

From: William Vajda
To: Dennis Stachewicz
Date: Wed Jan 29 2014 20:54:01 GMT+0530 (IST)
Subject: Re: UPCRC boathouse

Dennis,

Thanks for the update. We are now at a point where new approach must be considered.

I'm copying Ron and the Mayor here -- and am seeking Ron and the Mayor's views regarding how Ron, I, and Commissioner Campana should proceed from this point forward. Our spouses (Marilyn Keefe, Simone Vajda, and Sally Davis) are active members of the rowing club, and although none of us are ethically conflicted by this project, our continued participation may create an appearance of favoritism.

I aver and hereby state that I have not acted in any manner that has created ANY preferred status or actual conflict, nor do I have knowledge or suspect any of my colleagues to have done so. I am making this suggestion proactively, and recommend we adopt delegations in a manner that would preclude conflicted appearance.

Therefore, for the purposes of the UPCRC, I hereby delegate my duties to Mike Angeli (copied here); ask Ron to pick a delegate; and ask Commissioner Campana to recuse from any participation or discussion as may be forwarded to the CC.

Please proceed as I have directed.

Thanks,

Bill

On Wed, Jan 29, 2014 at 9:32 AM, Dennis Stachewicz <dstachewicz@mqctcy.org> wrote:
FYSA...surprise, we sent an outline of the process to their project manager in September of 2013.

My investigation is complete.

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From: **David Stensaas** <dstensaas@mqctcy.org>
Date: Wed, Jan 29, 2014 at 9:16 AM
Subject: Fwd: UPCRC boathouse
To: Kelly Drake <planner@chocolay.org>
Cc: Dennis Stachewicz <dstachewicz@mqctcy.org>

Kelly,

I thought you were following the process that was outlined in the document I sent you in September, and to be honest I hadn't thought to revisit it until yesterday, but it is basically the same process the NTN is following. The NTN got staff input prior to the PRAB and PC recommendations.

So we will need to circulate this for staff comments, and then compile those for the PRAB and PC. The next PRAB meeting is Feb. 18th, same day and time as the second PC meeting in February, so the PC would not be able to make a recommendation until their March 4th meeting. The City Comm. would hear the request on March 31st, unless the manager makes an exception to the submission deadline for agenda items and allows it on the March 10th docket, by UPCRC request. With Commission direction to create a grant of license, the last two steps for City approval would be going back to the Commission to approve the license agreement, followed by acquiring a CUP from the PC.

We will circulate your proposal to staff as soon as you get me the replacement support letters discussed, and staff will have only about 10 days to review.

Thanks.

Dave

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From: **David Stensaas** <dstensaas@mqctcy.org>
Date: Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 5:16 PM
Subject: Re: UPCRC boathouse
To: Kelly Drake <kellyadrake@yahoo.com>

Kelly,

Here is an outline of the process the RC needs to follow, and this basic format has been approved by the Manager and Director of Community Development and Planning, according to Dennis. This is to achieve City Commission approval for a license or easement to use the property. The Zoning Ordinance also requires the acquisition of a Conditional Use Permit to build a structure in the CR district, and that would follow this processes.

Dave

On Wed, Sep 18, 2013 at 4:43 PM, Kelly Drake <kellyadrake@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Glenn and Dave,

It is my understanding from my conversation with Dave this morning that the City does not have a pre-determined easement width along the existing bike path. So it looks like someone just needs to make a decision with the understanding it can be adjusted later if need be.

From: William Vajda
To: Dave Campana
Date: Tue Jul 01 2014 07:25:59 GMT+0530 (IST)
Subject: Follow-Up to Resident Information Request

Commissioner,

Multiple members of the UPCRC, have requested the attached information, and I ask that you please share it with her, as well as any other resident who may so request. It includes answers to the following questions:

1. "How many organizations are there in Marquette with the same status as the UPCRC?"

Answer: The attached file named "Marquette Federal and State Non-Profit Organizations" provides a listing of approximately 140 organizations with similar tax exempt standing, and are organized for similar charitable public purposes.

2. "Are the opponents of the Boathouse considered a charitable organization?"

Answer: Groups organized for political purposes, with the intent to participate in public processes or influence the normal operations of elected government are NOT considered public charities, and are otherwise prohibited from engaging in charitable purposes. They must be registered as an IRS 501(c)(4) organization, although their political activities CANNOT be the major or sole purpose of their existence.

3. "Does the City Park and Recreation Master Plan identify human-powered water sports as a major community interest?"

Answer: Please see the current version of the City's Park and Recreation Master Plan, and in particular, please see pp. 47-62 (p. 62 specifically references the UPCRC), as well as pp. 87-90 regarding pavillion like structures - as well as similar programs associated with the rowing program. Please also note that the HAC master plan similarly places community emphasis and interest on further development of Lake Superior Water Trail, and other City facilities supporting human-powered water sports.

4. "Have any other groups made similar offers as that of the UPCRC?"

Answer: Yes. Many groups offer to construct facilities which are subsequently donated to the City, and maintained by the organization. Most notable recent examples include the Mattson Park Accessible Playground provided by the Marquette Rotary; The Kaufman Sports Complex coordinated by the Marquette Soccer Association and the Youth Baseball organizations; the Frisbee Golf Course provided by the Disk the U.P. association; the Noquemenon Trail Network South Marquette Trail Pavillion; the U.P. Childrens Museum Skatepark; the Marquette Beautification Committee Petunia Pandemonium, Father Marquette Statue maintenance and park improvements project, just to name a few. In addition, other groups are currently seeking City land for orchards, gardens, additional trails for motorized ORVs, and a variety of other purposes.

It should be noted that without groups willing to take on such projects, the City would have few alternatives for meeting the needs of the Community; I.E., raise taxes to pay for the projects, or otherwise not make the proposed investments. As is consistent with the Regional Recreation Authority study, no other local jurisdiction enjoys the same level of community altruism and private investment as the City of Marquette. In my view, the City should encourage groups to continue this type of investment in the Community - particularly when the City may be facing an otherwise austere budget environment.

V/R,

Bill

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From: William Vajda
To: Dave Campana
Date: Tue Jul 01 2014 17:16:56 GMT+0530 (IST)
Subject: Re: Follow-Up to Resident Information Request

Sir,

Pursuant to my earlier message, please find attached a copy of the City Park and Recreation Master Plan. Please feel free to share with any resident, and note that this has also been posted on the City website since 2011.

V/R,

Bill

On Mon, Jun 30, 2014 at 9:55 PM, William Vajda <wvajda@mqctcy.org> wrote:
Commissioner,