

**PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A**

Chairman Marsala calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Marsala, Mott, Tolar, Krohn and Roehrer. Also present: Harbormaster Gray.

Approval of Minutes.

Tolar/Krohn motion to approve minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting.
Unanimously carried.

Comments from the Public limited to 5 minutes.

Casey Schiche recommended not having the kayak launch at the West End, restricting the kayak length to 10 feet, and launching only at the regular launch sites or change the ordinance. The same rules should apply to everyone. A lengthy discussion followed. Schiche also requested that the buoy and slip rental fees remain the same as last year.

Bill Trester, 520 Madison, agreed with Schiche on the kayak and canoe launching. He also is not in favor of leasing buoys and slips to Marina Bay, Lake Geneva Boat Line and Gage Marine; he feels the Harbormaster should be renting them out the same as our other buoys and slips. He also agreed that the rate for individuals renting buoys and slips should remain the same, just as the Riviera Shop fees were frozen for this year. He would also like the Harbormaster to be given the same power to write tickets as the Williams Bay Harbormaster has.

Peg Esposito spoke up for kayaking and encouraged making a place for kayakers to participate in the use of the lake. Marsala explained they are trying to accommodate everyone.

Updates from Harbormaster:

Harbormaster Gray said the meeting with the Security Guards is scheduled for February 11, 2010. 2011 bookings are running ahead of 2010 bookings at the same time last year, so it looks like the wedding business is picking up. He has had a lot of showings of the Riviera recently. Krohn asked if any restoration projects were going on yet. Marsala said he had given Dan Winkler the list and expects him to be putting out bids for any projects that can be fit in between bookings. Gray emphasized the importance of this, especially in light of competition from the new Veteran's Memorial Hall in Burlington.

Discussion/Recommendation on creating Riviera Rental Agreement with adjusted rate for out-of-District "Non-Profit" organizations.

Marsala explained that the current policy for renting the Riviera at a special rate for non-profit organizations is that they had to be within the Badger district. After requests from some not in the district, Marsala and Gray talked about having a non-profit rate for everyone, since most of these events are during the week when we have open days. Gray proposed some wording changes and an across-the-board rate for all non-profits on

certain weekdays and verified they must pay the security deposit with their reservation and pay set-up, clean-up and security guard hours. Discussion followed on whether this is something we should do, times of the year and days this should be offered, what the charges should be and how bookings work now. Krohn/Tolar motion to charge \$400 to non-profits across the board and the regular \$1000 security deposit and fees. Unanimously carried.

Discussion/Recommendation on new trailer parking sign location and possible increase of fine for violations (suggested by Judge Sibbing). The sign has been reviewed by City Attorney Draper and Judge Sibbing. There was a long discussion on increasing the fine (indecipherable). Mott motion to make five new signs and increase the fine to \$100. Motion fails for lack of second. Roehrer/Krohn motion to make five new signs and increase the fine to \$150. Discussion followed on whether Judge Sibbing would enforce it and what the fine should be. Unanimously carried. A new ordinance will be written up by Attorney Draper and it will go to Council.

Discussion/Recommendation on rental agreement and wait list (for kayaks and canoes).

Marsala said we should be able to get the waitlist and rental agreement ad out by March 1, 2010. There was a lengthy discussion on registration requirements, waitlist fee, resident and non-resident fees, kayak lengths, enforcement of rules, number of spaces available and other related issues. Roehrer motion to set the fee at \$175 and require registration. The cost of using the kayak rack will be \$115 plus the annual launch pass of \$60. The rack will not accommodate canoes so this will be just a kayak rack. There will be a \$5 charge to be on a waiting list and the first renters will be chosen by lottery, with the remaining names being put on a seniority list. (The motion was not seconded or voted on, but there was a consensus.)

Discussion/Recommendation creating an ordinance restricting Kayak and Canoe launching to designated areas only.

Continued to next meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation on new commercial buoy and slip lease agreement for Marina Bay, Lake Geneva Boat Line, and Gage Marine. Marsala proposed a 3-year lease with no increase the first year, the City reclaiming the slips and renting them out for the remaining two years. Discussion followed. Tolar/Mott motion to give a 1-year lease with 0% increase and renegotiate next year, including the West End Piers, buoys, Marina Bay, Lake Geneva Boat Line, and Gage Marine. Unanimously carried.

Items for next agenda.

Discussion on handling cash at the beach.

Tolar/Krohn motion to adjourn. Unanimously carried.

Transcribed from audio tape.

/s/ Artis M. Roenspies, Deputy Clerk