

Minutes  
August 10, 2004  
Riverfront Board meeting

Attendees: Loaiza, Wall, Green, Martin, Klein  
Absent: Stacey

This was Stephen Loaiza's last meeting. Herrigel presented him with a certificate of appreciation. Loaiza said his experience on the Riverfront Board had been "a blast" and he remembered Councilor Marshall referring to the vision for the Riverfront as "Something our children's children would pass on". He stated again for the record that McLoughlin should be capped.

**Dock Purchase:** Herrigel told the group that Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. has asked the City if a temporary dock could be installed at the Riverfront. This dock would be similar (perhaps the same) as the one used at the Riverfest this year and last. This dock is called a "Canaddock" apparently. All were in favor of this type of dock and supported CMI's efforts.

**Boat Ramp Update:** Herrigel stated that she would be talking to Council at their upcoming work session regarding repairs for the boat ramp. She noted that she had provided Council with several options including closing the boat ramp, pursuing emergency funds from the Oregon Marine Board and pursuing larger grants from the Oregon Marine Board that would obligate the City to keeping the facility in place for 20 years. The discussion that followed included the following comments:

- Wall: we seem to be backing into the subject of keeping the boat ramp or not by taking this to Council
- Staff should check to see if we really have remaining financial obligations on the old grants for the ramp
- Green: if we open up the plan and public opinion is included we should include options both with and without the boat ramp.
- Wall: Council may hear only 2 options: shut down the facility or spend lots of money on it – then they (Council) may go for spending the money and we again wind up with a long term commitment to the Oregon Marine Board
- Green: shall we write another letter to Council expressing our feelings on this subject?
- Loaiza: We should write a letter with a statement of what we want.

The group discussed their opinions on whether there should be a ramp and a parking facility or just a ramp. All in attendance agreed that they saw no place for parking in the middle of the Riverfront but that the ramp does have a place, it's just currently in the *wrong* place. They further agreed that public input should be sought regarding where the ramp is located and how it is integrated into the Riverfront Plan.

Green said he thought emergency funds should be pursued to repair the ramp as much as possible.

Loaiza asked “What’s our gift?” and noted that he didn’t come on the Riverfront Board to have a “ big slab of asphalt in our park.”

After further discussing the contents of a letter to Council, a vote was taken regarding whether the letter should be sent and be consistent with this content (to be drafted by Dave Green). Loaiza motioned to send this letter, Wall seconded and the vote carried 5-0 with Stacey absent.