

# Waterfront Recreation Committee Minutes

## February 12, 2014 – 1:00 pm

### Port Boardroom

Members in Attendance: Sam Bauer, Cori Collins, Pepi Gerald, Adam Lapierre, Rich McBride, Greg Stiegel, Lori Stirn, and Liz Whitmore

Members Absent: Bill Lake

Community Members: Mike Anderson, Todd Anderson, Arthur Babitz, John Hart, Linda Maddox, Judy Nelson, David Ojala, Heather Staten

Liz Whitmore opened the February meeting at 1:05 p.m. No items were added to the agenda.

Committee approved meeting minutes for Sept 18, 2013.

#### **Hook Launch and Trail**

Liz Whitmore reviewed the preliminary design concepts developed by the Port's engineer and landscape design consultants. Feedback from Waterfront Rec Committee and community members attending meeting includes:

- Arthur Babitz: Existing fishing platforms need to be factored into design and not conflict with path. Concerned squeezing out fishermen. (Note: 5' setback from top of bank to paved path will allow for fishing platforms)
- Judy Nelson: Would like to see path paved all the way to the southern tip of Hook.
- Lori Stirn and Pepi Gerald: Concerned that one rigging area is not enough.
- John Hart: Likes rigging area further to the south. Maintain turn-around at point. Design takes up parking spaces and is in conflict with fishing. New launch will increase use for kayakers.
- Sam Bauer: Concerned that 8' path down to launch is not wide enough. 180 degree turn from rigging area to the launch path would be difficult for beginners. (Note: engineer is looking at increasing width of launch path)
- Rich McBride: Common for beginners to carry board and sail separately. New design is like a "golden highway" to the water compared to having to clamber over rocks.
- Todd Anderson: Turn-around should be all the way at the southern tip of the Hook as is current practice for cars with trailers.
- Arthur Babitz: Turn-around is naturally at the end. Confirm location of manhole cover doesn't conflict with design. Would like to see landscaping and irrigation along the length of the trail.
- Pepi Gerald: Provide signage that indicates turn-around is at the end. Timber bollards should not be higher than 2' so don't conflict with windsurfing gear.
- Linda Maddox: Concerned about where people will park cars.
- Heather Staten: Timber poles as vehicle barriers don't seem big enough.
- Lori Stirn: Should consider boulders as vehicle barriers. "Boulders are forever." Look at pour-in-place rubber surface for rigging areas.
- **Group Consensus: Would like to see turn-around at the south end of the Hook because of increased foot traffic/use at point. Two rigging areas are needed to accommodate increased use.**

## **Pedestrian Bridge Bike/Ped Connections**

Liz Whitmore reviewed the preliminary design concepts developed by the Port's engineering consultant. Feedback from Waterfront Rec Committee and community members attending meeting includes:

- Judy Nelson: Road behind museum should remain accessible for pedestrians.
- Arthur Babitz: Would like to see improved fishing and kayaking access.
- Sam Bauer: Concerned about fishermen and kayakers having to park in museum parking lot.
- John Hart: Important for kayakers to be able to get close to take-out with car/trailer on east side of pedestrian bridge.
- Mike Anderson: Improve parking area further north from bridge at sandy area for kayakers.
- John Hart: Take-out preferable at bridge.
- Cori Collins: Important to maintain kayak access and take-out.
- Mike Anderson: Oregon State Marine Board pushing hard to support non-motorized water access. Kayak access should remain. Height of fishing season there can be 15 cars parked near bridge.
- Arthur Babitz: City should look at area south of interstate bridge for improved vehicular access.
- Liz Whitmore: Design allows for unimpeded access to river by both fishermen and kayakers. Parking will be available north of bridge in same location as current situation and can be accessed by gravel road behind museum. Alternate east bridgehead plaza (as shown by red dotted line on plan) will not be built.
- **Group Consensus: Important to maintain fishing and kayaking access. Need to look at parking potential at south end of east bridgehead.**

The February 12, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

*Prepared by Liz Whitmore, 2/19/2014*