

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Parks and Waterways Advisory Board –September 19, 2011**  
**Room 1B - Kootenai County Administration Building**  
**Coeur d’Alene, Idaho**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doug Allman, Jim Aucutt, Norm Blakney, Ray Bradley, John Condon, Fred Finney.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sergeant Ryan Higgins, Sheriff’s Office Marine Division; Nick Snyder, Director, Parks & Waterways; Ranell Sims, Recording Secretary.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ross Walkinshaw, Keith Peila, Lynn Schundel, Mayor Sandi Bloem, Julie Clark

Chairman Jim Aucutt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

**MOTION:** Doug Almond moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded; all were in favor; the motion carried.

***PUBLIC COMMENT***

Public Comment from Julie Clark: As a concerned citizen and downtown business owner, Ms. Clark expressed her concerns regarding the proposed launch at Silver Beach stating that she does not consider it to be “equal or better” than the existing 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Launch listing issues such as location, parking and accessibility. Chairman Aucutt stated that the Waterways Advisory Board does not have authority over the city, but they have had discussion with the city. His concern is that the new launch is operational before the existing launch is removed. There was some discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of the proposed site. Mayor Bloem stated that the city has no intention to remove the existing launch before the new launch is built and that changes have been made to the original concept based on comments from the community.

***NEW BUSINESS***

**COMMERCIAL USE FEE DISCUSSION:**

Nick Snyder requested that the board evaluate the existing fee schedule for commercial use of the county facilities. The current fees have stopped almost all commercial use except for marine contractors. He suggested inserting language that would allow flexibility for the economy, allowing the director to prorate the fees accordingly. It was suggested that the fees could be maximums, using the language “not to exceed”. Mr. Snyder will discuss this issue with a county attorney.

***OLD BUSINESS***

**ANCHOR REGULATIONS, SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Ray Bradley has not received a response from the county attorney. He will follow up.

**PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF FUNDING FOR THE KOOTENAI COUNTY PARKS AND WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT:**

After a very informative and persuasive presentation on July 21, 2011 to the elected official by Mr. Snyder, the Clerk changed his recommendation to eliminate the parks funding from the budget. The Board of County Commissions approved nearly all requests by the department for the FY2012 budget.

## ***FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS***

ANCHOR REGULATIONS, SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMERCIAL USE FEES

2012 GRANT APPLICATIONS

BOOTHES PARK (LANDING)

COUGAR BAY ACCESS

## ***STAFF REPORTS***

SHERIFF'S MARINE DIVISION: Sergeant Ryan Higgins reported that his summer staff documented 4000 boat inspections, 70 citations, 20 OUI's 14 crashes, and 1 fatality. Half of their fleet experienced mechanical problems. This was Sergeant Higgins first summer in the marine division.

PARKS AND WATERWAYS: Mr. Snyder reported that the 2011 grant project for Hauser Boat Launch was extremely successful, but it seems anti-climatic because most of it is now underwater. Many launch users have expressed their pleasure in using the new facility. Mr. Snyder is planning to apply for a FY 2012 grant to do a similar boat launch project at Sun Up Bay. He is currently in the permitting process. Mr. Snyder also plans to apply for a grant to rebuild the RV dump station on Dalton Avenue. The county recently purchased property at Carlin Bay for additional parking. The plan is to provide parking space for fifteen vehicles with trailers and five spaces for vehicles only. The restrooms have been installed at Mica and Mowry. Funding for these projects came from the 2011 grants.

The steel piling abutment on the Spokane River is scheduled to be removed on September 22<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ranell Sims  
Recording Secretary