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## MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

6:00 PM

North Conference Room

### Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Chairman Knuth Called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Present:**

Chairman Daniel Knuth

Committee Member Gary Berg

Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski

Committee Member Michael Gross

Committee Member Karen McNarney

Committee Member Kenneth Quant

Committee Member Karen Stern -- **Absent**

Also present was Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies and guest Bill Spaulding.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. May 28, 2019 Minutes

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

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Quant

**SECONDED BY:** Vice Chairman Knuth

<b>AYES:</b>	Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, Gross, McNarney, Quant
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Stern

3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business

a. Discuss River Courtesies Mailing

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies and Board member Stern had previously talked following the previous meeting and decided that a courtesy card would not be an effective way to reach river residents due to expense and the fact that a large percentage of them would be discarded without being read.

They discussed an app like Next Door may be a better way to achieve the goals.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies also noted that we, as the M/T RAC, could more effectively reach neighbors personally, noting that it seems like the committee members know many of the river residents in both communities.

The committee discussed using Facebook to create a river information page because it would be more self-tending than trying to collect email addresses and manage in the way Next Door would require. Info on the page would include both standard river regulations and courtesy messaging, as well as any timely information of value to river users and residents.

It was discussed that one more courtesy card would still be a good initial way to let people know about the new Facebook page.

All members agreed that the goal should be to simplify by just creating a Facebook page and Google calendar with a first year of events and then try to promote it to the river users.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies suggested creating 12 x 12 signs with Facebook address for landing locations.

Guest Bill Spaulding brought up the idea of securing a logical URL address for web page usage.

- a. Create a first draft of a facebook page and google calendar.

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

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member McNarney

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member Quant

<b>AYES:</b> Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, Gross, McNarney, Quant
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- b. River park signage and facilities inventory project

Board Member Berg presented a detailed report of the current state of the signage at each of the access points to committee members. This report included first-hand observations and accompanying pictures.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies supplied his information from the City's perspective after his own review of these landings.

Garrisons Glen

Ramp in need of repair from ice damage. River map sign also missing. New Ramp and signs coming from the City.

Moonlight

Not much room for improvement available.

Scout Park

Board member Berg noted that the main park sign was cracked and that the access is hard to find and rough.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies noted that the sign being replaced with a more durable cedar version and would look into possibly installing better signage for access road.

Villa Grove

Discussed ways to encourage paddlers to utilize up-stream access point to alleviate usage and parking pressure from main boat landing area.

Village park

Discussion regarding angular retainer arms on the docks render them almost unusable for any but the smallest boats.

It was agreed that this general discussion should be continued at later meetings.

4) New Business

a. New Committee members and resignations

Chairman Knuth initiated a discussion to summarize the recent changes to the members of the committee. This includes the resignations of Dale Mortenson and Julie Canbannis.

New Members are Gary Berg and Karen McNarney were also introduced.

b. Election of Committee Chair & Vice Chair

a. Name Ken Quant as Vice Chair.

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

**MOVED BY:** Vice Chairman Knuth

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member Dorszynski

<b>AYES:</b> Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, Gross, McNarney, Quant
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5) Adjourn

a. Adjourn at 7:42 PM.

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

**MOVED BY:** Vice Chairman Knuth

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member McNarney

<b>AYES:</b> Knuth, Berg, Dorszynski, Gross, McNarney, Quant
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Respectfully Submitted,

*Casey Deuster*