

Waterfront Concessionaire Meeting

5/16/2018 8am

Port Boardroom

Port Staff: John Mann and Daryl Stafford

Concessions Represented: Sandbar Café, Local Grind, Big Winds, Gorge Kite School, Brian's, New Wind Kiteboarding, Gorge Paddle Center, Kite the Gorge

Short Briefing from each Concessionaire: Please tell us what's going with your business!

- Susie owner of Sandbar Café: Breaking records, needs more garbage cans, making new seating, would like signage directing people to ES for food, electric keeps blowing: John Mann said he would have Gorge Electric take a look.
- Todd owner of Gorge Paddle Center: Concerned about parking for his customers when kiosks go in, busy with lessons and rentals, Basin water is super high slight flooding today.
- Jason Manager of Big Winds: Opening dates for windsurfing & SUP schools, downwind shuttle, introduced new ES Manager for BW Sam Wiley. No longer offering Downwind Guide services.
- Jim owner of New Wind Kite School: Concerns about debris, need more trash cans, discussed launch pad safety.
- Larry owner of Local Grind: Opening for sure Memorial Day, Requested more trash cans at entrance to Concession because he felt the public uses his, working on clean up and shade tents.
- Owen owner Gorge Kite School: Would really like to see recycle bins, or for the Port to have some kind of plan. Suggested Lions Club partnership. High water safety concerns.
- Brian owner of Brian's Windsurfing: Expressed the importance for all instructors for kiting should be IKO certified. Having a hard time teaching windsurfing lessons right now with the environment issues at hand.
- Justin owner of What'SUP: Happy at the Hook! High water has challenged his launch area. He is working on a platform to make access easier.
- Carlos and Spring owners of Kite the Gorge: Reviewed problems with Dogs on the Spit and kites getting ruined. Also talked about signage to the Spit, congestion on the water and high water safety.

High Water Access

- **Launch Pad update. CGKA & Port:** Guidance from group with regard to extending launch area and better signage. Event Site has been experiencing heavy early season traffic. Fear of launch area getting shut down if it becomes too much of a safety hazard. Everyone is really looking forward to the water level receding so that kite launching can move back out to the Sand Bar.
- **Signage:** New signs have been put up for indicating launch area safety for beach goers.

Safety

- **Partnership with Sheriff's Dept/Marine Deputy:** Deputy Curtiss Kowell is working with the schools on rescues. The schools seem to be the first responders and it has caused challenges with teaching lessons. Schools would like to see some sort of partnership in the future.
- **Beach Clean Up: Schedule date /depends on water level:** CGKA is waiting for the water to go down before anything can be planned. Efforts must be coordinated with Port Facility Manager John Mann, Marine Deputy Kowell, and CGKA. Trucks on the
- **Bootlegging Kite Instruction, Sliders in the Spit:** Carlos suggested having an Association of Kite Instructors where they would have to be certified to be teaching on the River to help prevent

people taking money for teaching that aren't qualified. The Slider Project ramps out in the river are growing and there is concern of the dangers of too many obstacles in a beginner area. It was suggested they should be invited to join the next Waterfront Committee meeting to let everyone know what their intentions are.

Overview of Port Waterfront Activity

- **Parking:** Daryl Stafford went over the Port's recent changes to parking along the Waterfront and suggested that Concessionaires encourage their staff to purchase early season discounted Event Site Passes.
- **2018 Events on the Waterfront:** Stafford reviewed the big events scheduled for the summer months that would have impact on the Concessions. KB4C, Gorge Downwind Paddle Champs, Columbia Gorge Paddle Challenge, and various small events.
- **Maintenance Projects:** John Mann, Facility Manager went over the paving schedule at the Jensen Lot, and the Parking Kiosk schedule for First Ave and East Portway.
- **Signs: Directions, kiting, windsurfing, food, dogs:** Stafford asked for feedback for short term and long term signs on Port Property. Group discussion followed with lots of great ideas.
- **Jet Ski Parking at South Basin Dock:** Stafford requested that each school provide registration and proof of insurance for all Jet Skis moored in the Marina.
- **Instructor Info:** Port will put link on Recreation Page for Concessionaires to upload all the instructor certifications. Reminders also went out to group for City Permits and current Proof of Insurance for businesses.