  
**Board Meeting 4PM, April 8, 2024 Meeting at VFW, 4PM**

Board Members Present:  **Dick Hecock, John Cox, Leon Senn. Carol Lee, Brian Korbel, Jamie Skarie, Cheryl Chivers, Patty Mollberg**

Board Members Absent, Melissa Kalberer, Aaron Tait, Kate Busker, Craig Caulfield, Brad Wimmer, **Ross Goritzke, John Flynn,**

A quorum established, the meeting was called to order by President Senn. The agenda was approved as distributed with minor changes, and the following transactions or discussions took place.

* President Senn welcomed guest Jason Bristlin, representing the local chapters of VFW and DAV; Jason led a discussion on the plans and status of the proposal for the Handicap Accessible Dock on the City Beach. Schematics and renderings of alternative formats were distributed.

Fundraising is underway. Currently the estimated cost for the facility as planned is $110. Fundraisers (VFW and others) are currently avoiding major city donors to minimize “naming issues” and to make this more of a community-wide project. Donations of $5k will be acknowledged on signage.

To a certain extent the facilities, to include dock, pontoon access, kayak-loading bay, wheel in “beach” are modular and should fund-raising not reach the goal of $110k, or exceed it, the concept could be expanded or contracted accordingly.   
  
A least some of the components will be floating and/or capable of being raised or lowered according to water level changes.   
  
The concept and plan has been approved by the City of DL, and the responsibility for maintenance will reside with the Park Department in the same way the current fishing dock is handled. A specific location on the beach has not been determined, but consideration will be given to access to existing or planned handicapped accessible walkways and parking. Bristlin believes that at least some portion of the facility will be installed by the end of June, 2024.

The planners and City Park Department are aware of potential problems of the facility between usurped by non-handicapped persons. Steps will be taken (signage, and other) to discourage/prevent such uses.

* Jason Bristlin, the VFW Treasurer, and LDA Board Member Skarie, left the meeting.
* A LDA donation of $5000 in partial support of the Handicapped Accessible docking facility to be installed on the City beach was approved by the Board (Motion/Second, passed without dissent).
* Hecock reported that with the help of LDA board member, PRWD has prepared guidelines regarding ice-push repairs. It seems different problems exist in different shores the lake (and on other lakes).. Accordingly, the guidelines state that minor push of sand is one type and its redistribution by shoreline residents can be done without a permit. However, if ice-push involved alterations to rip-rap, retaining walls, existing vegetation, sod, or other structures, a repair permit will be required. Publicity on this subject will be distributed via email, including a reference to the brochure containing the PRWD guidelines.

* Apparently little progress has been made on the transition to new Beach Captain leadership.
* Discussion led to the conclusion that representatives of the 412 Project and the Sheriff would be invited to speak at the Annual Meeting. PRWD will be asked to give a report on AIS treatment plans for Detroit lake.
* Hecock distributed a summary of recent governmental discussions and actions. He mentioned some major developments seem to be in the works for the area near the new South Shore Drive Park. No further comments or discussion.
* Board Members present expressed general satisfaction with VFW as a meeting place.

The Board Meeting was adjourned (Moved, Seconded, Passed without dissent 5:23)

Submitted 4-9-24 by Dick Hecock