

Riverfront Board Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2010

Attendees: Gary Klein, Jason Loomis, Dave Green, Mike Stacey, Shane St. Claire, Roger Thompson

Absent: Michael Martin,

Staff: JoAnn Herrigel

Guest: Andy - Willamette Jet Boats

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were approved as written.

Willamette Riverkeepers - Canoe/kayak access

Herrigel reported that she had toured the Riverfront with Travis Williams, of the Willamette Riverkeepers, earlier that day. She noted that he was very supportive of the Riverfront Park project and encouraged the board (and the City) to move forward. Herrigel said she had written up the various options for non-motorized boat access that she had explored with Travis and sent them to him for a formal response. In general, Williams had expressed a preference for a sandy beach access to the north (rather than south) of the boat ramp.

Willamette Jet Boats

Andy, from Willamette Jet Boats gave the group a summary of what his company does. He said they had been in business since 1977 and they give public boat tours from OMSI. He said he recently opened a maintenance/storage shop in Milwaukie near the Springwater Trail bridge over McLoughlin and that he often uses the Jefferson Street boat ramp to put in and take out his jet boats. He said he is very excited about the proposed new ramp.

Other comments by Andy:

- He uses a triple axle trailer (will these fit around corners of proposed lots and access roads?)
- There may be a bottle neck during salmon season if the proposed park doesn't add more parking spaces
- John Storm Park has a good dock
- The new dock at Lake Oswego is going to get beat up badly

(Thompson: the new proposed transient dock in Milwaukie may not fair very well in the proposed location. It may get beat up by accumulated debris)

- Will need to watch stress points on transient dock and have a boat available to dislodge debris regularly
- The Willamette Star and Crystal Dolphin may also be interested in using Milwaukie's facilities

- Will Jet Boats picks up people at various locations (50-60 people) and might want to use the Milwaukie location as a pick up site
- He noted that if you allow overnight moorage you invite drinking, trash, defecation and urination on the dock and dogs running around
- He asked if the City had considered a pump out facility and noted that Oregon City is the only public pump out area south of River Place. He said there is a big need for public pump outs.

Update on project work

Power Pole Relocation: Herrigel said she had met with PGE, city engineering staff and DEA to review pole relocation designs and she anticipated that the poles would be moved by Spring.

Oregon Solutions meeting: Herrigel said she was thinking of Friday October 22 or 29 for the date of the Oregon Solutions meeting. She said she would keep the Board posted on that.

DLC meeting (Sept 22): Herrigel reported that she and Dave Green had met informal with the DLC on September 22 to go over the suggestions that DLC had made when they had reviewed the Riverfront project. Green noted that one issue that was raised by one DLC member was the radial pattern of the plaza design. He asked if the group felt that the design should be modified based on the ideas from the DLC. Stacey and Loomis said they liked the design the way it was. St Clair said he could see there being some more curves integrated into the plaza. Thompson said he liked the radial design.

Utilities meeting: Herrigel said that she and DEA had met with the City's utility leads to discuss utility locations and access to manhole covers etc.

Access discussion: Herrigel said she and Green had met with Elissa Gertler, from Clackamas County to go over the access issue for the new park. Gertler had said she would brief the Commissioners on the issue – but Herrigel said she had not heard back as to the status of that.

Community Booth sign up: Herrigel circulated the sign up sheet for the community booth at the Farmers Market and asked Board members to sign up for shifts.

Next Meeting

Herrigel asked if the October meeting might be cancelled since the Oregon Solutions meeting might take up a lot of time this next month. The group was amenable to cancelling the October meeting.