

**SPECIAL PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019– 5:00PM
CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A (UPPER LEVEL)**

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Skates 5:00 pm

Roll Call: Chairperson Doug Skates, Shari Straube, John Halverson, Rich Hedlund, and Tim Dunn
Also present: Mayor Tom Hartz, Attorney Dan Draper and Administrator Nord

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

Mary Fesenmaier, no address provided, expressed her desire that the committee hold off on making any final decision, since she did not receive the staff recommendation until just prior to this meeting. She also asked that the Committee allow the audience to speak during the discussion.

Casey Schiche, no address provided, expressed to the committee that the City should be increasing its efforts at maintaining the list of renters as well as the waiting list for slips, buoys and kayaks. Believes city should also increase its onsite inspection that slips and registered boats match.

Bill Huntress, no address provided, stated his complaint concerning the current situation at the west end pier. Also spoke out against the city's dog park.

Discussion and possible recommendation regarding Boat Slip, Buoy, and Kayak Rental Issues including City's established rules

City staff members Karen Hall, Lorraine Briere and Jamie Ploch addressed the committee with the various types of issues that have been occurring in regard to pier, buoy and kayak rentals. Staff presented their memo where issues were itemized along with recommendations for how to best address the issue. The itemized issues were addressed one by one with committee members voicing their opinions on each topic. The results of the discussion are outlined as follows:

1. Need to more clearly define who is allowed to rent a buoy/slip:
Full-time renters are considered residents and are allowed by ordinance to be lessees. Attorney also stated domiciliary intent- need to show driver's license with address of where they are renting. No vacant land owners, condotel owners or commercial property owners.
2. Need to define wait list classification:
*The city will keep three (3) lists; one each for buoys, slips and kayaks
Residents can be on all three (3) lists but will need to pay a fee for each list.*
3. If renter has committed false swearing (felony) by signing an Affidavit of Residency when Lake Geneva is not their primary residence....do they immediately lose buoy/slip/kayak? If so, what is the procedure? (See lease on defaulting)
*Yes; they will immediately lose their buoy / slip / kayak
They can pay to be on the waiting list again, but will be moved to the bottom of the list*

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4. If staff discovers boat renter never owned a boat and was letting someone else use their buoy/slip, is that cause for immediate loss of buoy/slip?
Yes. This is not allowed per city ordinance Section 90-194
5. Multiple boat owners on registration-Primary owner and address are NOT that of the lessee, but the lessee is a co-owner—is that allowed?
Yes. The “primary” boat owner information needs to be the “lessee” and match the name and address on the residential tax parcel. We are allowing lessees time to change the information this year (2019). Next year (2020), multiple names will be allowed, but the lessee must be the “primary” boat owner.
6. Leases are only allowed to be transferable to spouses. However, parents are letting non-resident children have slip. In one case, a non-resident son-in-law put his name on boat registration, used mother-in-law’s (Lessee) LG address, and put mother-in-law as co-owner of boat.
Yes; leases should be continue to transferable to spouses only.
7. Can someone have a buoy and a slip? City has someone who has a buoy and West Pier slip.
*No; limited to one (1) person per household
City will “grandfather” for 2019, next year no duplicates will be permitted.*

Additional recommendations were discussed and approved by the committee:

Kayaks will be limited to two (2) per household

Kayak annual launch fee of thirty (\$30) dollars will be removed from the fee list

Kayak renter form will be amended to read “I have submitted a copy of my driver’s license and utility bill (if applicable for proof of residency) with my lease and payment” It was noted that currently the form states they have submitted a copy of their boat registration; many people do not sign it since they don’t need a boat registration for the kayaks.

City staff will also investigate if there are any rules for kayaks that need to be included on the lease they sign; currently there is nothing listed.

Ald. Hedlund motioned to adjourn at 5:56pm, second by Ald. Straube. Motion carried 5-0.

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