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## MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 5, 2018

5:30 PM

North Conference Room

### Minutes

#### 1) Call to Order, Roll Call

**Present:**

Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski

Chair Julie Cabaniss

Vice Chair Daniel Knuth

Committee Member Dale Mortensen

Committee Member Karen Stern

Committee Member Michael Gross -- **Absent**

Committee Member Kenneth Quant -- **Absent**

Also present were Thiensville President Mobley, Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies, and Officer Kranz.

#### 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. February 28, 2018 Minutes

**RESULT:** **Approved [Unanimous]**

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Mortensen

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairman Knuth

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| <b>AYES:</b> Dorszynski, Cabaniss, Knuth, Mortensen, Stern |
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#### 3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business

##### **Discussion and possible action.**

A. EZ Kayak Launch or natural kayak Launch below the dam in Thiensville

EZ Kayak Launch and promotion of natural kayak launch below the dam in Thiensville idea discussed with Van Mobley. It was suggested that we check with Andy LaFond as to the budget for such a thing. It was agreed upon that a good first step would be to promote the idea at the beginning of summer next year. The EZ Kayak idea was put on hold for possible discussion later in the year.

Park and Forestry Superintendent Gies updated the committee on the grant designed to fund the redesign of Garrison's Glen by adding a picnic area and kayak launch site. He will review the sign file created by the Milwaukee River Advisory Committee for the new river kayak/canoe signs that were put up last year at Villa Grove and Fireman's Park among other places and see if adding information about Garrison's Glen might be appropriate for future signs. The City or a Milwaukee River Advisory Committee member will need to make the file available to the Parks and Forestry Superintendent.

#### B. Four-Wheelers on the snow and ice on the river

Four-Wheelers on the snow and ice on the river was discussed. It was acknowledged that the four-wheelers make deep ruts in the ice, making it difficult for cross-country skiers to ski on the river. The committee decided that it would not look into any restrictions but rather create a community mailing postcard with river courtesies and suggestions regarding the notion that four-wheelers should go down the middle of the river and not near the edges so that cross-country skiers can have clean skiing along the edges of the river.

The courtesy postcard will be created by Julie Cabaniss before the next meeting, on Tuesday, December 4th at 6p.m. so that the committee can revise the card before it is sent out. It will include courtesies for river use for both Winter and Summer.

#### C. Officer Michael Kranz - new river patrol officer

Officer Kranz gave an update on the happenings on the river over the last six months. He noted that the citations and warnings were half what they were the previous year, with only seven citations on the river and nine warnings. He attributed some of it to the weather that was not so conducive to the river use for much of the Summer and Fall.

In addition, Officer Kranz said he is training at least three other officers to be ready to help patrol the river next year. It was noted that the Police Department does not have a good way to patrol the river in the winter and that it might be in the interest of the community for the Milwaukee River Advisory Committee to make a recommendation to the City that the Police Department acquire an ATV Four-Wheeler to be able to move quickly up and down the river and elsewhere around the City and Village.

### 4) New Business

#### a. Report on the docks and general state of the River after Fall Flood

The Dock at Villa Grove will be replaced as it was damaged by a user. Officer Kranz and Milwaukee River Advisory Member Ron Dorszynski brought up the fact that due to power loading at that dock by some community members, there is a giant divot in the gravel near the launch that is extremely hazardous to boaters. Officer Kranz will look into possibly making an ordinance against power loading at Villa Grove to prevent this from happening each year. This will be further discussed at the December 4th meeting.

#### b. Adopt a stretch of the River

It was decided that the Milwaukee River Advisory Committee will not adopt a section of the river, that is not part of the mission of the committee.

c. Any other news issues needing to be discussed or addressed.

New discussion item for the next meeting, the handoff of chairwoman responsibilities to the Vice Chair, Daniel Knuth.

Next meeting will be Tuesday December 4th, 2018.

5) Adjourn

a. Adjourn

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Mortensen

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairman Knuth

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Respectfully Submitted,

*Casey Deuster*