

SPECIAL PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Skates at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Skates, Howell, Flower, Hedlund. Absent: Ald. Kordus. Also Present: Mayor Kupsik, City Administrator Oborn, DPW Tom Earle.

Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2017 and August 7, 2017 meetings as prepared and distributed.
Hedlund/Flower motion to approve. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes.

Pete Petersen, 1601 Evergreen Ln., Lake Geneva, was present to discuss the beach wall and would like the council to listen to the public. They don't want to spend the money on the wall and requested they take it off the agenda.

Dr. Jerry Crolan, 506 Maxwell St., spoke on behalf of his neighbors on the 500 block. He has a neighbor that's an engineer and believes the problem is water runoff. The draw to the area is the beach and would like it to remain how it is.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St., asked why we have to spend all this money and lose the trees. The people who sit behind the fence will always sit behind the fence and they're not going to pay the money to go to the beach.

Casey Schiche, 231 Ridge Road, stated water is coming from above and he has pictures. Care for Lake Geneva has 75 that are against the beach wall. The watershed person from Waukesha said the pier gate is a violation and safety issue for people coming in on boats. Replacing the decking with cement is a waste of money. He has a picture of lady in a wheel chair and she had no issues. He doesn't think we need to replace the buoys with slips.

Dick Malmin, N1991 S. Lake Shore Drive, said the need for the wall is beach erosion. He distributed pictures that show storm water runoff is causing the issue. Next year we can watch the ice and photograph to get a real picture on what causes that erosion – there's no rush. He requested they see what the real problem is and address that.

MaryJo Fesenmaier, Lake Geneva, spoke on the wall and decking. She requested they stop with the projects and stop spending money just to spend money.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St., said this is an assault on our parks. He requested they leave the parks alone and help clean up front yards. He referenced four city workers pick up the skateboard park and feels the city should be doing more for the residents, such as picking up front yards.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge St., spoke regarding the beach. She felt if we don't have money to put into our City Hall then we don't have money to expand the beach.

Terry Krohn, 1096 Bonnie Brae Ln., former Street Department worker, stated the beach needs to be addressed as it's a safety issue. With the past storm a lot of water was running down and there needs to be something to stop the water.

Margie Grey, 1133 Geneva St., was a visitor years ago and has since retired here. The draw is the beauty of the parks and how well they have been maintained. Parking and trash are problems that have been deteriorating over the years.

Charlene Klein, 817 Wisconsin St., lives in the historic district and speaks for the majority who are opposed to the beach expansion. We appreciate your reconsideration and understand fixing an erosion problem. To spend this money for uncrowded beaches would be irresponsible. We are counting on the council to maintain our high quality of life.

Jerry Pollack, 415 S. Wells, has been a city resident for the past 4 years. Our beach is only crowded a few days a year and felt we don't need it expanded.

Ruth Hackman, 121 Wrigley Dr., opposes the problem and feels there's no reason to expand the beach. Proposed changing the hours and requested they spend the money on the Riviera as the beach expansion isn't necessary.

Harbormaster's Report. Chuck was unable to attend the meeting. Monday is the last day for the beach to be open, and every pier and slip is filled.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on Riviera Beach Erosion with corresponding Kapur Design Services Task Order for the approved expansion or modifying the Riviera Beach Wall/Erosion Control Project

Ald. Skates wanted to revisit this item after listening to the public. Erosion is originally from the sidewalk side. DPW Earle stated some of the information being said is correct. It's evident there's an issue of erosion from wind and water running downhill. He clarified that DPW never asked for the wall, only an extension of the existing wall costing around \$30,000 with no fence or trees coming down.

Ald. Flower asked if the materials are available and if under drain would be put in. Tom replied yes, this would be flush with grade and drain tile the whole length with bleeders in the block. Grass area, fence, birdhouses and trees would remain as is. The walk way needs to go from the beach house to the end of the wall. Mr. Earle stated the locked pier gate is estimated at \$30,000 and will be completed this fall. The consensus was to direct staff to put a plan together to be reviewed at the Sept. 18th Public Works meeting.

