

MINUTES OF MEETING
Waterways Advisory Board –August 18, 2014
Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building
Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, Brad Pendleton.

STAFF PRESENT: Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Maria Petris, Supervisor, Parks & Waterways; Ranell Schwartz, Recording Secretary.

OTHERS PRESENT: Colin Huffner, Camp Cross Executive Director

Vice-Chairman Jim Aucutt called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Brad Pendleton moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

REGULATORY BUOY APPLICATION-CAMP CROSS

Colin Huffner presented a regulatory buoy application for three no-wake buoys at Camp Cross on Lake Coeur d’Alene. Avista donated buoys and the camp is willing to pay for deployment. A sub –committee will be meeting on this issue and may recommend placing strategic buoys around the County lakes and waterways which may include Camp Cross.

MOTION: Ray Bradley moved to table this decision until the sub-committee makes a recommendation. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE FOR FEE INCREASE AND MOORING FEES

The BOCC accepted the recommendation of the Advisory Board to hold a public hearing regarding a proposed increase in boat launch user fees, however the BOCC recommends the annual pass for Idaho residents be raised to \$25 rather than the proposed \$30. The resolution draft should be finished by Labor Day. A BOCC public hearing should be held by mid September. The Advisory Board will be notified of the Public Hearing date.

LAKE CDA-NORTH END BOAT LAUNCH-COMMERCIAL BULKHEAD

There was a brief review and discussion of supporting a launch at the north end of Lake Coeur d’Alene

MOWRY SHELTER PROJECT

Mr. Snyder reported that the bid process is finished and the project was awarded to Recreation Today of Idaho. They will provide two 32x36 shelters with brown steel beams and green roofs. Parks and Waterways staff will demo the existing structures and pour the footings. The existing concrete pads will be used.

There was a brief discussion of Resolution 2014-33 term limits.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

STAFF REPORTS

Maria Petris, Supervisor, Parks & Waterways

Mowry Shelters- getting equipment to the site is the challenge. Logging on the neighboring property caused additional challenges regarding access by road. They are hoping to get equipment in before the bad weather starts; otherwise they will have to use a barge to deliver materials at three times the cost.

Fake owls have been mounted at the Harrison docks to keep seagulls away. It worked for about three weeks. They will move them around to keep the annoying birds from messing up the docks.

Upper Twin docks have become the local swim area which has caused problem for boaters trying to utilize the launch area as swimmers are on the docks in the launch area. Sheriff Deputies have been helpful in patrolling the facility. Mica Bay single car parking has been changed to no overnight parking so that the space is available to boaters using the launch and not used for long term parking by residents with a cabin on the lake.

A new restroom will be installed at Spokane Point in the spring.

Nick Snyder, Parks & Waterways-

The Carlin Bay parking area can now officially open. Community Development Director, David Callaghan and attorney, Pat Braden were helpful in creating the ordinance that makes this possible. Staff will be using temporary striping and posting signs to direct traffic flow.

FY2015 budget will be published soon. He expects the capital project requests to be approved except for the irrigation at Greensferry Park. Approved projects include a restroom at Spokane Point, new docks at Harlow point, and grant match for new docks at Hauser Lake.

Mr. Snyder reported the following for Sergeant Higgins-

The Sheriff Recreation Safety Division will lose half of their staff after this Saturday. They will be going to POST. The remaining staff will stay on thru the 8th of September. We will be keeping two on through the winter. Josh Stearns and Bob Bjelland will stay on however Bob is having surgery this September and will remain on in a limited capacity.

The Sheriff and I met with a homeowner in the Spokane River who wants to make some law/ordinance changes on the river. This would include changing when lights would be displayed on the river, and changes to water skiing, tubing and wake boarding and possible speed reductions. He was told what the process was to change laws within the county.

There has been confusion on the wake zones and buoys on Spirit Lake because of the location of the current buoy and the distances from one shoreline to another. It would be the Sherriff's Office suggestion that the homeowners association request the county adopt a designated wake zone the goes from the community dock to the boat launch and includes the mill pond. This would make it very easy for the Sheriff's Office to enforce this problem.

There was continued discussion about no-wake zones. Mr. Snyder suggested hosting a "Regulatory Buoy Summit" after September 15 with the Advisory Board and the KCSO Recreation Safety Division to evaluate the need for regulatory buoys on all of the lakes and rivers and make a recommendation to the BOCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Schwartz

Recording Secretary