

Riverfront Board Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2005

Attendees: Martin, Wall, Green, St. Clair, Stacey, Klein  
Absent: Darling  
Staff: Herrigel

Minutes: Wall motioned to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Klein seconded and the motion passed, 3-0-3. Wall noted that the September minutes had never been approved due to lack of appropriate quorum. The September minutes were tabled until the December Board meeting.

Concept Plan Input Process:

Herrigel summarized the survey data that had been collated so far:

Surveys Mailed to 97222 (Residential and Commercial)	16,400	
97222 Surveys Input to date	1,779	
Non-97222 Surveys input to date	14	
Total Input to date	1793	
Option # 1	371 (21%)	
Option # 2	1351 (75%)	
Neither or both	71 (4%)	
Highest Overall amenity	Picnic facilities	(4.12)

**Priority Ratings for all surveys**

Picnic Facility	4.12
On-site parking	3.99
Open Space	3.85
Boat Dock	3.74
Off Site Parking	3.65
Play Equipment	3.63
Boat Ramp	3.51
Amphitheatre	3.28

**Priority Ratings for Option 2**

Picnic Facility	4.34
On-site parking	4.12
Open Space	3.97
Boat Dock	3.96
Off Site Parking	3.64
Play Equipment	3.61
Boat Ramp	3.51
Amphitheatre	3.28

- Predominant comments were regarding the boat ramp and parking.
- Six things the most people said they want to do in the park (no specific order): Boat, Concerts, Picnic, Playground, Relax/view, Walk/Bike

Board comments:

- What are the amenity priorities for the minority (those who chose Option 1).
- What is the deadline for survey submission?
- St Clair made a motion to: “Cut off public input on December 1 and come up with a Riverfront Board recommendation at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to send to Council with the staff report summarizing the data collected.” Motion was seconded (after amendment of cut off date) by Klein. Motion passed 6-0.
- Staff should send data to Riverfront Board by December 9<sup>th</sup> for discussion at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- St. Clair asked if he could get a copy of the Excel data so he could play with it. He also requested that all the comments be sent to the Board members for review.

Herrigel said the next steps would be for staff to take the data and the Board recommendation to the City Council along with a proposal for developing a third concept. She proposed having a combined meeting with City Council, Riverfront Board and Parks Board members to integrate the public comments and arrive at a “compromise” concept. She said she thought there should be a facilitator for that meeting and noted that Gill Williams has offered to draw up any plan that results.

Green suggested that Mike Faha of Greenworks might be willing to facilitate this type of meeting. Herrigel and Green agreed to ask Faha if he would do that.

### **Donation Receipts**

Herrigel said she had requested an opinion from the Finance Director on the tax deductibility of donations to the City and he had been reticent to provide guidance. She was checking with other private sector folks to see what they might “need” in order to donate funds. St. Clair suggested that Herrigel get the By Laws of Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. and a copy of their determination letter.

Wall suggested that Herrigel seek a formal opinion from a tax lawyer regarding tax deductions allowed for Riverfront donations to the City.

St. Clair noted that if the City could not offer tax deductions to donors that we might establish a foundation. He said that he had set up at least three of them and that they weren’t very hard to set up.

### **City Updates:**

- North Main construction began November 5
- November 15 is the Council hearing on the Wastewater rates
- McLaughlin Blvd. construction will move to the east side in December
- Herrigel said she would check to see when the Lake Rd water line project would be completed

Next meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

All Board members and their families are invited to Gary Klein's house on December 19<sup>th</sup> to watch the Christmas Ships.