

**Waterfront Recreation Committee
Minutes – June 21, 2012 - 12:00 pm
Marina Center Boardroom**

Members in Attendance: Doug Archbald, Sam Bauer, Cori Bison, Bill Lake and Greg Stiegel (CGWA), Forrest Rae (CGKA), Laney Gale, Pepi Gerald, Rich McBride and Jon Davies (Port Commissioners), Liz Whitmore (Port staff – ex officio member)

Members Absent: Lori Stirn and Michael Schock

Guests: Eric Cohn, Chris Boston, John Mooney, Mark

Commissioner Jon Davies opened the June 21 meeting at 3:05 p.m. No items were added to the agenda. Members and guests introductions were made.

Approval of March 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Move to approve minutes of the March 27, 2012 meeting.
Move: Davies
Second: Bison
Discussion: None
Vote: Unanimous

Public Comment

John Mooney: Swimming across from Event Site to sandbar very difficult with strong current. Huge amount of grass space unused at ES. Suggestion made that Port should look at access on a daily basis based on water level.

Chris Boston: Started using Event Site when pump and drive was approved by Port, but concerned area is too small. Kilters need more space. Sees kiting growing and windsurfing shrinking. Prefers launching from sandbar when it is large enough.

Eric Cohn: Had a difficult time trying to help son swim across to sandbar due to very strong current. Condition unsafe. Frustrated to see all the grass not available to kilters. Agrees that launching and landing shouldn't be allowed all season at ES, but would like to see organic policy to address access on a daily basis depending on water level. Suggested some type of "Open" or "Closed" sign.

Discussion on High-Water Event Site Access for Kiting

Pepi Gerald: Explained that CGKA and CGWA made recommendation to Commissioners to discontinue kiting access at Event Site earlier in June based on water level and were disappointed to see it go back up. Asked committee what would make people follow the rules? What type of visual signage?

Suggestion made to institute a flag system for daily access use based on water level. Green and Red flags on a flag pole.

Rich McBride: Explained that Port is working on permanent signage that will clearly communicate access guidelines. Would also like to see Port install its own river gauge. Understands there is a

problem with high-water kite access and need to do a better job next year. Acknowledges the bottleneck at the Event Site and need to disperse intensity of use to other locations along the waterfront. Issue with tourist congestion right where kites are. Supports extending pump and dry area to next line of trees to the west. Goal is to keep temporary access open as long as possible, but safety is a priority. Glad to see people moving to the sandbar.

Bill Lake: Kite launching at Event Site should be tied to safety. Problems arise when more windsurfers use site and are less experienced.

Jon Davies: Concerned that no one pays attention to buoys. Would like to move them closer to shore and designate them as 5 mph. Committee members agreed.

Motion: Move to relocate existing buoys 15' north of jetty and designate as 5mph.

Move: Davies

Second: Archbald

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Port-Meeting Staff Note: Designating buoys as 5mph requires a permit approved by the Oregon State Marine Board.

Liz Whitmore: Discussed with committee request from windsurfing school for Port to install an additional cable on Event Site grass when temporary kite access is allowed. Current launch and land "box" extends over cable to the west making it unusable when teaching windsurfing lessons.

Cori Bison: Necessary to have a communication policy regarding kite access in addition to visual cues/signage. This should be in place by April before the start of the season.

Doug Archbald: Concerned that when Event Site gets leased for exclusive use events with kites launching and landing it is confusing to others who think they can do the same. Port need to make this clearer.

Waterfront Summer Preview:

Liz Whitmore: Discussed with committee there are currently (5) kiting schools (2) windsurfing and kiting schools (1) windsurfing school. A-Train is the new Spit host, keeping an eye on safety and security. John and Sharon Chow will return as Event Site hosts by the end of June. Rattle snakes have been sighted at the Spit. Currently there are two traps, but no snakes caught yet.

Post-Season

Liz Whitmore: Post season tasks include creating a food vendor plan to look at the location and quantity of food vendors at the Event Site and a new RFP for schools. This is an important step to determine the appropriate number of schools to operate concessions from Port property. Many of the current schools have raised concerns that space and competition are an issue.

Forrest Rae: Suggest that Port defines capacity for teaching. Need to determine how many instructors allowed on the water at a given time.

Jon Davies: How much should the Port charge schools? Should it be based on how many instructors?

Cori Bison: Raised concern that if Port limits instructors, rogue instruction will be more prevalent to meet market demand.

Port Updates

Portway Avenue Construction: Will be substantially complete by the 4th of July. Project includes paving, sidewalks and light poles.

Marina Gangway: New gangway installed in Marina.

Doug Archbald: New gangway is great. Would like to see razor wire extended over door. Glad alarm has been removed. Would like to see a recycling center set up outside marina. Disappointed to see bins removed due to misuse.

Jon Davies: Commission intends to approve a Marina Committee at next meeting on July 10, 2012.

Lots 2 and 7 Construction: Lot 2 is a quarter through construction. Lot 7 is substantially complete.

Riverfront Trail: Port has submitted a request for an invitation to apply for a \$1.2 million grant to ODOT to extend the Riverfront trail from the pedestrian bridge to the Event Site. This trail would tie into the overall concept of future Lot #1 development.

Naito Development: The hotel and office development has been approved by the City and is under appeal. The cable park has been separated from the hotel and office development and has currently been withdrawn from the Army Core of Engineers permit process.

City Wastewater Treatment Plant Sewage Outflow Project: The city is required to extend the wastewater outfall pipeline and is looking to extend it out to the hook. The extensive piping project may have the potential to create waterfront access opportunities for the Port. The Port will stay apprised on the situation.

Waterfront Rec Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee agreed to reconvene in September with regular meetings starting up again in February 2013 to help develop high water plan for next year.

Waterfront Rec Committee Members - Term Expiration

Six committee members' terms will expire on 6/30/12. Cori Bison, Pepi Gerald, Lori Stirn, Forrest Rae, and Bill Lake have indicated they would like to be appointed to another 3-year term. Michael Schock will not be serving another term and his position will be posted publically.

The June 21, 2012 meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by Liz Whitmore, 06/26/2012