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ITEM: 5.3 New Business- *Jim Kappelhoff*

PROPOSED AQUATORE PARK PAVILION

The Blaine Festival Committee is proposing construction of a 60' x 80' pavilion in Aquatore Park. The interior structure would include a 3,699 square feet open area, two 20' x 20' storage rooms, elevated 20' by 22' stage and the entire floor will be concrete. The exterior will consist of a peaked shingled roof, wood support posts and concrete block for the back wall and storage rooms. Drafts of the pavilion are attached.

The purpose of the pavilion is to provide a main area for entertainment, presentations and other large event related congregating. The Blaine Festival Committee feels a proposed permanent structure of this type would not only facilitate their annual needs during the community wide celebration in June, but also the many special events sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department. It would also be a rental facility option for organizations and businesses. Currently the Committee rents a large tent and stage for the Blaine Festival in the amount of \$5,000.

The proposed location for the pavilion was discussed with staff and the Committee. I was determined that the most favorable location at this time was on the east end of the park across Central Avenue frontage road and near Highway 65. A site location map is attached.

The Blaine Festival Committee is bringing this forward to the Park Board in consideration of making the proposed project a financial cooperative effort with the City. The first estimate for the cost of the structure is \$224,000. However, members of the Committee feel it could significantly reduce this cost through local business contributions or discounts, and possible volunteer labor. It is the understanding of staff that the Blaine Festival Committee is willing to contribute 50% of the cost for the proposed facility.

Members of the Committee have planned to attend this meeting to answer questions the Park Board may have.

Information and discussion.

