PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission Meeting was held April 5th, 2007 jointly with the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA) at the Gorge Pavilion in Marine Park, Cascade Locks, Oregon.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Commission Vice President Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner's Lee, McLean & Caldwell. Commissioner's Woosley and Janik were excused.

Others present:

Staff: GM Chuck Daughtry, Kristi Bengtson, Pat Albaugh, Nick Kraemer.

CGRA: Jennifer Brecker, Jarvis Brecker, Brad Howton, Jay McRostie, David & Kaye Patterson & Stacey Castleberry.

Public: Gary Munkhoff, Phyllis Thiemann, Don & Gyda Anne Haight, Scot Sullenger, Joel Klug & Michael Daughtry.

II. CONSENT AGENDA: (Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered to be routine. Any Councilor may make a motion to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion).

a. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting dated March 15th, 2007

b. Approval of Bills dated April 5th, 2007 in the amount of $ 52,010.98

COMMISSIONER MCLEAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH CORRECTIONS. COMMISSIONER CALDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. Motion passed unanimously by Commissioners Lee, Caldwell, & McLean.

III. JOINT MEETING:

GM Daughtry started by thanking Don Haight for volunteering his services for the beach project. Thanks also to Hood River County for the use of drivers and trucks. Daughtry stated that plans for irrigation and hydro seeding would happen in the next two weeks.

- Tour of beach area: Discussion on fence location, trailer parking, designated swimming area, updates to CGRA building.

Meeting returned to pavilion. Jarvis Brecker reviewed handouts:

- Recap of 2006 season
  - ◊ Had 501 people for 11 events, he noted that attendance was down from previous years. Agreement with Port worked out well. Reviewed profit & loss statement showing a loss (non-profit).
- Review of upcoming 2007 season
  - ◊ Reviewed upcoming regatta schedule and expected attendance, Brecker noted that both regatta's and attendance should be higher this year. Opening Day June 2nd, same program as last year.
  - ◊ Commissioner Caldwell suggested that Brecker come to the school and talk about sailing. Scot Sullenger (public) stated that Andy Mack would be coming to the school to talk about the sailing school. Don Haight (public) asked about the kinds of marketing they do. Brecker stated the following: Sailing World, HR News, Gorge Connection, Gorge Guide, Oregonian (some are press releases, some are initiated by the press). Also website, calendar, chamber members, posters.

- ◊ Brecker noted that they would like continuity with the dates every summer. Brecker noted that they are hoping that the Thursday night racing will be better attended this year.
- ◊ Brecker reminded staff and commission that some of the sailors come to sail on their own at anytime during the season.
- ◊ Brecker reviewed new CGRA mission statement. " CGRA is a non-profit organization established to foster the sport of sailing and to encourage public participation in sailing related activities in the Columbia River Gorge."
- ◊ Brecker reviewed sailing school program for this year, stated that he is very happy with the fundraising group (for student fees) and that it is going through the HR County parks and rec. department. Brecker stated that the CGRA is fundraising for the equipment for the school. Brecker mentioned that there is one school in Portland that has a sailing team.

- Daughtry stated that the agreement with the CGRA renews in October of every year. Daughtry stated that the Port saw nothing that needed to be changed with the agreement. Daughtry stated that a new campground restroom/shower facility would be available late spring. We will continue to allow racers to use camping facilities by House #3. The Port will eventually close the showers at the visitor center. Visitor Center will be reopened with a café.
- Scot Sullenger thanked the Port Commission for the beach improvements.
- Daughtry stated that the Marine Park underpass is continuing, but we are having difficulties with the railroad. Priorities for the Port are Marine Park entrance and Sail Park funding. The Port has submitted funding requests to Federal Government.
- Daughtry discussed Herman Creek Cove site and the challenges (i.e. environmental, SDS leasehold).
- Brecker (CGRA) discussed their long-range vision to lease or buy that property from the Port for a Sail park.
- Discussion on vision, impacts to community. What strategy works best for the Port land?
- Commissioner Caldwell stated that the CGRA is passionate about our area and are well suited for Cascade Locks.
- Discussion on CGRA vision for land, timeline for a proposal.

VIII. ADJOURN: Commission Vice President Lee adjourned meeting at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Kristi Bengtson