

Waterfront Safety Committee

Meeting Date: May 21, 2020, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting

Recap Date: May 27, 2020

Attendees:

Committee: Craig Brigham, Jim Coughlin, Gordon Fuller, Bill Haverty, Mike Lannan, Bill Paige, Jeffrey Wilt

Community

Members: Steven Fein, Emerson Smith, Ed Williams, Jenae Novotny

The committee convened to discuss specific recommendations around small waterfront (kayak, canoe, paddleboard, dinghy) usage during the Summer 2020 season.

Recommendation for safe use of NVC floats – the committee consensus is that those using the floats should be directed to NVC signage and encouraged to follow posted instructions.

Specifically:

- Surfaces are not disinfected
- Use social distancing, 6 feet apart
- Masks required (if social distancing is not possible)
- Disinfect your hands

Public use dinghy – the committee recommends using the NVC public use dinghy with signage on dinghy reflecting “dinghy is not disinfected, use at own risk.”

Registration Material – Jeffrey will circulate the proposed registration packet for the 2020 Season. The committee is of the view that we should not over communicate around the COVID-19 situation as those points are well documented on signage and it is a fluid situation. We should be prepared for people to inquire about registration starting in June when the NVC office opens.

Dinghy Storage – Published signage will reflect directions to store dinghy’s with other personal watercraft – kayak, paddleboards, et. -- up the slope from the area where they are traditionally stored on the grass bank above the Ruggles beach and across the street in lower Ruggles Park (ditch area). The committee believes that dinghies were not intended to be included with other small watercraft as they are more difficult to drag up the grass bank or across the street. In addition, we do not want to drive additional dinghy use to the already overloaded floats. The WSC will ask the Overseers for flexibility in managing dinghy storage and will encourage dinghy owners to store those watercraft on the north end of the north shore wall.

Wharf Master – It was announced that Gordon Fuller has resigned as Wharfmaster. Jeffrey will share this news with the Overseers in June and recommend Craig Brigham be appointed Wharf Master for this season with Jim Coughlin and Bill Haverty remaining as Assistant Wharf Masters.

Misc. – Need to develop a tag to attach to small watercraft not following NVC rules or needing to be moved.