

DIXON RIVERFRONT COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 10, 2010

Chairman Larry Reed called the meeting of the Riverfront Commission to order at 5:32 P.M. In the Council Chambers of the City Hall.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Chairman Larry Reed, Jean Millar, Paul Miller, John Weitzel, Bonnie Kime, Chuck Stoddard, Tim Zielinski, Pris Brickley and Ex Officio member, Mayor Burke. Jack Coleman absent. Chuck Stoddard moved the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel to manage and maintain the Heritage Crossing. Jean Millar seconded the motion. Roll Call Millar yea, Miller yea, Weitzel, yea, Coleman absent, Kime, yea, Stoddard, yea, Zielinski, yea, Brickley, yea, Reed, yea. Executive Session

Regular meeting - In addition to the board, community members present. Nick Mahan, WIXN, Geoff Vanderlin, Cathy Seagren, Ellen Mumford, Jeanine Pitman, Neil Peterson and Riverfront Executive Manager, Kay Miller.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting was made by Bonnie Kime and seconded by Jean Millar. The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer Jean Millar presented the attached Treasurer's report which showed SVC account \$27,365.07 and Maintenance account \$33,292.70. See attached sheet. The report will be filed for the auditor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sister Cities President, Geoff Vanderlin introduced Cities' members present, Cathy Seagren and Ellen Mumford and briefly talked about the purpose and efforts of the Sister Cities' program. He presented a proposal, (see Attachment) for the flags of the four sister cities of Dixon, to be flown at the Riverfront area. Several times for flag flying are proposed and the Sister's Committee will present us with two sets of flags. Correct flag flying was discussed and Larry and Geoff will meet to see how the flags can be used with our present flagpoles. Tim Zielinski moved we accept the Sister Cities offer. John Weitzel seconded the motion. Approved. The Commission welcomes the addition to the Riverfront and enthusiastically accepted the donation of the flags.

Neil Peterson and Jeanine Pitman, nephew and great-niece of Dagmar (Peterson) and Lyle Ballard, presented the commission with a check for \$30,000, a donation from the estate of Dagmar M. Ballard. Dagmar was an enthusiastic supporter of the riverfront improvement project. The Commission gratefully accepted the donation.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Kay Miller gave a favorable report on the Taste of Dixon held at the Riverfront. The event was enthusiastically attended by many and only slightly dampened by the rain. The issue of the electrical outlet box needs to be addressed. We need an accessible location for such an item at the Riverfront. Movement of the unwieldy item damages the walks. It is also potentially hazardous to those working with it. Because of the effort and problems connected to its usage, she is proposing that we consider a charge for its use. Kay also alerted us to the discovery of several potentially serious cracks on the upper wall which should be dealt with before winter. The issue of the street closing for events needs to be addressed. A meeting was held this week with city

officials to discuss the issue. The commission needs to assess the situation.

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Kay was asked for a monthly report of scheduled events which would keep commissioners aware of events which will be going on. This could probably be done by email and will be looked into.

Kay suggested to the commissioners that we consider raising the price of the pavilion for next year.

The fountain pools needed to be cleaned out and John Groshans was working on that as we met. Due to that Kay presented John's report.

John assessed the flood damage and reported the cleanup being done and alerted us to the damage of soil erosion by the steps. More soil will be needed as well as replanting. The soil issue is particularly a problem as the watering system is now exposed due to the washing away of the covering soil. That needs to be addressed now, but the plantings will probably be done in the spring.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Paul Miller – Thanked Bonnie for the great Autism Conference held in our community and on the Riverfront. The application for the Governor's Hometown Award has been submitted. A very impressive looking copy of what was sent was made available to the commission. The Trestle and Dock projects being readied for application for grants are due at the end of this month.

Bonnie Kime – Not available for a report as she and Jean were to be at the Reagan wine tasting event.

Jean Millar – Not available for a report as she and Bonnie were to be at the Reagan wine tasting event. Jean had passed around a copy of the advertising we have shared with others in an antique magazine.

Jack Coleman – No report.

Chuck Stoddard – No report

Priscilla Brickley – Time was not available to discuss possibilities for a new member. Commissioners received a copy of potential names. It was suggested that we have a special meeting just to discuss possibilities. No action was taken.

Design Committee – Larry Reed – No report

Tim Zielinski – Larry recognized the new addition, a son, to the Zielinski family. Sleep seems to be at a premium. The commission informed him that life will be changing BIG TIME!!!! and our congratulations, to Tim and Lisa.

John Weitzel – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

We again discussed the need for a funding base and that there may be people interested in specific projects to help with those fundings. The wireless set up is one to be looked into as well as the dock. A committee of Larry Reed, Tim Zielinski, John Weitzel and Jean Millar will look into this.

The tent anchors have all been cleaned and will be scrutinized for use.

No new business

John Weitzel moved the meeting be adjourned. Jack Coleman seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:17.

The next meeting will be held on September 14, at 6:00 in City Hall Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Brickley, Secretary

