



PIERS, HARBORS AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014 – 6:00PM

CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM 2A

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Wall at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Wall, Kordus, Lyon, Chappell

Not Present: Taggart (excused)

Also Present: Mayor Connors, Clerk Neubeck, Harbormaster Gray

3. Approval of Minutes from January 23, 2014 meeting as distributed

Motion #1: Alderman Kordus moved to approve minutes from January 23, 2014 meeting as distributed, Alderman Lyon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes

None

5. Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Gray informed the Committee all moorings except one buoy spot has been rented. He also said Gage Marine is putting up piers in the following week. Eighty 82 event have been booked at the Riviera for the rest of 2014, and a good portion of the summer of 2015 was booked as well.

6. Discussion/Recommendation on application for 5th Annual Paddle Board Race filed by Clear Water Outdoors

Dave Schuster of Clear Water Outdoors said he intends on having a stand up paddle board race using portions of the beach which will take place along the shoreline but out of the way of Gage Marine. He added a boat and paddle board swap would take place as well as a raffle.

Mayor Connors advised the City Attorney be consulted about the swap.

Motion #2: Alderman Chappell moved to recommend City Council approve the application for 5th Annual Paddle Board Race filed by Clear Water Outdoors pending City Attorney approval for the boat and paddle board swap, Alderman Lyon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion/Recommendation of beach use raft rentals

Chairman Wall said the City did not rent rafts or cabanas last year and advised against renting them this year. He said the reason this practice was stopped was because fees are accepted at the LUKE machines in order to cut down on money handling by Beach staff.

Beach Manager Joe Clifford liked the idea of not handling more money than is necessary.

Chairman Wall said he was not informed of any complaints about the City not renting out rafts and cabanas.

Motion #3: Alderman Wall moved to sell the City's rafts and cabanas as surplus, Alderman Kordus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion/Recommendation of daily beach fees

Clerk Neubeck explained the City's Beach fees are cheaper than those of Williams Bay and Fontana.

George Steffen suggested the Committee not increase fees because the Beach is then the best beach in the area for the cheapest price.

Motion #4: Alderman Kordus moved to not increase Beach fees, and Alderman Lyon seconded.

Alderman Chappell said rates may need to be raised eventually in order to keep up with operating costs as well as the fact patrons will be paying more with credit cards at the LUKE stations.

Motion #4 passed unanimously.

9. Discussion of beach start up for 2014 season

George Steffen said the Beach will open Memorial Day weekend where it will be slow at first, and then the business will pick up as the season progresses. He informed the Committee he and Joe Clifford had already begun the selection process for lifeguards.

10. Discussion of beach kiosk collection staffing

Joe Clifford said he will be hiring for these positions and wants to ensure they are paid at the same rates as lifeguards.

Alderman Chappell suggested cross training between beach kiosk staff and lifeguards in order to provide staff rotation and prevent burn out.

11. Discuss agenda items for next meeting

None

12. Adjourn

Motion #5: Alderman Kordus moved to adjourn, Alderman Lyon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Tim Neubeck, City Clerk

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