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DATE: January 8, 2018

MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee

FROM: James E. Ballowe
Director of Facilities

REQUEST: Provide policy direction regarding the potential use and/or disposal of the remaining four Lake Marie Boat Pier Rights.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: If direction from Committee is to dispose of the pier rights through a public auction process, a minimum bid would be set at \$2,000.00 per pier, which is the price the District set as the minimum and subsequently received for the 41 pier rights previously auctioned.

BACKGROUND: The District acquired the rights to 45 boat piers in Lake Marie (part of the Chain o' Lakes) when it purchased the Lake Marie Forest Preserve. The US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has jurisdiction over piers within the Chain o' Lakes, and confirmed that the District acquired such pier rights. However, if not used, the pier rights will expire. The ACOE gave the District an extension, until 2018 boating season, to either install the piers or dispose of them and their rights.

Upon previous direction from Committee, 41 of the 45 pier rights were put up for auction by the District and consequently sold. With the 2018 deadline approaching and no use yet determined for the remaining four pier rights, staff is seeking direction on whether to keep the last four remaining piers and refloat them in 2018, offer them for public auction, or just allow the District's rights to the piers to expire. Staff's recommendation is to dispose of the pier rights through a public auction process.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel.