

Recreation and Parks Commission
January 14, 2014

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. at Northside Park. Present were Dennis Dare, Lloyd Martin, Joe Mitrecic, Tom Shuster, Frank Miller, Susan Petito and Ward Kovacs. Guests included Zach Hoopes, Joanne Shriner and Tom Hoffman.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 12 and December 16, 2013 were approved as presented.
3. Private Event Equipment and Labor Usage Procedure: Frank Miller gave an oral report on the status of development of the procedure for private event equipment and labor usage. The procedure is under further review by the staff and the Tourism Coordination Group.
4. Marketing Activations: Fran Miller gave an update on the development of a policy to handle marketing activations. This will require further staff review.
5. New Private Events: Tom Shuster reported that no new private events are pending.
6. Sunset Park Use Analysis and Direction: Tom Shuster presented a report on Sunset Park Use and Direction that was developed by staff and Glenn Irwin of OCDC. Dennis Dare noted that a reference to the Bayside Boardwalk plan should be added to the list of future uses. Tom will update the report.
7. Stand Up Paddleboards: Joe Mitrecic forwarded a request from a member of the public to consider permitting the use of standup paddleboards on the beach during guarded hours. Ward Kovacs provided some information about US Coast Guard and Maryland Department of Natural Resources laws and regulations. Stand Up Paddleboards (SUP's) are considered as vessels and may not be re-classified by municipal code. Ward provided some observations on SUP use and its impact on other users including surfboarders and swimmers. Joe related that the public member who discussed the issue with him would like to use his SUP in September after Labor Day when surfing has been designated as modified. Motion by Martin, seconded by Dare, to have OCBP develop a pilot plan for SUP use in September of 2014 subject to modified surfing regulations. Motion carried unanimously. Ward will present a draft pilot plan at the next Commission meeting.
8. Other Business: Tom Shuster presented the draft meeting schedule for 2014. The Commission approved the meeting dates.

Dennis Dare asked for some skate park use documentation. Susan reported that most of the data requested is tracked. A follow up report will be set for the February 11 Commission meeting.

The Commission discussed the New Year's Eve festivities at Winterfest this year. Frank Miller reported that he and the Special Events staff will continue to refine plans for 2014.

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at Northside Park

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.