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MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
5:30 PM
North Conference Room

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes
Action requested: review and approve
 - a. June 26, 2024, Minutes
- 3) Discussion
 - a. Review Mission, Purpose and Membership
 - b. Agenda topics requested by members- future topics
- 4) Adjourn

Dated: October 22, 2024

/s/ Michael Gross, Chair

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MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

6:00 PM

North Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Chair Michael Gross
 Vice Chair Kenneth Quant
 Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski
 Committee Member Wendy Porterfield
 Committee Member Cynthia Raatz
 Committee Member Bill Spaulding
 Committee Member Molly Ticcioni
 Committee Member Perry Robinson -- **Excused**

Alsopresent: Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies and Administrative Assistant Schlereth.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. March 3, 2021 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]**

MOVED BY: Committee Member Dorszynski

SECONDED BY: Committee Member Spaulding

AYES: Gross, Quant, Dorszynski, Porterfield, Raatz, Spaulding, Ticcioni

NOT PRESENT: Robinson

3) Discussion Item

a. Fun Before the Fourth

Discussion ensued on how boat decorating has transitioned from an organized sponsored activity to an organic neighborhood activity.

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b. No Wake, High/Low Water Periods

Members discussed reviewing what signage is currently on the river. Superintendent Gies will invite Detective Lance Wagner to speak at a future meeting.

The parks department will add 'No Power Loading' on the post at the boat launch.

c. Shoreline Trash/Debris

The idea of sending postcards to residents along the river educating them to keep brush and garbage away from the river line during high water was discussed.

A discussion ensued on the committee reaching out to River Keepers to organize a clean-up along the river.

d. River Advisory Meetings Schedule

The Committee agreed to meetings 3 times a year.

Content for meetings will be emailed to Superintendent Gies by the committee members.

4) Adjourn

a. Motion to Adjourn at 7:20 PM

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Committee Member Dorszynski

SECONDED BY: Board Member Porterfield

AYES: Gross, Quant, Dorszynski, Porterfield, Raatz, Spaulding, Ticcioni
NOT PRESENT: Robinson

Respectfully Submitted,

Ren Schlereth
Administrative Assistant

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Office of Milwaukee River Advisory Committee

TO: Milwaukee River Advisory Committee
FROM: Karen Schlereth, Administrative Assistant
DATE: October 22, 2024
SUBJECT: Review Mission, Purpose and membership

Mission

The mission of the River Advisory Committee is to serve as an advisory committee for the City of Mequon and the Village of Thiensville on issues pertaining to the preservation, improvement and use of the river, generally monitor activities and conditions along the river and act as a clearinghouse for information about the river.

Purpose

The committee shall identify, study and advise the city and the Village of Thiensville on matters of mutual importance concerning the Milwaukee River, its tributaries and adjacent riparian lands, including recommending conservation and regulation policies and enforcement to ensure the continued health of the river system and the reasonable use and enjoyment of the river by recreational users and riverfront property owners.

Membership

The committee shall consist of seven members. The mayor shall nominate five of the members as citizen members. The Village of Thiensville shall appoint the other two members pursuant to its own rules.



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Office of Milwaukee River Advisory Committee

TO: Milwaukee River Advisory Committee
FROM: Karen Schlereth, Administrative Assistant
DATE: October 22, 2024
SUBJECT: Agenda topics requested by members- future topics

These are all potential topics for upcoming meetings. The Board should vet the importance of each and tackle no more than 3-4 topics at any given meeting. We will be looking for content to be provided with help from the board based on these suggestions. Content will have to be specific to the purpose, need, result/benefits, and possible fiscal impact

1. Discussion on ways to educate property owners on dumping organic refuse, i.e. tree limbs, trunks, and brush from their yard or place of business along the riverbank. Ask Tony Young for perspective?
2. Take out- improvement signage below the Mequon/Thiensville Park entrance. (Thiensville)
3. Dead Ash, lining the shoreline of the river.

What if anything can be done about it? The city does not manage the trees in the river along the banks. The city does not have the equipment to do so, and the DNR represents that this is considered fish habitat.

4. Tree root mass under the Highland Road bridge.

In speaking with the police and fire departments, the bridge has two passable areas to the east, and it no longer represents a hazard

5. Discuss banning power loading of boats onto trailers at Villa Grove.
6. Invasive weeds along the shoreline, including purple loosestrife.
7. Possible dredging of the river where street runoff has been depositing into the river.

Would need Army Corp/ DNR approval, explain the need or purpose

8. Fish stocking
9. FEMA nationwide flood zone remapping project- discussion-

What is the board suggesting we do?

10. Potential signage on the Highland Road bridge -

What signage??? What's being proposed?

11. Appearance by Ben Heinen from the river patrol-

What is he discussing?

12. Update high water markers at Highland Road bridge and boat launches -

Who has been responsible for determining this in the past? How was it determined?

13. 2025 Cleanup?

Dates? River Keepers has organized this in the past.

14. Involvement of the committee at Fun Before the Fourth.

Talk to Ann