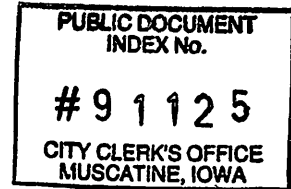


MEMORANDUM



To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: January 9, 2010

Re: Request to Use Public Property – Great River Rumble

INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request from Mr. Max Kauffman representing the “Great River Rumble” to use the Muscatine Riverfront on Saturday, August 7, 2010 to Sunday, August 8, 2010 for the ‘Great River Rumble’.

BACKGROUND:

The request submitted by Mr. Kauffman involves using the old boat launch area next to Pearl City Station to land approximately 80 to 130 canoes and kayaks that will be concluding a week long excursion. The request also includes approval to camp overnight on the riverfront. This type of request, on a smaller scale, has been approved at the staff level in the past. Due to the size of the group, the police and I felt it appropriate that the City Council approve this event request.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

At this time, City staff would recommend that the City Council approve the request as submitted for the ‘Great River Rumble’. Additionally, the Muscatine Recreation Advisory Commission at the January 2010 regular meeting fully endorsed the request to use the Muscatine Riverfront for this event.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. City Application Form - City Code Title 3, Chapter 14
2. Event Sponsor Letter of Request

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any comments, question or concerns.

C: Gary Coderoni, Police Chief
Les Dennis, Parks Maintenance Supervisor

CITY OF MUSCATINE

TITLE 3, CHAPTER 14

LICENSE #
WALLET#
STICKER#
RECEIPT#
ISSUED
EXPIRES

APPLICATION FOR USE OF ANY STREET, SIDEWALK, ROADWAY, ALLEY, PARK, PUBLIC WAY, PROPERTY OR FACILITY

1. Name and address of applicant and sponsoring organization, if any:

MAX KAUFFMAN
1906 GENEVA HILLS RD MUSCATINE

2. Type of event that is planned:

CANOE / KAYAK FLAT TRIP TERMINATING IN MUSCATINE

3. Proposed location:

RIVER FRONT OLD BOAT LANDINGS

4. Dates: 7-31-10 - 8-07-10 Time: ± 14:00

Expected length of use: 3 HOURS

5. Expected size of group: ~ 80-130 BOATS

6. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of any person or persons in charge of the proposed use at the specified location:

MAX KAUFFMAN
263-9237 260-0041

7. Names and addresses of any persons to be featured as entertainers or speakers:

~~NAME~~ REX KLEIN

8. List of mechanical or electronic equipment to be used:

NONE

9. Number and type of any motor vehicles or other forms of transportation to be used, including bicycles, boats, carriage and golf carts:

CANOES / KAYAKS
CARS / VANS / TRUCKS

10. Number and types of animals to be used: NONE

11. A description of any sound amplication to be used: NONE

12. Proposed monitoring of the group and or activity including the number of people who will direct traffic, set up, clean up and maintain order, if necessary:

NONE

13. All plans for the provision of security: POLICE PRESENTATION ON VEHICLES AT BLAINES FARM & FLEET

The applicant agrees to indemnify, defend and save harmless the City of Muscatine, together with its agents, officers and employees, from any and all claims, lawsuits, damages, losses and expenses, of what ever nature, which may result from or arise from the activity or event covered by the permit, including but not limited to the use of public ways, irrespective of whether said claims are frivolous or meritorious.

M. K. Kaufman
Authorized Representative

1-6-10
Date

Klimes, Richard

From: KAUFFMAN,MAX A [unklemax@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2009 2:30 PM
To: Klimes, Richard; KAUFFMAN,MAX A; kathy stevens; bonita bower
Subject: Great River Rumble

Dear Mr Klimes,

It has been a while since we talked and I am finally getting back to you about the up coming event of the Kayak / Canoe group know as Great River Rumble coming to the city of Muscatine on Aug 7, 2010. With the Christmas season and my needs to confirm some other details, it has taken me a while to write you.

I am requesting, on behalf of the Great River Rumble, to land at the old boat docks at the Muscatine river front on Aug 7, 2010 (Saturday) sometime in the early to mid afternoon.

Our group is sizeable and it would make much more sense for us to put in at the old docks instead of tying up the new docks with a bunch of kayaks / canoes setting around until we can retrieve our vehicles from the Blaines Farm & Fleet parking lot to load up and get out of the way,

I have made arrangements with the folks from MuscaBus to transport us to Blaines, so that is taken care of.

Regarding camping at the river front, there may be a few folks who would like to stay over Saturday night and get an early, fresh, start for home on Sunday. Therefore, I am requesting permission for those folks to camp on the grassed area south of the playground area and have overnight access to the restrooms at the play area.

Regarding showers, you mentioned you may be able to hook us up at the high school pool area. We understand we would provide our own towels and there may be a fee for the use of the facilities. I will work out the logistics of getting the folks from the riverfront to the high school. Rumor has it that Cedar Street may be torn up at that time, so we would have to use the access from Bonnie Dr., is that correct? Please advise me of any costs and when they would be due so I can make arrangements to get the costs taken care of.

Will the city require us to have port-a-potties set up at the landing?

We plan to have our end-of-trip banquet catered by A Guy & A Grill at the Rendezvous club on Lucas St. Are you aware of any logistics issues of getting in and out of there from down town, the high school, or the by-pass?

To answer your questions in the e-mail you sent me 12/03/09 - We are The Great River Rumble., a kayak / canoe club that does annual trips on the waters of the mid-west area. We are planning a trip from Dubuque to Muscatine July 31 - August 7, 2010. (Saturday to Saturday) . We will arrive Friday and Saturday 7/30 & 7/31 and leave our cars at Blains Farm & Fleet Parking lot for the week. Our folks and boats will be transported to Dubuque and we will paddle back down stream to Muscatine. We will arrive on Saturday Aug. 7, 2010 in the early to mid afternoon. (we are camping at Andulusia the night before so it is not far) This time will vary according to our timing at the Lock 16 with barges using the locks on that day. We would like to land at the lower (old) landing so we can carry our boats up on to the parking lot area and then have space to load them without getting in everyones way at the new landing. There will probably be in the neighborhood of 80 to 130 boats landing on that day. As the day nears, I will have more exact times, numbers, and other pertinent data for you.

Mr. Klimes, if there is anything I have failed to address, please contact me via e-mail at unklemax@msn.com or at my office - 263-9237. Also if there are any details you feel I have overlooked, please let me know. I will greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Max A. Kauffman
Muscatine, Ia.

Landing Chairperson for Muscatine (also a home town boy who wants to make his town shine)

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