Skates/Howell motion to direct staff to get 3 bids for the 150 feet section and an alternate bid for continuation of the west side of the beach. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on Riviera Improvement Project including:

a. Application to State Historic Preservation Office

Ald. Skates and Ald. Kordus met with 2 of the people from the State Historic Office on Friday. They were very optimistic on creative roofing, windows, and brick. They were impressed with its purpose. After talking with them, they have the packet that Mr. Henry put together. All they need is a simple form filled out with a paragraph or any alternative solutions. Metal roofing wasn't shot down, it was an option. Ald. Skates was very optimistic about the project. He asked staff to prepare the State Historic Preservation Office application for review at the Sept. 18, 2017 Public Works meeting.

b. Grant Funding Assistance

Vandewalle is still doing some research regarding their proposal. The State Historic Office stated they can give examples of items that worked in other places along with the contractors that were used. Ald. Flower feels the proposal should be incentive based. Contractors can give example of projects where similar things have been done. Cindy suggested proposal incorporates and incentive. The item was continued.

c. Prioritization of Projects

Once we know what we can do and where we can go then we can lay out a game plan. Ald. Flower felt the leaking roof should be its own stand alone project and done as soon as we can. She asked to incorporate critical projects into the budget. The item was continued.

d. Architectural and Engineering Design Services

Mr. Oborn asked to put the item on hold. Ald. Flower agreed but asked there be a workshop to discuss and come to a consensus before we hire someone to do the plans. She would also like to get several bids, but we're not there yet. We will wait to hear back from SHIPO and place on the October Public Works meeting.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on Structural Assessment of the Riviera Foundation and Piers

Blaine explained some structural work was completed in 2010. There's an issue of the condition of the three long piers. He asked if they want to look at both of those structures again so that we can get an assessment. DPW Earle stated only the West wall was worked on so there is a question on the remaining foundation. He wants to ensure the foundation is done correctly. Mr. Oborn will get proposals for inspection. The direction was for staff to get multiple bids.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on West Pier Gate and Camera

The gate was about \$1,000 installed, the walk just under \$700, the cameras are around \$4,200 and Mr. Oborn added a contingency for non-accounted for costs, with an overall estimate of \$7,000. DPW Earle felt the number was on the low side and provided issues they may encounter. Harbormaster Gray explained the gate is \$927 installed, the touch pad is

\$678, which is installed on the gate but it doesn't have the power doing to it. Mr. Earle's estimate is \$3,000 to \$4,500 to run the power from the restrooms to that area. The cameras were \$4,167. The potential cost is closer to \$12,000. Other cities with lakes are doing this and the Street Department does get calls from boat owners. Ald. Skates stated they have had vandalism to the boats. Mr. Earle said the camera has been brought up more than the gate. Mr. Gray said there will be 2 stationary wireless cameras or 2 that could swing. There was further discussion on the camera installation and power. The item was continued to have Jeff Miske and the Police Department attend the next meeting.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on approved Beach Wood Decking Replacement with Concrete Path and Additional Cost for Concrete Coloring. The cost is between \$20,000 and \$30,000, coloring would be on the high end. The stringers on the deck are gone as they have rotted, 42 boards have come off, and they had to scab them to stay in. The wood deck is only two years old. The boardwalk is a yearly maintenance issue. Concrete would be way less work for the Street Department as they could use the skid steer with a sweeper, plus concrete will last longer. Staining of cement only lasts about half a year. They currently have 4 bids. Composite decking would need more stringers as they expand. Ald. Flowers asked for a quote to have sections that were taken out seasonally. It was noted Winterfest uses it when they have the helicopter rides. DPW Earle noted this is not a rush item, they can do it in the spring. Skates/Flower motion to continue and direct staff to look at a seasonal removal option. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on Replacement of Buoys with Slips
Ald. Skates stated the DNR asked if we are interested in doing this, but people have asked for more slips than buoys. Mr. Oborn is meeting with the DNR. Ald Skates asked if there's a potential opportunity on how far out and how far in. Mayor Kupsik noted people steal the buoys. DPW Earle said the DNR doesn't like to buoys. People would rather have slips, although if you take the buoys off, people may not be able to afford a slip. The City of Lake Geneva is the lowest cost on the lake. Ald. Flower suggested revisiting the cost of buoys/slips. There are around 52 buoys. Mayor Kupsik feels it would not be fair to remove all buoys, they should leave 15 or 20. Skates/Flower motion to continue this item and direct staff to have a conversation from DNR and bring back a projection if we added inventory, rates and waiting list of slips. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion/Action/Recommendation on Operation Lifesaver/Life jackets
The jackets are in. The Geneva Lake Law Enforcement paid for them. Thank you to John Peters and Tom Houser. The Fire Department will provide the storage. The Chief is also looking for donations for the West End Pier.

Agenda items for next meeting

- West Pier Gate and Camera
- Structural assessment of Riviera foundation and piers
- Riviera Improvement Project
- Beach erosion and corresponding wall
- Beach wood decking Replacement
- Replacement of (East & West) buoys with slips
- Buoy and pier rates
- Enforcement of Closed Beach
- Annual Rates

Adjournment

Skates/Hedlund motion to adjourn at 7:40pm. Motion carried 4 to 0.

/s/ Nan Elder, Assistant City Clerk

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