

TRAVERSE CITY PIER STUDY GROUP

July 9, 2014

Meeting Summary

Pier Study Group Members Present:

- Michael Estes, City of Traverse City Mayor
- Erik Olsen, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and Member, Scientific Advisory Team to the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Board of Trustees
- Cathie Ballard, City Resident
- Jack Knol, Architect
- Ross Richardson, City Commissioner
- Todd Kalish, Michigan DNR Fisheries Division
- Steve Largent, Grand Traverse Co. Conservation District

Pier Study Group Members Absent:

- Ryan Matuzak, Grand Traverse Sport Fishing Association

City Staff Present:

- Russ Soyring, Planning Director
- Missy Luick, Planning and Engineering Assistant
- Tim Lodge, City Engineer
- Rob Bacigalupi, DDA Executive Director
- Lauren Vaughn, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

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On July 9, 2014, the meeting of the Traverse City Pier Study Group was held in the Commission Chambers in the Governmental Center, 2nd Floor, 400 Boardman Ave, Traverse City MI 49684. Following is a summary of that meeting. If there are any corrections or omissions in the meeting summary, Study Group members are asked to contact Missy Luick immediately with the corrections or omissions.

Candidate Interviews

The Study Group heard interviews from SmithGroupJJR, Spicer Group, Beckett and Raeder, and Fleis and Vandenbrink. The public had opportunity to ask questions of the interview candidates.

Candidate interview discussion and possible recommendation

Overall, the group was impressed with all the four firms that interviewed. The group decided to eliminate Spicer Group and Beckett and Raeder after some deliberation.

After much further discussion, it was decided that the Group would like to solicit an additional written response from SmithGroupJJR and Fleis and Vandenbrink of the following questions:

- 1) Durability/materials selection process and maintenance
- 2) Breakout of public involvement hours
- 3) Explain ideas for connectivity/access to the pier
- 4) More information about coastal/marine experience

The Group will reconvene next week to discuss the additional information responses and make a candidate recommendation. Mrs. Luick to coordinate meeting scheduling with the group and correspond with SmithGroupJJR and Fleis and Vandenbrink. Mrs. Luick will also check references for both firms.

Public comments

There were no additional public comments.

Meeting evaluation and adjournment

The meeting concluded at 5:44 p.m.