

RECREATION & PARKS COMMITTEE
Surfing Beach Sub-Committee
Minutes of April 30, 2013

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, Joe Groves, Shelly Dawson, Ward Kovacs, Tom Shuster, Mike Foelber and Rick Pairo. Guests were Joanne Shriner, Zach Hoopes and Will Edmunds.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 15, 2013 were approved as submitted.
3. Discussion of Inlet Surfing Beach: Joe introduced Will Edmunds, Beach Franchise Holder at the inlet beach. Will explained the scope of the franchise at the inlet. Will raised a concern he had for the possible negative impact on his franchise due to the conditional surfing use on weekends in June, August and September as noted on the 2013 Surfing Beach Schedule. Ward Kovacs reported that he has written a surfing beach directive contained in the surfing beach employee manual that addresses Will's concern. The written direction was acceptable to Will Edmunds.

The group also discussed how to handle the expansion of the size of the designated surfing beach south of 27th Street. Ward proposed that these surfing beach areas be governed by the same direction to surfing beach staff provided for the conditional use of the inlet surfing beach. The Committee moved to accept the recommendations by Ward Kovacs to define the enforcement of conditional use on designated surf areas below 27th Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Rick Pairo asked if in the upcoming guarding season the Beach Patrol staff could make an assessment of modifications of surfing at 4:00 p.m. each day. Ward Kovacs noted that this could be considered however; Beach Patrol would prefer to declare modified surfing for the entire beach if this practice is adopted. The staff will consider working with this request.

4. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.