

Sonja Birr

From: Curtis Hall
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 11:29 AM
To: 'Sarah Reimer'
Cc: Sonja Birr; Sandy Ronski; Dan Koski; Brock Wetenkamp
Subject: RE: External: Re: Request to put up beach library

Hi Sarah,

I did receive your request. I apologize about the delayed response. We are swamped right now prepping for summer and trying to hire seasonal staff.

I think this a great idea but I do have some concerns. My concerns are mostly related to ongoing maintenance and condition of the library. I know your intentions and every group/donors are always good in the beginning but we know based on experience that this is a slippery slope and often results in a less than visually appealing product down the road. With the high visibility and condition/appearance of our beaches being of high priority I want to stress that these will need to be maintained to the highest standard. I also know that council is not a fan of anything that blocks the view from the trail or parks so we will need to be very conscious of where we place them and or the size and construction style.

I support your proposal and efforts as I think it a nice/neat feature to have as long as it is maintained well. Regardless of my thoughts the city requires all requests like this be presented to our Public Infrastructure Committee. I can have this item added to the next meeting. That meeting takes place at 5:30 on Weds. May 3rd at City Hall. Would you or the group be able to attend to make the formal ask? You can attend via zoom as well if that is easier.

Let me know and I will add this to the agenda.

Thanks,



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From: Sarah Reimer <s.reimer.920@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Curtis Hall <chall@manitowoc.org>
Subject: External: Re: Request to put up beach library

I am following up to see if you received our request for permission to build and install a little beach toy library. Our girls are very excited about this project and would like to begin working on it.

Thank you,
Sarah Reimer
Co-leader of Troop 8209
Girl Scouts of Manitou Council

On Wed, Apr 12, 2023, 9:26 PM Sarah Reimer <s.reimer.920@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: **Sarah Reimer** <s.reimer.920@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 12, 2023, 5:46 PM

Subject: Request to put up beach library

To: <chall@manitowic.org>

Girl Scout Troop 8209
Girl Scouts of Manitou Council

April 8, 2023

Curtis Hall
Parks & Recreation Division Manager
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI. 54220

Dear Mr. Hall,

We are Girl Scout Troop 8209. Our troop is made up of nine girls in fifth grade. We are currently working on our bronze award. We are writing a letter to you to talk to you about our project idea that we think the community would benefit from. We plan to build "Little Beach Libraries."

A beach library is similar to the little free libraries that are installed throughout town, except instead of holding books it has beach toys. It is larger in size and has shelves for the toys. We think the best place for this would be at Red Arrow Beach.

As a troop, we would build these Little Beach Libraries. Our troop would also stock the Beach Libraries initially. We would also have scheduled times throughout the month to check and clean the libraries as well as maintain any wear and tear to keep them usable to the community. We plan to put a sign on the side of the Little Beach Library explaining that the community is welcome to use the toys when at the beach and asking them to return the toys to the library when done. We would also let the community know that they are also welcome to donate any usable toys to the library as well. Our troop will check on the Little Beach Libraries frequently throughout the summer and collect the toys at the end of summer. We will continue to stock these Little Beach Libraries every summer while they are in place.

Our troop will cover all costs associated with the building and installation of this project. We are asking that you give your approval to allow us to install two of these Little Beach Libraries at Red Arrow Beach. Our thought is to install these at the beginning of the sand from the parking lot's edge where the trail leads to the beach and then another at the bottom of the trail where there is currently a bench for seating.

We have included a picture of what we anticipate our project looking like as well as some personalized letters from our troop discussing why we think this is a good addition to our current beach area.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing back from you soon!

Sincerely,

Girl Scout Troop 8209



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