

**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010**

The Special Work Session of the Grand Haven City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Roger A. Bergman in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Present: Council Members Bob Monetza, Edward Nieuwenhuis, Dennis Scott, Michael Fritz (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), and Mayor Roger A. Bergman.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Niotis, Management Intern Sam Janson, City Planner Kristin Keery, Community Services Manager Sandy Katt, Department of Public Safety Lieutenant Renee Freeman, Public Safety Director Dennis Edwards, Public Safety Captain Rick Yonker, MSDDA Director Dana Kollewehr, Acting Public Works Director Julie Beaton, and Special Projects Manager Ken Shingledecker.

1. Coast Guard Festival Carnival Location

Coast Guard Festival Executive Director Mike Smith said that he was notified by the City last summer that the Coast Guard Festival Carnival could not be held downtown this year due to the construction on Washington Avenue. A committee made up of downtown merchants, City staff, and various chairs for Coast Guard Festival events met three times to determine the best alternate location for the carnival. The first alternate location of Harbor Drive was not acceptable by the Department of Public Safety, so another location had to be determined.

Department of Public Safety Captain Rick Yonker reported Harbor Drive was a major artery for traffic both in and out of Grand Haven. Closing this road for the carnival had too much of an impact on emergency services. The best alternative was Columbus Avenue. This street was similar to Washington Avenue and would have less of an impact to City residents in the area compared to Harbor Drive.

Mr. Sid Disbrow, 122 N. Harbor Drive, stated that the noise levels on Columbus Avenue would be considerably higher than when the carnival was on Washington Avenue. He was also concerned that residents in the Columbus Avenue location would have trouble with access to their residences and parking. He suggested that Second Street be considered as a possible location.

Council thought it would be wise to walk the Columbus Avenue proposed carnival location and scheduled a walk-through on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Council and the public would meet at the corner of Columbus Avenue and First Street.

Council Member Fritz felt that Columbus Avenue was not a good location because of the proximity to the Fraternal Order of Eagles Entertainment Tent. Mr. Smith replied that the Eagles would be hiring off-duty Sherriff's Office personnel.

City Manager McGinnis added that the alternate location would be for the 2010 carnival, but the City was not sure of the location in 2011.

2. Rotary Water Feature

Mssrs. Ken Creason and Gernot Runsche from the Rotary Club presented possible locations for the Rotary's proposed interactive water feature. Suggested areas were Ferry Landing and the greenspace near the sailing club building. The Rotary Club wanted to know if Council was interested in the feature before continuing with fundraising. The feature would be family-oriented and low-impact, and the location and design would be approved by Council.

Council Members were in favor of having this type of water feature. It would be a tourist attraction and should be placed near the waterfront.

3. Report by City Manager

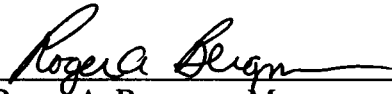
Chinook Pier

Mr. Mark Oppenhuizen was present at the meeting and presented the colors and synthetic decking material to be used for Chinook Pier. An alternate view of the building, which created the appearance as one building instead of two, was also presented. The grant would not pay for any work done on the mini-golf building; however, the increase in cost to the alternate Chinook Pier building façade would be covered by the grant.

As City Manager McGinnis received more specific information on the alternate façade, he would forward it to Council. The alternate view could be placed on the next agenda, if there was enough Council support to do so.

4. Adjournment

After hearing no further business, Mayor Bergman adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Roger A. Bergman, Mayor



Linda L. Niotis, City Clerk