

PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019– 5:30PM

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 6:10 pm (Meeting was moved from Room 2A to Second Floor Police Training Room at City Hall due to an overflow audience in attendance).

Roll Call: Chairperson Doug Skates, John Halverson, Rich Hedlund, and Tim Dunn

Excused absence; Shari Straube. Also present: Administrator Nord and various other city staff

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

Janet Ewing (no address provided) requested to be placed on the next Committee agenda to address the topic of her boat slip.

Two individual members of the public listed below spoke to express their support of installing a gate at the west end pier; John Walker, 540 Franklin and Todd Krause, 1112 Wisconsin Street.

Dick Malmin, 1991 S. Lakeshore Drive asked the city's support to combat the starry stonewort issue in Geneva Lake.

Brian Olson, no address stated, expressed his support for the installation of a gate at the pier.

Charlene Klein, 817 Wisconsin Street spoke on the upcoming Riviera building project. She noted that the Riviera previously had spires in the four exterior corners of the building with flags on top and would like to see that reinstalled as part of restoration. Also requested the city be open and upfront concerning how the Riviera project will be paid for.

Daryl VanHorn, 1025 Timothy spoke in support of a gate on the pier but also suggested not securing the gate if additional security patrols were placed on the pier.

Tom Ross, 542 Maxwell Street expressed his support for a gate at the pier

Sarah Hill, 1024 George Street expressed her opposition to a gate on the pier. She also read off specific points contained within the existing contract for boat slip renters and noted that all rules are not currently being followed. Hill stated that this is a public pier and that it should be accessible to everyone.

Casey Schiche, no address given, disputed the claims made by Sarah Hill during her comments and expressed support for a gate on the pier.

Harbor Master Report

Chairman Skates reported that hours for the 2019 Beach season have been set. Administrator Nord reported that the current Harbormaster has submitted a letter giving notice of his retirement beginning May 26, 2019.

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Discussion / Recommendation regarding installing a security gate at the West End Pier location or possible other security alternatives

Public Works Department staff member Neal Waswo presented information to the coming concerning the installation of a gate as well as the associated costs. Waswo stated that the total estimated cost would be around \$8,470.

Police Lt. Ed Gritzner answered various questions from the committee and also stated there are already cameras in place in the vicinity of the pier. Gritzner also reported that the Department may be using Community Service Officers (CSOs) to help increase patrols on the pier. In response to a question, Gritzner stated that installation of two additional cameras in the area would run between five and seven thousand dollars.

Each member of the committee expressed their thoughts and additional input was taken from the audience in attendance. It was the general consensus of the committee that the City should pursue less expensive security options for the 2019 season. These options include installing regulatory signs on the pier, use of CSOs, encourage slip renters to report issues to the police so as to keep more accurate incident records. Mr. Waswo was directed to research the cost of installing a non-locking, wooden gate at the pier and provide the information at the next meeting where this would be discussed.

Chairman Skates moved to forward this discussion to the next Finance, Licensing and Regulation Committee meeting. Alderman Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion regarding Starry Stonewort eradication progress

Chairman Skates provided an update on efforts currently underway. It is expected that dredging will be completed by Memorial Day. Skates further reported that just today, the City had received a draft agreement from the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency that was sent to several area governments for review and action.

Discussion/Update regarding Riviera Restoration Project Community Input

Chairman Skates reported that the public input portion of the Riviera project is concluding shortly. Community input will be forwarded to MSI for their review and analysis. It is hoped that discussion on the public input can be held at the next committee meeting. Skates further suggested that, in May, the committee begin identifying participants for a June workshop to map out next steps for the Riviera project.

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

Dave Luterbach and Jay Craig introduced Adam Wolfe who has been added to the MSI / Riviera team. Luterbach also reported the RFP was nearly ready to go and would send to the City to review one more time before releasing it. Some discussion as to the need for a pre-bid walk through of the project area.

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

Luterback also reported the RFP was nearly ready to go and would send to the City to review one more time before releasing it. It was stated by the committee that the responses to the two RFPs will go to the Finance, Licenses & Regulation Committee for review and discussion.

Future Agenda Items:

The Committee identified the following items for inclusion on next month's agenda:

- Beach Hours
- Petition / request by Janet Ewing
- Discussion of a new Foot washing station near the beach
- As well as continuing various items from this month's agenda

Ald. Hedlund motioned to adjourn at 7:23 pm, second by Dunn. Motion carried 4-0.