

# Waterfront Recreation Committee Minutes

## September 25, 2014 - 10:00 am

### Gorge Innoventure

Attendees: Sam Bauer, Cori Collins, Pepi Gerald, Bill Lake, Adam Lapierre, John Mann, Rich McBride, and Lori Stirn

Absent: Greg Stiegel and Liz Whitmore

Rich McBride opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. No items were added to the agenda.

Committee approved meeting minutes for June 12, 2014.

#### 2014 Season in Review

- Rich McBride began with an assessment of the summer's success. Everyone was in agreement it was an uneventful summer and that was good. Kiteboard access to the sandbar on July 4th weekend was very positive.
- Sharon and John Chow were mentioned by multiple members of the committee. Everyone was in agreement to the benefits they provide for the Event Site.
- John Mann discussed the role of the Hood River Police to monitor Port regulations and how beneficial it was setting a high standard of enforcement early in the summer, which led to fewer issues throughout the summer.
- Bill Lake brought up jumping from the barge tie-up dolphins. John mentioned this not being within the Port jurisdiction and this closed the topic.
- Pepi Gerald brought up concerns about the channel crossing safety between the Event Site and the Sandbar. It was discussed to place more buoys in area to slow down jet skis.
- Adam Lapierre brought up how relocating swimmers to Slackwater Beach would benefit the Event site from a safety standpoint. Adam also brought up kite launching issues at the Marina Beach. He suggested better signage.
- Sam Bauer suggested the committee send emails to the kite related businesses to pass the word about courtesy and safety. Rich stated how they do it in Maui is with a loud speaker. General consensus was no one wanted Port staff running around with a blow horn. Pepi asked if we could increase the amount of buoys that mark the safety boundaries. It was agreed this should take place.
- Adam Lapierre asked about recycle bins at Port properties. John Mann stated there wasn't time for maintenance staff to hand sort large amounts of recycle materials. It was suggested by Adam to find a volunteer group to do this sorting.
- Rich McBride brought up the idea of giving food concessioners priority in establishing lease agreements with the Port so they don't get pushed out by others undercutting them or buying out the leases.

#### CGKA Clean-Up at Sandbar/Spit

- CGKA clean-up of the Sandbar occurred earlier in the spring. John Mann requested that material be hauled off-site and that it not be stacked on Port property. He also stated

the wood comes from State lands of which there are permits required for this kind of volunteer work and the Port only offers an access permit. It was asked if the wood could be burned. John stated that answer would come from the State not the Port.

### **Oregon State Marine Board: Non-Motorized Boating**

- Liz Whitmore to update committee at next WF Rec meeting.

### **Project Updates (Hook Launch, Bike/Ped Connections, Nichols Basin West Edge)**

- Hook Launch is scheduled to begin construction January 2015. Port did not receive the \$75,000 grant applied for. Funding for launch is in place which includes \$50k from CGWA and \$20k from Parks and Rec.
- Funding for rigging area, landscaping, solar bollards, and masonry seat wall will need to be re-evaluated for the next fiscal year. Because the sewer outfall project is delayed until fall 2015, the rigging area, etc. will not happen until spring 2016 if funding allows.
- Bike/Ped connections at the Pedestrian Bridge are scheduled for spring 2015 construction. Project will be bid December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Substantial grant funding is in place for the Nichols Basin West Edge project. Construction will commence early 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Prepared by John Mann and Liz Whitmore, 10/1/2014*