



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Harbor Commission

Thursday, August 15, 2024

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club

Call To Order

Present: Jim C. Rooney – Chair, Sean Fox, Jim Poplawski, Dan Strommen, Kurt Wentorf, John Bertermann, Deputy Jerome Hipper – Racine County Sheriff's Dept., and Ara Molitor – Secretary.

Excused: Rick Hennig – Vice Chair, Lynn Monroe, Alder – David Maack, Tony Herrmann - HCE, James Rooney – HCE, Tom Molbeck – Director Racine Parks & Rec., and Marc Lovdahl – Harbor Tenders.

Guest(s) Present: Dave Shield

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

Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2024 Meeting

Minutes of the July 18, 2024 were approved as printed.

Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report:

Deputy Jerome Hipper from the Sheriff's Dept. mentioned that they were having issues with Boat 1 again. He also invited two other County representative down to discuss the winter dock storage in Reefpoint Marina. (They did not show up – will try again next meeting)

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 hole in the building near the 5th Street launch.

Old Business:

Infrastructure Update:

(differed until next meeting)

Floating dock deck board replacement:

Chair Rooney mentioned that a sub-contractor of his is interested in completing floating dock repairs this winter. However, it has come to our attention that those are under the responsibility of the County.

Venetian Night:

Event completed and was well attended.

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:

this item needs to be discussed with the County to determine the best options. It looks like the Pump Out Station dock will need to remain in the river with water movers keeping it from damage during the winter. The rest of the docks can be managed with the Sherriff's smaller boat. Secretary Molitor will check on the availability of the electrical power supply for the pump. We are assuming that there is an outlet there to accommodate the power for the "movers".

New Business:

Attwater Docks: It has been brought to the attention of the commission that the docks for Attwater Condominiums are in poor shape and need attention. They also have boats that are oversized for the docks they maintain that are partially blocking the navigable waterways of the river. This is not an enforceable issue of the Harbor Commission – this should be addressed by the Sherriff's Department.

Lakeshore Towers: Dave Shield of Lakeshore Towers commented on the previous item that they have in their lease agreement with Reef Point Marina that they are responsible to maintain the working condition of their docks and would assume that Attwater would have the same conditions in their lease agreement if it is through Reef Point Marina.

Mr. Shield addressed the commission to obtain our support for their project. Lakeshore Towers is planning on tearing out their 53 slips in the southwest corner of the harbor starting after the boating season in November. They then plan on reconstructing with the same number and footprint in the spring – just upgrading materials. They are hoping to utilize the old Bell Harbor site for removal from the water. It was motioned and seconded and passed unanimously to support their effort.

There was also a brief discussion of removing the floating docks to the same location for storage and repair over the winter months.

Next Meeting Date: September 19, 2024 - Racine Yacht Club

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

