeover attempt of an organization by City of New Haven officials simply because they feel they can raise more money, have more ideas and can simply do a better job. That still does not give anyone the right to use the name of another legitimate organization simply because they changed the spelling of the first name.

Where were these people seven years ago when the President of the legitimate Freddie Fixer Parade Organization was struggling to keep the parade alive without the support of the powers that be? Especially with Petisia Adger, the current spokesperson for the illegal group boasting about how this year’s parade will be bigger because there will be more floats. Really? Where were these floats at the ST. Patrick’s Parade to which she too was a committee member?

One of the most important points of this situation is that not only was Petisia Adger, a former black female police officer and now spokesperson for the “Elm City” Freddy Fixer Parade group, but that she had tried to encourage the President of the legal Freddie Fixer Parade organization to cancel the parade back in 2010. She now finds herself along with all of the other culprits who have their paper trail elsewhere in the city who are now advocates for the illegal parade group claiming to produce a “Bigger” parade because of more floats. They just didn’t know that people were going to connect the dots and begin to see a picture other than what they anticipated. The weak excuses that the Mayor of the City of New Haven, Jason Bartlett, Jackie James and the illegal Elm City Parade group has tried to justify in its takeover attempt of an established and respectable community event and non-profit organization shall have major consequences. We shall soon see in court.

Respectfully submitted,

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