

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the regular meeting of the La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners held on **Monday, December 13, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the *Patio Room at the Best Western Midway Hotel, 1835 Rose Street, La Crosse, Wisconsin.***

MEMBERS PRESENT: President John Fisher
Vice President, Marc Schultz
Commissioner Jim Bertram
Commissioner Tom Thompson
Commissioner Wayne Oliver
City Council Member Tom Sweeney
County Supervisor Don Meyer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Capt. Michael Horstman (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Kirch, City Planner
Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension
Nathan Patros, Associate Planner (LTE)

OTHERS PRESENT: Betty Woodruff, Harbor and Waterfront Plan Steering Committee

President John Fisher called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

1) Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

A motion was made by Tom Sweeney to approve, Wayne Oliver seconded. The motion to approve carried unanimously with an amendment to change "Larry" to "Mr. Kirch".

2) Public Comment

None

3) Port of La Crosse Harbor and Waterfront Plan

a. Status and Schedule for January 18-20 Consultant Visit

Harbor Support Staff Kirch gave a status report regarding the transfer of documents, assembly of documents and plans and GIS layers for the consultant. The consultant would like to have stakeholder meetings over the three days along with having a Steering Committee, Technical Resource Committee meeting, a public information meeting. We are planning to hold the regular Meeting of the Harbor Commission on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at the County. Mr. Kirch (Harbor Support Staff), indicated that our weak link is the lack of staff or time to create a website for this project.

4) Review Draft Ordinance - AN ORDINANCE to create Paragraph 11.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse establishing an annual Buoy Permit Review and Placement Fee and creating the authority for the Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners to remove illegal and non-compliant regulatory waterway markers and signs.

Harbor Support Staff Kirch presented the draft which had been emailed out to everyone and he reported that he made the changes suggested by the City Attorney, County Attorney and Council Member Sweeny. This would be introduced at the City level in January for February action.

5) Nomination of Officers

There was a motion by Tom Sweeney to nominate the current officers for 2011, seconded by Don Meyer. After discussion, it was suggested that with the transition to the County for staffing, that Marc Schultz should be the President and John Fisher the Vice President. With this noted, the motion maker and seconded agreed to amend the nomination as noted. The motion to nominate Marc Schultz as President and John Fisher as Vice President carried unanimously. The Election of Officers will be on the January agenda.

6) Preparation of 2010 Annual Report

Harbor Support Staff will introduce this item at the City and will have it drafted for the next meeting in January.

7) Future Agendas (Review 2011 Calendar of Events)

a) Election of Officers

Items will include the City and County Buoy/Sign Ordinances, Election of Officers, Annual Report, Code of Ethics for the City members, Annual Sheriff report on boating regulation enforcement, Coleman Slough and Swift Creek Dredging status, and the Port and Waterfront Plan update.

8) Adjourn

Tom Sweeney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Bertram. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next month's meeting will be at the County, likely in B-190

9) Post Meeting Dutch Treat Social – Midway Hotel Patio Room

The members, staff and public adjourned to the Hotel lounge for food and drink with each person paying their own way. It was suggested that this social be moved to the summer where the river could be fully enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence J. Kirch, Support Staff
Port of La Crosse
Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners

Approved, 01.18.2011, Karl Green, Recorder.