



PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019– 6:00PM
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)

Members: Chairperson Doug Skates, Shari Straube, John Halverson, Rich Hedlund,
and Tim Dunn

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Skates
2. Roll Call
3. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda
4. Approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2019 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefronts Meeting
5. Harbormaster Report
6. Discussion/Recommendation regarding installing a security gate at the West End Pier location or possible other security alternatives
7. Discussion regarding Starry Stonewort eradication progress
8. Discussion/Update regarding Riviera Restoration Project Community Input
9. Discussion/Recommendation regarding environmental investigation related to the Riviera Restoration Project
10. Discussion/Recommendation regarding underwater pier inspection and possible request for proposals
11. Future Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

*This is a meeting of the Piers, Harbors & Lakefront Committee.
No official Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019– 5:30PM

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Members: Chairperson Doug Skates, Shari Straube, John Halverson, Rich Hedlund,
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Meeting called to order by Chairman Skates 5:30 pm

Roll Call: Chairperson Doug Skates, Shari Straube, John Halverson, Rich Hedlund, and Tim Dunn
Also present: Administrator Nord

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

Six individual members of the public listed below and spoke to express their support of installing a gate at the west end pier;

Buzz Yaeger, 1284 Hedgewood, LG; Casey Schiche, no address provided; Don Hertz, no address provided; John Walker, no address provided; Brian Olson, 1212 Forest Street.

Richard Hedlund moved to suspend the rules to move item 12 to item number 5, second by Straube. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation of installing a security gate at the west end pier location

The committee discussed installing a security gate at the west end pier location. General discussion ensued and Ald. Hedlund motioned to have Administrator Nord contact Public Works to have them secure three quotes prior by the next pier meeting for installation of a security gate as well as related costs for installation of a key touch pad, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2019 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefronts (PHL) Meeting

Ald. Hedlund motion to approve the February 20, 2019 PHL minutes, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Update regarding Riviera Restoration Project

Chairman Skates provided update on status of public input process and introduced Jay Craig, the MSI representative for the Riviera project.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding environmental investigation related to the Riviera Restoration Project

Dave Luterbach and Jay Craig from MSI presented the committee with the draft request for proposal document. The committee expressed their desire to keep the length of the document as short and legible as possible. After further discussion Alderman Hedlund motion to proceed with the creation and issuance of a RFP for the environmental investigation, second by Skates. Motion carried 5-0.

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Discussion/Recommendation regarding underwater pier inspection and possible request for proposals

Committee again reiterated keeping the RFP as short and legible as possible. Ald. Hedlund motion to proceed with an underwater pier inspection RFP for the Riviera, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Riviera 2020 bookings & leases

Administrator Nord reported that the Riviera is open for 2020 bookings except for a few weeks in February when a few minor repairs are scheduled to take place. Nord advised the committee if wedding parties are inquiring; staff is making them aware that possible construction equipment might be on the property potentially limiting photo opportunities.

Discussion/Update regarding Commercial Pier and Buoy Service Agreement- Gage Marine

Nord reported that the Gage Marine piers and buoy service agreement are still under review by the City Attorney. Ald. Skates so moved that this discussion be moved to FLR once the agreement is approved by attorney, second by Hedlund. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation of possible changes to beach closing time

Nord reported that beach supervisor is recommending that the beach be closed at 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, and 6:00 pm Saturday's & Sunday's. After general discussion it was the consensus to revisit this topic at next month's meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Starry Stonewort

Chairman Skates reported that he had a meeting with to gain a better understanding of the GLEA's efforts to combat the Starry Stonewort invasion. After much discussion Administrator Nord was instructed to draft a letter of support to the GLEA expressing our support to combat Starry Stonewort.

Ald. Hedlund motioned to adjourn at 7:10 pm, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.

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Starry Stonewort Update:

- Baxter Woodman has been hired as the project engineer/coordinators and will be overseeing bid documents, contracts, and performance.
- A loan from Town Bank has been secured for 300k and Ted continues to work on funding sources, both private and public.
- Grants and applications are moving forward and work may still be possible this spring with dredging completed by Memorial Day and dewatering by sometime in early fall.
- Linn township has approved land use for long term dewatering which will help significantly in keeping the cost low for truck movement and hauling.
- Ted Peters is working on an education component that we'll be asking our Harbormaster and launch attendants to attend in the next 30 days.