

PIERS, HARBORS & LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019– 6:00PM

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 6:00 pm

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

Approval of Minutes: Halverson so moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2019, Straube seconded. Motion carried 4-0

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

Casey Schiche (address inaudible) addressed agenda item seven (7). Stated that the fee comparison sheet distributed to the committee previously does not fairly compare the services other lake communities offer in relation to the rate charged. Also suggested that the city possibly “contract” out the Harbormaster position to an outside firm.

John Walker (540 Franklin) stated that there are still dogs on the west pier and also questioned why proposed regulation signs for the west pier have not been installed. Also stated that the police response to calls regarding the west pier is unsatisfactory.

Charlene Klein (817 Wisconsin Street) spoke out against the absence of handouts and attachments on the online agenda packet.

Spyro Condos (1760 Hillcrest Drive) stated that the Riviera building needs a new roof and questioned the need to do the entire building. Stated that the city hasn't been adequately maintaining the building.

Mr. Bosworth (1224 W. Main Street) stated his concern that the entire west end fishing pier is overrun with individuals and dogs that should not be there.

Bill Hintress (1215 Pleasant Street) stated his concern that the city government is ignoring promises it made previously concerning the installation of signs (and other measures) related to the west end pier.

Harbormaster Report: Interim Harbormaster Donna Crook reported that the elevator at the Riviera has been repaired and is working well. New swimming area buoys are scheduled to be installed soon. She has also hired some replacement boat launch employees.

Discussion / Recommendation regarding roof options for the Riviera building:

2nd Floor Concept Discussion (Riviera)

Adam Wolfe with MSI reported that that 3D scanning of the Riviera Building interior will be taking place in the near future. The scanning will generate precise measurements to allow for a better discussion as to what can or cannot be done in regard to remodeling of the second floor. This item will be discussed again at next month's committee meeting.

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Riviera RFP discussion and action

Adam Wolfe and Dave Luterbach reported to the committee that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the exterior / shell work of the Riviera project (including the roof) is scheduled to be posted on September 4, 2019. A “pre-proposal conference” is scheduled for September 11, 2019 starting at 10am at the Riviera Building.

Proposals are due September 18, 2019 at 10am. At that time MSI and city staff will review all proposals and make a recommendation at the Piers Committee meeting that same night.

Rich Hedlund so moved to direct MSI to proceed with the Riviera RFP. John Halverson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Riviera Building Architecture discussion - Ann Krogstad, MSI Architect

Adam Wolfe and Dave Luterbach of MSI reported that due to the change in the meeting date for the August Pier meeting, Ann Krogstad was already committed to attend another meeting and would be unable to be present tonight. Ms. Krogstad will be scheduled to attend next month’s committee meeting.

Historical/grant discussion – Riviera Building

Adam Wolfe and Dave Luterbach of MSI reported to the committee that, due to the short time span for releasing the RFP and starting work in January of 2020, there are virtually no opportunities to pursue grant money for the Riviera project. Alderman Flower (in attendance at the meeting) expressed her disappointment to MSI.

West End Pier update/discussion and action

General discussion was held concerning the possibility of expanding the number of piers available for the city to rent. Consensus to bring this topic up again in November or December.

Starry Stonewort Update

Chairman Skates provided an update to the committee on this topic. GLEA, DNR and other parties are still in discussion about this topic and what next steps are needed. Some discussion held about improving the city’s boat launch to assist with this problem as well as identifying and pursuing any grant options.

Harbormaster position update

City Administrator Nord reported that the new job description was approved at the last city council meeting and a job announcement will be published shortly. The current interim Harbormaster is compiling a manual to assist the new hire’s orientation process.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Parking for boat traffic near Gage Marine’s office near the Riviera. Some general discussion was held among the members concerning the possibility of offering a valet service or temporary parking for boats wanting to come to the downtown area to shop or eat.

Rich Hedlund so moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.