

## **LA CROSSE JOINT BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS**

La Crosse County Administrative Center, Room 3220

Monday, July 18, 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, Commissioner Steve Earp

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Captain Michael Horstman

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF/GUESTS:** Karl Green, La Crosse County UW-Extension (absent), Larry Kirch, Director of City Planning and Development (recorder)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Keith Carson

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

### **1) Approval of the minutes of the June 20th, 2011 meeting of the Port of La Crosse Joint Board of Harbor Commissioners.**

- A motion was made by Thomas Thompson to approve June 20th's minutes, John Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2) Public Comment**

- None

### **3) Commissioner Comments and Concern**

- None

### **4) Report on Riverfest Activities**

- General comments from the Commission included:
  - Not as much enforcement as in previous years
  - The Main Channel Buoys were not in place and this may have led to some non compliance.
  - The State is short three wardens this year because of retirements and a transfer.
  - Most visible presence was by the Coast Guard Auxiliary.
  - High water reduced the overall number of boaters
  - Otherwise Riverfest went pretty smoothly

### **5) Discussion and review of Port of La Crosse Harbor and Waterfront Plan**

- Discussion on the Harbor and Waterfront Plan.
- Marc Schultz asked how minor comments are being handled and Larry Kirch said he will incorporate those as he receives them. JJR wishes to have one set of comments sent in or have one draft marked up. So far Mr. Kirch has received specific comments from Bob Fisher and City Park and Recreation Director Steve Carlyon. Mr. Kirch will send out another reminder to the Technical Advisory Committee regarding getting any comments in. Mr. Kirch will get a copy of the plan to Town of Campbell Administrator Jim Gitz.

#### **a) Implementation Adoption Schedule**

- August 3rd at 4:30 p.m. in the City's 5th Floor Conference Room is the rescheduled Plan Steering Committee Meeting, the Joint Board is invited to attend that meeting.

## **6) Buoy Permitting Issues**

- The City's Main Channel Buoys were installed today, July 18th. It was not certain when the buoys would be installed at the 7th Street Boat Ramp or in the Black River from 300' South of the Rail Road Bridge to Clinton Street. There was no additional information regarding the status of how many permits have been applied for or issued. Information presented indicated that there are 21 permit holders and 85 individual permits, only five permit holders have responded to date. Commissioner Meyer will be presenting information to the County Board on the permit issue and how the cost was determined.

## **7) WCPA Conference**

- The Conference is in Manitowoc this year. There is sufficient budget to cover the cost of one commissioner from the City Budget. There is no Council appointment at this time however. A motion was made by Commissioner Fisher to permit Larry Kirch and Karl Green to attend the WCPA Conference plus up to two other Joint Board Members if funds are available, seconded by Wayne Oliver. The Motion carried unanimously.

## **8) Free Flow Power/Symbiotic Update**

- Commissioner Schultz has indicated that the Comment Period has been extended.
- Marc Schultz to send to Karl Green a copy of a letter that may serve as an example for the Joint Board to use if they wish to comment on the project and he will forward to the rest of the committee.

## **9) 2011 and Monthly Calendar of Events Review**

- No discussion on this item.

## **10) Future Agenda Items**

- Port and Waterfront Plan Review
- Status on Buoy Permits
- Update on Bike Bridge for Mississippi River Bridge
- Resolution for Harbor Commission to support Bike Bridge
- Free Flow Power/Symbiotic Update/Letter from Commission

## **11) Adjourn**

- A motion was made by Jim Bertram adjourn. Seconded by Wayne Oliver. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourns at 5:15 p.m.

*Approved, 08/15/2011, Karl Green, Harbor Commission Recorder*