

**Waterfront Recreation Committee  
Minutes  
October 20, 2008**

Attending: Members Steve Gates, Lori Stirn, Laney Gale, Doug Archbald, Ann Frodel, Michael Schock, Katie Crafts, Jim Grady (Absent: Richard Sassara, Commissioner Hoby Streich); Commissioner Sherry Bohn. Guests: John Davies, CGWA; Port Staff Member: Michael McElwee, Executive Director

Commissioner Sherry Bohn opened the meeting at 3:05 and welcomed new members Crafts (representing CGWA) and Grady (representing CGKA).

**Marina:**

- ❑ **Staff Update:** McElwee said that Operations Manager Linda Hull was expected to leave the Port due to medical circumstances. The Committee expressed their regret, concern for Linda's welfare and appreciation for the work she had accomplished over the past several years. McElwee briefed the Committee on the status of various waterfront projects including the 'C' Dock expansion, Delta Study, Waterfront Trail design and Event Site Sand Grading project.
- ❑ **Event Site Host:** McElwee said that Port staff is recommending that the agreement for an Event Site Host not be renewed next year. The Committee expressed a desire to have the Port carry out some degree of on-site host functions even if it was not 24-hours throughout the recreation season. Stirn offered to contact the State of Oregon to inquire about how they solicit and contract with site hosts.
- ❑ **4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks:** The Committee discussed the issues related to the 2008 fireworks and Kiteboarding access. High water conditions combined with Spit closure meant significantly reduced access to the Sandbar. Port staff will work with Lions Club for 2009 fireworks to try to maintain better access during Spit closure.
- ❑ **Jet Skis:** Frodel mentioned that jet skis were operating too fast in front of Event Site. Committee discussed ways to encourage slower speeds.
- ❑ **Hook Planning:** John Davies of CGWA presented preliminary ideas and a Work Plan to improve launch sites and create a more functional and attractive Hook. The Committee acknowledged the good work presented and agreed a committee representing various Hook stakeholders should meet to develop the Plan in greater detail and return for further discussion. Committee members Katie Crafts and Steve Gates agreed to participate on this effort.
- ❑ **Spit Planning:** Grady reported that a committee of stakeholders has been identified to evaluate improvements that could be made to the Spit. A first meeting has not yet been scheduled. The Committee engaged in discussion about various improvements that could be made to the Spit to accommodate growth in Kiteboarding.
- ❑ **Event Site:** Committee member Frodel suggested that there be additional area provided for curbside loading. Port staff agreed to contact Fire Chief Walker and determine the extent that fire lane needed to be provided in this area. The Committee discussed the continuing challenges of dogs. Various options were considered including a ban of dogs from the Event Site. No recommendations were forthcoming.
- ❑ **Marina:** The Committee was updated on the Port's efforts to confirm the boat slip Wait List and impacts of the new policy that allows subleasing of slips. Gale commented on the need for a hoist for dinghies. Port staff committed to working further with the HRYC on this project but recognized the various challenges, including cost and liability, associated with such an operation.

- **Hood River Yacht Club:** Archbald briefed the Committee on the progress the HRYC has made in upgrading and improving the old Port maintenance shop. Archbald noted the desirability of a nearby dinghy launch. The Committee congratulated the HRYC on the work they have done and success thus far.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Date to be determined.

*Prepared by Michael McElwee*