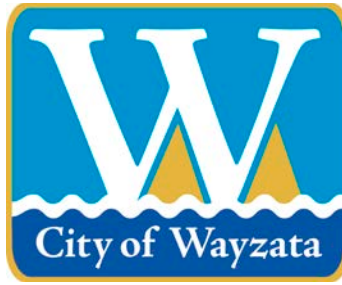


**Wayzata City Council Workshop Meeting Agenda
Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street
Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

WORKSHOP TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Minnehaha Steamboat/Lake Effect Proposal (6:30 p.m.)

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Date: May 10, 2018

To: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Jeffrey Dahl, City Manager

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Update

Barry Petit, representing The Museum of Lake Minnetonka (501c3 nonprofit organization), will be presenting conceptual plans of a new proposed facility to house the Minnehaha Steamboat at the Depot Park.

Background

The non-profit group that owns and operates the Minnehaha Steamboat has been looking for a permanent place to store the vessel during all seasons. Because their current leasing plan looks to be unsustainable, for the past several years, they have been working with officials in both Excelsior and Wayzata for a long-term solution.

One of many options the group has explored is to store the boat, during the entire year, in a new facility at the Depot Park along the lakefront. This option was presented several years ago to the City at which time the Council did not wish to pursue the opportunity any further. Now, because of further uncertainty regarding the current leasing plan and because the City is finalizing plans for the Lake Effect Park, the group is requesting that the City again explore allowing a new home for the boat to be built at the Depot Park. Attached are three renderings from local architect, Barry Petit.

Initial considerations regarding the proposed facility:

- Impacts both City and BNSF land;
- Other locations for a facility within Wayzata could be the Boatworks building or Sailing School/Yacht Club;
- Would likely require amended EAW and would require approval/variances from a number of other legal jurisdictions, besides the City;
- Parking, of course, would be a challenge;
- The Steamboat's presence in Wayzata would be galvanized;

- Would have many significant impacts to planned improvements for the Lake Effect Project; and
- Could help to be a fundraising partner for the Lake Effect.

Conclusion

While the above list is just scratching the surface of potential considerations, the group is looking for feedback as to whether there is any interest in having Civitas look at alternatives that could incorporate the facility into the Lake Effect Project. Civitas' work, of course, would take resources and time.

Attachments

1. Conceptual Renderings of the Proposed Facility for Minnehaha Steamboat

