

Waterfront Recreation Committee Minutes
April 10, 2013 - 1:00 pm
Marina Center Boardroom

Members in Attendance: Sam Bauer, Cori Collins, Laney Gale, Pepi Gerald, Greg Stiegel, Rich McBride and Liz Whitmore

Members Absent: Doug Archbald, Bill Lake, Adam Lapierre, and Brian Shortt

Guests: Stephen Schneider, Steve Gates

Liz Whitmore opened the April 10 meeting at 1:07p.m. No items were added to the agenda.

Committee approved meeting minutes for March 14, 2013.

Public Comment

None

Proposal for Columbia Gorge SUP Club

- Steve Schneider presented his proposal to create a SUP club at the Nichols Basin to provide easy and affordable access for SUP. Hasn't decided if club will be profit or non-profit. Expects 200-400 to participate. Doesn't view club as a vendor and in competition with concessions/shops in town. Didn't come up with idea in the fall when RFP process was initiated, so would like to propose it now.
- Pepi Gerald: Concerned SUP club would be in competition with school concessions. RFP process should be upheld.
- Lori Stirn: Served on evaluation committee for RFP. Does not support concessions added after RFP process.
- Sam Bauer: RFP process was created to have a fair playing field; need to respect that. Looks at SUP club as a vendor because it is selling memberships to access equipment.
- Steve Gates: SUP club is proposing a duplication of services for a fee that Big Winds and other concessions are currently providing. Concessions went through a RFP process and made business decisions and investments per the outcome of that process. Opportunity for additional vendors comes again in three years during next RFP process.
- Laney Gale: Thinks it would be a great idea, but concerned about existing concessions. There was a process and a deadline that the SUP club should have met.
- Cori Collins: Likes the idea, but need to respect the RFP process. Suggested looking into Port of Klickitat as a potential location for club.

After the above discussion, the Waterfront Recreation Committee rejected Steve Schneider's request to apply for a permit for the Columbia Gorge SUP Club on Port of Hood River property.

Reviewed Approved Recreation Site Fees

- Concerned about restroom capacity. Restrooms should be opened up earlier and stay open longer.
- Concerned about trash removal. Port should look into underground trash receptacle similar to one at skate park.

Existing Concessionaires

- Discussed request from Kite the Gorge to apply for SUP permit post RFP process.
- Committee members agreed that RFP process should be upheld; also discussed the potential for an annual review process of operations.
- Big Winds opposes adding SUP on to an existing permit post-RFP process. Business decisions on investments and staffing were made based on the outcome of the formal RFP process.
- Kite the Gorge plans to attend the next Waterfront Recreation Committee meeting to discuss proposal.

The April 10, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Prepared by Liz Whitmore, 5/1/2013