

RIVER RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2009
Ambroz Recreation Center

A meeting of the River Recreation Commission of Cedar Rapids was called to order at 2000 Mt. Vernon Rd. SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, at 11:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Carl Cortez, Tom Furnish, Jeff McLaud, Rebecca Palmer, Larry Benda, John Weyer, and Meghan Kennedy. The following city employees were present: Rob Wagner and Lauri Latteyer.

Tom Furnish presided as Chairman and Lauri Latteyer, Secretary, recorded the proceedings of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

NEW Business:

A. Section 1h of the River Recreation Charter states that there is to be one Commission member chosen to act as Chairperson, one member as Vice-Chairperson, and one as Secretary. A motion was made for Tom Furnish to continue as Chairperson, Jeff McLaud to act as Vice-Chairperson, and Rebecca Palmer to act as Secretary. Motion seconded and approved.

B. Scott Pinter submitted a plan to the Commission to build a dockhouse with commercial floats and a steel frame. Rebecca Palmer motioned to accept the plan and Carl Cortez seconded. Rob Wagner said that the City would not be able to issue a lease to Scott Pinter because the DNR says that no new harbor tenant can have a dockhouse. After much discussion, the first motion was rescinded and Jeff McLaud and John Weyer motioned to approve Scott Pinter's plan subject to obtaining a DNR variance, and the Commission is endorsing Rob Wagner to provide a letter to the DNR for Scott Pinter's variance application. Motion seconded by Carl Cortez and approved.

C. Tim Feaker would like to bury his two one-ton cinder blocks by the road on the east side of the harbor. Rob Wagner said he talked to Steve Krug, Cedar Rapids Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect, and he is against it because the blocks will probably get in the way of future construction and renovations. It was suggested that Tim Feaker put the blocks in the quarry. Tim Feaker does not have a quarry lease.

D. Nick Steichen, a Scout with Troop 85 and Bobbie Steichen's son, would like to do an Eagle Scout project at the harbor. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Public Comment:

A. Jimmy Kaas was in the Seattle/Vancouver area and was able to see how dockhouses were secured there. He said he would be willing to research and present the cost of other methods. Since the harbor infrastructure needs to be fixed due to the flood, why not make changes for the better?

B. Bobbie Steichen of the Ellis Harbor Neighborhood Association said her husband is working with an artist to do a print of the harbor pre-flood. If anyone would like to contribute photos or would be interested in getting a copy of the print, please let her know.

C. Bobbie Steichen asked if the DNR was getting together with stakeholders again. Jeff McLaud's wife emailed Jennifer Landcaster about this and got no response.

D. Tom Furnish asked if others had received DNR citations and Rob Wagner said that there were many issued.

Please send agenda items to Tom Furnish and he will send them to Rob Wagner.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.