

Minutes of Parks Commission meeting of April 16, 2015

Present were Rich, Page, Maury, Denise, Kristina Tom, Gale and Norm Albert

Minutes were taken by Rich

Have not been following schedule agreed upon for minutes taking:

Gale, Tom, Maury, Page, Kristina, Denise, Rich

Vote on pursue changing design of Pier benches: (1 for / 6 against) Pier is not ADA code and does not have to be unless there are changes. Fear of opening a can of worms if benches are made ADA compliant then the rest of the pier would have to follow as well. This would create a cost too significant to finish repairing the Pier. There were also too many safety concerns if just the benches were done b/c railings are not to ADA code.

Sensitivity training was attended by Page, Denise, and Maury. Takeaways: PC members represent the town, be careful of what you say. Explaining reasoning for why a decision is made is good practice and helps prevent speculation

Nancy will follow up with JPJ memorial update:

Upon examining the statue and its historic appearance in photos, the conservator concluded that the change in appearance was most likely due to a selective waxing of the monument. At her suggestion, we asked the State if this had been done, and they responded "yes," they had applied a limited waxing! We will follow up with them to learn more details of when/why this was done, and how to proceed forward with proper caretaking. In any event, the Norm and I are interested in making sure the monument is in good condition prior to transfer of the property.

Pier is 75% done. Just the "foot" needs to be completed. ETA by Memorial Day

Meeting concluded at 6:30pm. Due to lack of time vote on new FF brochure design via email post meeting (4 for David Onessimo's design with large map, 2 for Tom's design, 1 no reply)

Vote on printing color or black and white to be held at next meeting.