

**PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011 – 5:00PM
City Hall, Conference Room 2A**

Chairman Marsala called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Kehoe, Kupsik, O'Neill, and Marsala. Absent: Alderman Krause (excused). Others in attendance: Mayor Connors, Harbormaster Gray, and City Clerk Reale.

Approval of Minutes from March 24, 2011 Meeting

Kehoe/Kupsik motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2011 Committee meeting, as prepared. Unanimously Carried.

Comments from the Public None.

Updates from Harbormaster:

A. Slip, Buoy and Kayak Rentals

Harbormaster Gray reported that all slips, buoys, and racks had been rented.

B. Riviera Updates

Harbormaster Gray informed the Committee that the interior portion of the remodeling project was substantially complete, save for the new draperies and banquet chairs. With respect to the exterior of the facility, he reported that the contractor had been working on applying an epoxy coating to the stairs and decking, as well as painting of the pillars and soffits. He noted that the epoxy was an important addition designed to protect the surfaces from any damage that might be sustained from water seeping through the cement. Alderman Kehoe expressed some concern that careful attention should be paid during the application of the epoxy, as it could make the stairways dangerous if not applied properly.

Discussion/Recommendation on Chapter 4 (Lakefront) of City Policy Manual

Kehoe/Kupsik motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval of Chapter 4, as previously revised by the Committee. Unanimously carried.

Discussion/Recommendation on “Rag Top Valet” Service

Kupsik/Kehoe motion to suspend the rules to permit Mike Spiegelhoff of “Rag Top Valet” to address the Committee. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Spiegelhoff discussed his plans for the proposed valet service, including distributing a photograph of the valet service podium that had been purchased. He noted that he had met with Chief Rasmussen to review the plans, adding that the Chief had seemed positive toward the proposal. The service was currently working with U.S. Bank on developing an agreement for storing client vehicles in its parking area, and also negotiating with Roddy's Liquor and Deli for space to set up the valet service podium in Roddy's lot.

Chairman Marsala noted that Mr. Roddy did not have full control over the lot in question, as it serviced other adjacent businesses. To that point, he asked Mr. Spiegelhoff to make sure he received clearance from these other affected parties before proceeding with using the lot as a base of operations. He further expressed concern about communications between the

main location and the vehicle parking areas and having sufficient supervision of the keys and the client vehicles. Chairman Marsala also had reservations about the suggestion that streets or other City property could be used for the parking of client vehicles.

Alderman Kehoe asked that the various issues raised by the Committee be addressed in a business plan. Chairman Marsala suggested that Mr. Spiegelhoff contact Harbormaster Gray about the possibility of having the service included on the preferred vendor list for events at the Riviera. Alderman Kupsik suggested that the lot behind The Cove could also be considered as a possible site for parking client vehicles. The members of the Committee were generally concerned about any plan that might deprive the public of sufficient parking areas during prime hours.

Discussion/Recommendation on request to hold “Stand-Up Paddle Board” event at beach area and Library Park on Saturday, July 16, 2011

Kupsik/O’Neill motion to suspend the rules to permit the requestors to address the Committee. Unanimously carried.

David Schuster and Nate Duda, of Clear Water Outdoor, distributed copies of an updated event proposal and safety plan that had been coordinated with the Water Safety Patrol. Mr. Schuster noted that the event had been given approval by the Board of Park Commissioners for the use of Library Park, and the planners had sought to address the issues that had been raised by the Piers, Harbors and Lakefront Committee at the previous meeting. As safety had been a primary concern at the Committee level, he noted that the safety plan had taken into account input from the Water Safety Patrol and the City Police and Fire departments. Mr. Duda added that members of the Medical Reserve Corps would be available to provide medical assistance during the event, thereby eliminating the need for additional EMS personnel on site. The swimming buoy would be moved to prevent any of the paddle board competitors from interfering with swimmers, and snow fencing was to be erected to separate the event area from the remainder of the beach.

Chairman Marsala stated that he had spoken to Joe Clifford regarding the potential impact on revenues at the beach by dedicating a section to this event. Mr. Clifford had indicated that he did not see this as being problematic, provided that fencing was erected and the event was confined to its proposed area.

Alderman Kehoe inquired about parking provisions for the event. Mr. Schuster responded that parking would be the responsibility of the participants, adding that they would only be requesting that the City bag a few stalls for vendors and medical personnel assisting with the event. Alderman Kehoe was also concerned about whether the space dedicated to the event would adequately accommodate the number of participants and spectators. Harbormaster Gray noted that most spectators would be coming and going over the course of the day, so he estimated there would not be a significant impact in that regard. The consensus of the members was that this event was a good idea and could be used as a trial to see what issues might need to be modified for other such events that might take place in future years.

Kupsik/O’Neill motion to forward to Council with recommendation for approval. Unanimously carried.

Discussion/Recommendation on request from Star Center Elementary Parent Teacher Organization for donation of season beach pass for silent auction fundraiser

Chairman Marsala reported that the request had been received by the City Clerk, who had forwarded it to the Committee for a recommendation. He stated that he had conferred with City staff, who expressed concerns about the precedent that could be established by granting this type of request. While the members of the Committee were supportive of the cause, the discussion on the request focused primarily on the precedent-setting value of donating season passes for events and organizations.

O'Neill/Kupsik motion to deny the request. Motion carried by vote of 3 to 1, with Alderman Kehoe opposed.

Items for next meeting agenda

Continued Discussion on "Rag Top Valet" Service

Mayor Connors asked about past practices regarding the dredging of sand from the lake back up onto the beach area. Chairman Marsala stated that he would investigate and report back.

Adjournment

Kupsik/Kehoe motion to adjourn at 5:57pm. Unanimously Carried.

/s/ Jeremy A. Reale, City Clerk

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