

LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, June 20, 2011

4:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marc Schultz-President, John Fisher-VP, Commissioner Wayne Oliver, Commissioner Donald Meyer, Commissioner James Bertram, Commissioner Thomas Thompson

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Captain Michael Horstman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Earp

STAFF/GUESTS: Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension
Larry Kirch, City Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Carson, Marion Byerson

Meeting called to order at 4:33 p.m.

1) Approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.

- A motion was made by Wayne Oliver to approve May 16th's minutes, Thomas Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Public Comment

- Keith Carson reported that they will be adding another buoy (three total buoys) and will be placing once water levels lower. Ski club hasn't practiced much in spring. River City Waterski Show Team is open to anyone.

3) Commissioner Comments and Concern

- Don Meyer asks question, Re: Would we need to address any of the concerns regarding Public Comments?
- Comments are included in minutes of May 16, 2011 Harbor Commission meeting.

4) Port of La Crosse Harbor and Waterfront Plan update

- Discussion on last review of Harbor and Waterfront Plan.
- Larry Kirch said final draft is complete and has been submitted to him. He has been distributing to all plan "groups" (i.e. Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Committee)

a) Implementation Adoption Schedule

- July 13th Steering Committee Meets
- July Harbor Commission will review schedule following the steering committee meeting.

5) Buoy Permitting Issues

Marion inquired about City buoys and when they are to be installed

a) Number of permits issued

Four separate buoy permits have been paid thus far.

6) Riverfest Safety Program

- Marion Byerson spoke on what will be provided locally regarding public safety.
 - o Fire Department
 - o Tri-State Ambulance
 - o Gundersen Lutheran First Aid Station
 - o Levee Patrol and Riverside Park

- Coast Guard Auxiliary will have a tent up on site
- Local Municipalities safety services, including on the river (boat patrols)

7) Boating Rules Brochure

- Reported 1000 brochures were printed and distributed to City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Town of Campbell, Town of Shelby, LACVB, etc.
- City and County will split cost of brochures.

8) No-Wake Zone Signage

- Larry has 17 no-wake zone signs that could be either temporarily or permanently placed.
- Commission suggests a permanent pole.
- Need to have someone place
- Larry to check on Street Department installing

9) Free-Flow-Power

- Company that is proposing Hydro-power on Pool 7
- Symbiotics is proposing hydropower on Pool 8
- Ramifications on studies (going on now)
- \$52M Project Cost—10 Megawatts of Power.
- Ron Benjamin w/ WDNR has docket number for each project if Harbor Commission wants to make comments at the FERC website.
- Marc Schultz to send to Karl Green to forward to the rest of the committee

10) 2011 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review

- HAP Grant due August
- First discussion on potential projects to HAP Fund.
- Karl Green will follow-up with Kent Pehler.

11) Future Agenda Items

- Status on Buoy Permits
- Update on Bike Bridge for Mississippi River Bridge
- Resolution for Harbor Commission to support Bike Bridge

12) Adjourn

- Motion by Meyer to adjourn. Seconded by Oliver. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourns at 5:49 p.m.

Approved, 07/18/2011, Larry Kirch, Harbor Commission Recorder