

Waterfront Recreation Committee Minutes

March 8, 2016 - 9:00 am

Port Boardroom

Attendees: Sam Bauer, Cori Collins, Pepi Gerald, Adam Lapierre, Rich McBride, Greg Stiegel, Liz Whitmore. Absent: Lori Stirn

Liz Whitmore opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. No items were added to the agenda.

Event Site Safety

- Discussed additional signage needed at Event Site. Sam, Pepi, Rich, and Liz will meet at the Event Site on March 17 at 11am to discuss signage locations.
- High-water expected to extend later into June this season.
- May need to contact Reservoir Control if pool is still high at end of June for Beach Bash.
- Will need to keep an eye on water level to determine date to close Event Site for launching and landing.
- Flight deck, rope boundary, and signage to be in place by Monday, April 18.
- CGKA plans to coordinate a sandbar clean-up sometime in May.

Concession Permits Update (Schools and Food Vendors)

- Liz Whitmore: Updated committee on concession permits for schools and locations.
- Committee is supportive of adding food vendor at Nichols Basin providing more options away from Event Site.

Hook Launch/Waterfront Trail Update

- Liz Whitmore: Updated committee on Hook project. New rigging area and seatwall is scheduled for completion by mid-May.

Slider Project Request

- Slider Project is interested in adding two additional features for approval to the Oregon State Marine Board.
- Adam Lapierre: Group needs a point person in charge of maintenance of features and safety when water gets low. Any new features should be built to the new standard in molded plastic. Should only have a maximum of 4 features out there at one time.

Waterfront Parking

- Rich McBride: Waterfront metered parking would provide a level playing field for downtown businesses and waterfront businesses. Discussed costs to maintain recreation sites.
- Greg Stiegel: Jensen Lot should be a season pass parking area only. Doesn't support having metered parking in lot and increasing use for commercial activity rather than recreation.
- Pepi Gerald: Meters should have an option for a full day.
- Greg Stiegel: Hood River should provide a good experience for visitors and users. Waterfront Park won't be accessible for people who can't afford to pay for parking. Suggests earmarking parking revenue to support recreation projects along the waterfront.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.
Prepared Liz Whitmore, 4/29/2016