



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Harbor Commission

Chairman James Rooney
Lynn Monroe
Michael Fox
Richard Hynek
Jeff Raffini
Tony Herrmann
Sherman Foertsch
Tom Ryan

Thursday, June 16, 2011

4:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club - 559 State St.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: 6 - Lynn Monroe, Michael Fox, Richard Hynek, Jeff Raffini, Tony Herrmann
and Tom Ryan

EXCUSED: 2 - James Rooney and Sherman Foertsch

Also Present: John Rooney, Bill Halliday, Dave Blank

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 19, 2011 Meeting

*The minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting were approved as printed. Passed
unanimously.*

3. [11-6083](#)

Subject: Communication from Dave Blank, President/CEO of Real
Racine, requesting permission to dock the ship, Denis Sullivan, in the
Racine Harbor in August.

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 03-17-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 04-21-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 05-19-11: Defer

Recommendation of the Harbor Commission on 06-16-11:

Approve the request to dock the Denis Sullivan on August 19, 20, and
21, 2011 at the floating dock near the pump-out station subject to Real
Racine acquiring a local match funding.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Dave Blank appeared before the Commission and indicated he was still trying to find
a provider for the local match to bring the Denis Sullivan ship to Racine in August.
He was discussing getting the local match funding from Modine or perhaps the*

Racine Arts Council. He indicated they are desirous of docking at the pump-out station floating dock on the north side of the Root River, west of the Main Street Bridge.

A discussion ensued on providing approval subject to Dave Blank obtaining funding on the local match for the ship.

Motion made by Hynek, seconded by Raffini to approve the request to dock the Denis Sullivan on August 19, 20, 21, 2011 at the floating dock near the pump-out station subject to Real Racine acquiring a local match funding. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

4. Pier Extension for Pugh Marina

Secretary Rooney noted the Chairman of the Harbor Commission has discussed this issue of the pier extension for Pugh Marina with the County Executive. He did note some of the problems with the navigation light being obstructed with the extension of the pier. He noted the Chairman of the Harbor Commission and the County Executive concurred that it was not a good idea to allow the extension and he noted the item could be received and filed.

Motion made by Fox, seconded by Ryan to receive and file the item. Passed unanimously.

5. Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

Bill Halliday reported the Water Patrol has been active with some rescue for a swimmer and a catamaran. He did note the operation was under a seven day-a-week program.

Secretary Rooney distributed a copy of a newspaper article regarding the return of the seven day-a-week patrol in the area.

Secretary Rooney noted the City Attorney had determined that boats that are docked in slips that extend beyond the 35' pierhead line would be considered obstructions to navigation. He noted that perhaps the best course of action would be to have the Water Patrol inventory the problem areas up and down the river and report back to the Harbor Commission the areas that need to be addressed. He noted in speaking with the Chairman of the Harbor Commission, perhaps a meeting could be held with the marina and yacht club owners to describe the situation and address some of the issues by the end of this year. He noted that perhaps in some locations, the pierhead line area could be extended further, or in some areas it may be required to stay where it is at, and the boats that exceed the pierhead line may need to slip in another location. He also noted maps could be made available to the Sheriff's Water Patrol to help them inventory the boats in violation of the 35' pierhead line.

6. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

Secretary Rooney submitted a revenue report from the Parks Department. He noted to date through June 15, 2011, approximately \$14,495.87 in daily and seasonal launch tickets have been sold for the boat launch. He noted the kiosk was down for a short period early in the season to upgrade for a date and time stamp for the daily launch passes.

7. City/County Partnership for Harbor Maintenance

No report.

8. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for June 2011

Secretary Rooney distributed the Lake Level Bulletin for June 2011 and noted this was information only and no action was required.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Harbor Commission meeting will be July 21, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. at the Fifth Street Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

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