



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, July 18, 2024

3:00 PM

Harbor Lite Yacht Club

Call To Order

Present: Jim C. Rooney – Chair, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen, Alder – David Maack, Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Excused: Rick Hennig – Vice Chair, Jim Poplawski, Tony Herrmann - HCE, James Rooney – HCE, Kurt Wentorf, John Bertermann, Sean Fox, Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., and Marc Lovdahl – Harbor Tenders.

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes for the June 13, 2024 Meeting

Minutes of the June 13, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. mentioned that there were 2 drowning incidents this past month, both were kids/young adults jumping off the armor stone off of the north pier. There was also an incident where kids were jumping off the 5th Street launch docks. This could be an issue where the Park's Dept. my need to install signs prohibiting swimming from those areas. He also discussed that the lights for the harbor entrance and other areas are working.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report:

Tom Molbeck was not present so Secretary Molitor updated the board, reporting water levels and kiosk sales to date. Parks and Rec. has repaired the chair lift. It was discussed that we should inquire of a cost to replace. The RHC could entertain fronting or sharing the cost to replace this lift in the future.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Update:

(differed until next meeting)

Floating dock deck board replacement:

Chair Rooney mentioned that he is discussing the option of repairing these over the winter months with 2 contractors.

Venetian Night:

Lynn Monroe mentioned that they are still trying to get participants for the event. They are also trying to get permission to stage fireworks from the old Bell Harbor marina site.

Bubble Barrier:

Secretary Molitor updated the commission regarding the status of the project, there is discussion for local sponsorship for the project. This is still in the very early stages, at the earliest it would be installed/constructed in 2025 but probably more like 2026.

Dock & Pier Winter Storage:

(defer until next meeting)

New Business:

Pump Out Station Dodge Street: Due to construction operations on Dodge St., the pump out station is out of service until the project has been completed. There currently is no water supply available for the station.

Commissioning of New and Renewal Members: Secretary Molitor and Chair Rooney updated those present that the County is under the impression that they can only appoint members to the commission from the City. We are trying to schedule a meeting with them to express our opinion of the matter.

Next Meeting Date: August 15, 2024 - Fifth Street Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.