

Waterfront Recreation Committee Minutes
September 18, 2013 – 10:00 am
Port Boardroom

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

Members Absent: none

Community Member: Linda Maddox

Liz Whitmore opened the September meeting at 10:03 a.m. No items were added to the agenda.

Committee approved meeting minutes for May 31, 2013.

Overview of 2013 Season

- Consensus was that it was the best year yet; respect for safety very good; people got along well.
- Excellent wind conditions had positive impact on local economy.
- New signage at the Event Site was very effective and made it clear where spectators should locate themselves.
- Event Site hosts, John and Sharon Chow were outstanding. Committee would like to see an electrical hook-up provided for them at their RV.
- Lori Stirn attended an OR Parks and Rec Conference in which MIG, a planning group gave a presentation and talked about the Port of Hood River and how well the Port manages and supports waterfront recreation. The perception was very positive and complementary.
- Food vendors on lower cruise ship dock were a great mix, did excellent business, and enjoyed working with each other. Concern raised that Sandbar Café needs to ensure alcohol does not leave the dock. Liz Whitmore will follow up with owner.
- 4th of July: need to do a better job next year putting up ALL kiteboarding signage and rope line. Question was raised whether Lions club needs to continue to request raising water level.
- 5 mph buoys were very helpful; need to get them out there again next spring (severe wind conditions led to buoys breaking free).
- Suggestion made for Port to purchase a bull horn to communicate with people on water when behavior is unsafe. Note: Port has no jurisdiction/authority over activity in water.
- E. Coli – committee would like to see Port take action to mitigate dog and goose poop and get out ahead with Columbia Riverkeeper to do additional testing.

Hood River Waterfront Sign/Emergency Access Locations

- Committee gave input on sign and was supportive of emergency access signage plan with Hood River Fire Department.

Vendor Requests

- Sports massage therapist inquired about setting up table/chair on the grass at the Event Site.
- Consensus from committee is to keep grass clear of any vendors.
- A gentleman has inquired about installing a coin operated telescope on Port property. Currently looking at a location along the waterfront path east of the Waterfront Park windsurf launch. Committee was supportive of pursuing idea. Liz Whitmore to follow up with Columbia Gorge Hotel to inquire about telescope located there.

Waterfront Rec Committee Member

- An opening exists on the committee. The position was advertised in the HR News for two weeks, but has received no applicants. Committee to inquire with acquaintances to fill spot. Interest is having an individual representing the SUP community.

The Sept 18, 2013 meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Prepared by Liz Whitmore, 9/27/2013