



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, April 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Present: Jim C. Rooney – Chair, Rick Hennig – Vice Chair, Tony Herrmann - HCE, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen, Jim Poplawski, John Bertermann, James Rooney – HCE, Sean Fox, Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., Alder – Cory Sabastian, Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., and Ara Molitor – Secretary. Also, a present was Gary Anders.

Excused: Kurt Wentorf and Marc Lovdahl – Harbor Tenders.

Approval of Minutes for the March 21, 2024 Meeting

from March 21, 2024, meeting was not available for review for some so their approval was tabled until next meeting (5/16/24).

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. stated that the big boat was still not in the water, but should be soon, weather and repairs pending. They need that boat in the water to get the larger dock placed near the pump-out station. The rest of the docks/piers etc. have been installed. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Harbor Tenders, Marc Lovdahl is attempting to sell his business. (since the meeting: The RHC pays him \$3000+/- annually to perform his services)

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck updated the board; Boat Launch has an extended service contract, they have installed a new kiosk money exchange that only takes credit cards, and they did have some issues that were corrected with the handicap assistance pier but those have been corrected and it is functioning. The bollards near the "Rooney Lot" have not been installed yet.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Update:

Honorary Chairman Herrmann discussed tabling the discussion until next time allowing for Rick Hennig, John Rooney and Tony Herrmann to have their meeting with County Executive Delegrave on these matters.

Floating dock deck board replacement:

Secretary Molitor and Chairman Rooney that it is very difficult trying to hire a carpenter to replace the deteriorated wood on the docks.

Venetian Night:

There are actually 2 Marinas on sperate dates proposing Venetian Nights. Reefpoint marina is planning on having their event on 7/27 and River's End Marina (formerly Pugh Marina) has planning on 8/3 for theirs. The harbor Commission supports both events but we will need more information regarding the parade route and times for both events to help with the promotion of such events.

Salmon-A-Rama parking:

Gary Anders stated that the Salmon-A-Rama will return to the Festival Site this summer at the last meeting (7/12 through 7/21). However, the parking along Pershing Drive will not be available east of Pershing Drive because the armor stone along the lake has not been repaired. Tom Molbeck will look into allowing parking on the grass areas to the west of Persing Dr. Depending on other scheduled events for the soccer fields etc.

Bubble Barrier:

Secretary Molitor stated that there are internal conversations/meetings within the city regarding this project but no further details are available yet.

5th Street Boat Launch:

Jim Poplawski has expressed many times that the City should run that lot and launch area like a "pay" parking lot to eliminate the boater that ignore the boating launch fees and the Festival Site users that park in that area without a boat trailer so they don't have to pay for parking at the events at the Festival Site. Tom Molbeck stated that the lot does have the new kiosk for payment but it would be difficult to budget for the infrastructure to gate the lot. Molbeck also stated that the pressure washer is installed and fixed and should be operating properly.

New Business:

Racine County Public Works Director Roley Brehm will be invited to the June meeting. Hopefully he can attend and give an update on the county's effort to repair the harbor infrastructure and the results of last year's repair project.

Next Meeting Date: May 16, 2024 - Fifth St. Yacht Club**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.