

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PIERS, HARBORS, AND LAKEFRONT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)**

Committee Members: Chairperson Joan Yunker, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Ken Howell, Peg Esposito, and Tim Dunn

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Yunker

Roll Call:

Present: Yunker, Howell, Esposito, and Dunn

Absent: Straube (excused)

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda.

George Steffen, 1316 Pleasant Street spoke on agenda item six (Lagoon slips)

Richard Pucci, 316 Elmwood Avenue spoke on agenda item six (Lagoon slips)

Approval of the September 12, 2023 Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee minutes as prepared and distributed. Motion by Esposito, seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Riviera Roof, related to bird control (continued from September 12, 2023, meeting). Harbormaster Steve Russell provided the committee with an update. Two companies have been contacted to visit the site and make recommendations as to how best address to the issue. Russell suggested possibly issuing an official Request For Proposals to solicit additional input. Consensus of the committee to carry this topic over to the next Piers & Harbors meeting.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding status and future use of Lagoon Slips (continued from September 12, 2023 meeting). Russell recommended to the committee that a formal Request For Proposals to receive cost estimates for (a) the removal of the existing lagoon slips and (b) the installation of new lagoon slips. After additional discussion, Howell so moved to send out a Request For Proposals. Esposito seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the 2024 Lifeguard Service Agreement with Water Safety Patrol. After brief discussion, Howell moved to recommend approving the 2024 Lifeguard Service Agreement with the Lake Geneva Water Safety Patrol. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a request for AED unit for Riviera Beach (Water Safety Patrol). After brief discussion, Esposito moved to recommend approving the purchase of an AED unit for use at the Riviera Beach. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding 2024 Clean Boats/Clean Water Program Participation (Geneva Lake Environmental Agency). Russell provided a brief report of the 2023 program and recommended participating again in 2024. Motion by Howell to recommend participating in the 2024 Clean Boats/Clean Water Program. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding West End Pier boat vandalism. Harbormaster Russell discussed this topic with the committee, outlining various incidents of vandalism and theft that have occurred. Briefly discussed possible options for the City to consider to address the issue. Russell noted this topic was strictly “informational” at this time.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Boat Launch Rate. Russell addressed the topics of increasing all rates to current Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rates as well as adding a daily Commercial Fee of \$100 (currently there is no daily rate; only a season pass fee of \$1,000). After discussion among the committee members. It was consensus to not increase all City rates to the DNR’s rates. Esposito moved to recommend that the City add a daily commercial fee of one hundred dollars. Motion seconded by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding possible fee change for annual beach passes and possible regulation on eligibility for passes. City Administrator Nord asked that this agenda item be held over until next month. Howell moved to continue this agenda item until the next meeting. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding replacing defective exterior lighting at the Riviera at a cost of \$24,000. Russell reviewed the estimates within the meeting packet for replacement of 6 bollard lights around the fountain as well as lights for the stairways leading up to the second floor of the Riviera building. Funding for these items would be taken from this year’s budget. Howell so moved to recommended approval of the purchase. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous vote. This item was referred to the FLR committee.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis Statutes 19.85(1)(f) considering financial or disciplinary data of specific persons, which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories related to Riviera Concourse Space “M” Lease. At 5:36 PM, Esposito so moved that the committee go into closed session with the addition of the Mayor, Harbormaster, Alderperson Fesenmaier and City Administrator Nord. Seconded by Howell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wis Statutes 19.85(2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session. At 5:42 PM Howell so moved to go back into open session. Seconded by Esposito. Motion carried unanimously.

Esposito so moved that the City proceed as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Yunker. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 5:43PM Howell moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dunn. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.