

**Waterfront Recreation Committee  
Minutes – October 13, 2011 - 3:30 p.m.  
Marina Center Boardroom**

Attending: Members Bill Lake (CGWA), Forrest Rae (CGKA), Pepi Gerald, Cori Bison, Laney Gale and Lori Stirn; Commissioners Rich McBride and Brian Shortt; from Port staff (ex-officio members) Linda Shames.

Absent: Doug Archibald, Ann Frodel, and Michael Schock

Commissioner Rich McBride opened the October 13 meeting at 3:37.

**Approval of September 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Move to approve minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting.  
Move: Gale  
Second: Rae  
Discussion: None  
Vote: Unanimous

**Public Comment**

Steve Gates commented on the Nichols Basin use. He wants to make sure adequate consideration is given to current uses.

**Naito Development-Cable Park**

Doug Archibald was unavailable for the meeting but submitted an email with comments regarding the proposed Naito cable park. His email was read for the committee.

Most committee members supported the idea of a cable park.

Some of the positive comments were:

- An additional recreation opportunity for Hood River
- Lodging on the waterfront with easy access to the Event Site and other areas on the waterfront.
- Potential improvements to Spit access road.

Some concerns were:

- Is exclusive use necessary?
- That the park not shut off use for stand up paddle boards. It is growing sport.
- Can Naito bring back the north end 15%?
- Public access for a walkway, either land or water.
- There are too many compromises to the private development.

After considerable discussion of these issues, the consensus was to support the Naito cable Park project with the following recommendations:

- Public access to the floating walkway or a public walkway on land
- Try to accommodate current users, perhaps make the park narrower so users can be inside walkway
- Include a jet ski dock on the north end of the basin for rescues
- Ask for a monetary contribution for enhancements to another area of the waterfront
- Have an annual review of a Port committee of the operations of the cable park.

## **Waterfront Visioning**

A master map was provided incorporating all of the suggestions from the last meeting on the "What is your Vision?" map. There was not time for discussion.

Lori Stirn mentioned the master plan the Parks and Recreation Department has completed. She will provide the results as soon as they are available, but noted that the one common comment was to provide more water access.

## **Recommendations to Commission**

There were no formal actions but there was consensus to recommend improving access at various sites on the waterfront.

At this point there was also consensus to leave the dates of June 15 to September 15 as "no launching and landing" at the Event Site.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was not scheduled but that it should be sometime before spring. They would like to talk about Jet Ski parking and concession layout (food and schools).

There was also a request to send meeting notices and agendas to the concessionaires.

The October 13, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

*Prepared by Linda Shames*