



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION 7-17-24

In person

LWVM Observer – Steven Levy

Members in Attendance: Matt Martin (chair), Karin Ernst, Linda Rice-Collins , Shelly Bedrossian, Jaime Bloch, Rossanna Ferrante by phone (vice chair)

Absent: Peter James, Secretary-Amanda Viecelli

The RFP has not been drafted. It has two parts. Part one is for recreational programs like yoga on surfboards. It is the 75/25 split. Part two is a business called kiosk, which rents equipment. What are we going to charge a vendor to have their “Kiosk” here was discussed.

Parameters and data are being collected. This contract is unique because it is a business owner and Rec and Park partnership. Aspects of negotiations and contracts related to recreational programming were discussed.

The difficulty in finding suitable comparisons for the contract and the importance of clarity and understanding in contract terms were talked about.

Leah Goodman, owner of SUP East Coast style since 2009 spoke. Leah Goodman shared her perspective on the history and evolution of her business, SUP East Coast Style, the current provider. Leah Goodman pointed out the “kiosk “ part of the business is essentially renting a parking space.

Once they finalize the information, the chief procurement officer will send out the RFP to potential bidders. The chief procurement officer is now the town administrator, Thatcher W. Kezer III.