

AGENDA
SOUTHPORT BEACH HOUSE CITIZEN COMMITTEE
City of Kenosha Municipal Building – 625 52nd Street, Room 204
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - 7:00 pm

Chairman: Michael J. Orth

Members:

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| George W. Clarke | Margaret Heller |
| Robert Merletti | James J. Mosley |
| Barbara J. Stein-Lendman | Michael J. Thomey |
| Joan Wilk | |

1. Minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting
2. Update
3. Kemper Center
4. Next Meeting

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Fwd: Last Evening's minutes, please review for accuracy

From : Alderman Michael Orth <district15@kenosha.org>**Subject** : Fwd: Last Evening's minutes, please review for accuracy**To** : Diane Hoff <dhoff@kenosha.org>

These minutes were compiled by Alderman Boston.

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Meeting Called to order By Vice Chair Heller at 7:40PM, members present George Clark, Barb Lendmen, Michael Thomey and Vice Chair Heller. Quorum present.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 20 meeting; Corrections as follows:

- 1.) George Clark expressed concern that the committee could do a lot of work regarding recommendations. "What assurances will the committee have that the Parks Commission will entertain our ideas?"
Chairman Orth indicated he thought the Parks Commission would welcome the input of the committee as the Parks Commission desires increased utilization of the building.
- 2.) Joan Wilk's motion " The Southport Beach House Citizens Committee requests deferral of any development of a dog park at Southport Park.
The construction of a dog recreation area in Southport Park would be ill-advised and counter productive to our work as a committee charged with recommending additional utilization and increased revenue for the Southport Beach House. We ask for deferral of any development action on any dog recreation area at Southport Park until there is a full review of the options available to enhance the use of the Southport Beach House. Motion passed 7members, 1 chairperson (8)-0

George Clark suggested the committee meet at City Hall where it is possible to have the meetings recorded and City staff available to record and produce accurate meeting minutes.

Corrections to August 20, 2013 meeting minutes approved 4-0

1.) Update

Discussion initiated by Vice Chair Heller and continued by George Clark about proper procedure to ensure the Parks Commission will hear the committee's recommendations and act on them.

Alderman Bostrom spoke about sponsoring resolutions as a way to "force" items on the Parks agenda.

Dog Park discussion is initiated by Vice Chair Heller

Member of the Public David Wilk is invited to speak by the committee.

David Wilk 7706 6th Avenue tells the committee he spent quite a bit of time reviewing the CIP, Southport Master Plan, CORP Plan and various State Statutes regarding Municipal Funding and Budgets. Mr Wilk also explains an email he received from Mayor Bosman about the funds used for building the Dog Park comes from PK 13-002 of the 2013-17 CIP. This is titled 281K for "Immediate and necessary repairs for Southport Beach Park". Mr Wilk goes on to say that an immediate and necessary repair was identified in the Master Plan and that is to fix/replace playground equipment. Mr Wilk asked the Committee "What problem do we have that a Dog Park is an immediate and necessary fix for?"

The entire committee agrees that the Dog Park installation does not meet the criteria of an immediate and necessary repair.

The committee continues discussion on the Dog Park and what procedures must be followed so the Parks Commission, Common Council and the Mayor will hear and respond to the committee's concerns.

Vice Chair Heller expresses concerns about Public perception about potentially "pitting the Dog Park Against the Beach House" as something that needs further discussion.

Chairman Orth arrives at 8:25PM and interrupts discussion to move on to the next item 2.) discussion of fee structure.

Vice Chair Heller Quizzes Chair Orth about the Budget Process

George Clarke Quizzes Chair Orth about his refusal to introduce a Resolution supporting the Committee's desire for deferral on the Dog Park.

Chairman Orth said he didn't bring it forward because he didn't think it would pass.

George Clarke questioned how Chair Orth could unilaterally decide what is appropriate for public discussion.

George Clarke charges that Chair Orth's personal opinion is at direct odds with the committee.

Chair Orth rants for several minutes about "his" parks and how he cares about their development and that he devotes his time and effort for the betterment of the Parks system.

Vice Chair Heller reiterates George Clarke's position that Chairman Orth has been more of an impediment to the committee's task than a help.

George Clarke asks Chair Orth "would you agree that the Dog Park installation does not meet the definition of immediate and necessary repair?"

Chair Orth, "yes I agree"

George Clark, "then why did a high priority item such as the playground equipment not get acted upon?"

Chair Orth, "it's scheduled for 2015"

Barb Lendmen "Chairman Orth, are you aware of a new Dog Park Pleasant Prairie is installing about a mile away from here? The reasoning you've explained for this Dog Park's installation doesn't make sense, can you explain yourself?"

Chair Orth "Kenosha needs dog parks, I wish I could have one in my District by Powerline Park. I believe Kenosha should have 5 or 6 Dog Parks, this location is a good place to start".

Constituent David Wilk is recognized by the committee; "You were copied on an email of Mayor Bosman's explanation of the funding source for this Dog Park. In that explanation, Mayor Bosman said the funding for the Dog Park comes from PK 13-002, Contingency for immediate and necessary repairs for Southport Park. Is the Dog Park an immediate and necessary repair to the Park?"

Chair Orth, "No it is not"

Citizen Wilk, "Mr Orth, do you not have a fiduciary responsibility, as Chairman of Parks, to the Citizens of Kenosha to ensure that Dollars budgeted are spent according to the approved Budget?"

Chair Orth, "Yes I do"

Citizen Wilk, "Then Mr Orth, as it appears that there may be a misappropriation of funds with regard to PK 13-002 and the construction of the Dog Park, don't you think it is appropriate to halt construction until these questions are answered?"

Chair Orth, "I will ask those questions of the Mayor tomorrow after school at 3:30PM"?

Alderman Bostrom, "Chairman Orth, as we are all very interested in the Mayor's Response, I will ask you to summarize your conversation with the Mayor in an email to Mr Wilk, myself and the rest of the Committee. Will you do this?"

Chair Orth, "Yes I will".

George Clarke Makes a Motion

"To request the Mayor and/or Parks Commission to immediately suspend work on the Dog Park until questions of appropriation of funds has sufficiently been answered by the Mayor and supporting Documents provided"

Citizen Wilk, "Chairman Orth, given the concern over appropriation of funds, would you support a deferral on constructing the Dog Park?"

Chair Orth, "I would if I thought it would pass."

Citizen Wilk, "Given the concerns expressed this evening, would you support a special meeting of the Parks Commission to discuss these concerns?"

Chair Orth "If I had the support for a deferral, I would call a special meeting. But I don't believe I have the support."

Meeting Adjourns 9:56PM