

**PORT OF ANACORTES
CAP SANTE MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY February 12, 2015 - 5:00 PM
PORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - COMMISSION ROOM**

Members present: Mary LaFleur, Andy Schwenk, Mark Lione, Robin Pestarino, John Richards, Joe Verdoes, and Greg Mustari, Stuart Currie, Erica Picket and Corey Joyce.

On behalf of the Port from the Marina – Brian Geer

Members absent: Bret Andrich, Jeff Marrs, Danielle Vincent, and Howard Bean.

Port Staff present: Brian Geer and Julie Johnson Lindsey, as well as Commissioners Keith Rubin and Bill Short.

Guests: Guests in Attendance included Dave Groves, Angela Currie and Kevin Meenaghan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Brian Geer at 1700.

Election of new Chair: Brian reported the Port has received the resignation of Jay Field from the Committee and has responded to accept his resignation and thank him for his service. At the last Committee meeting, it was suggested that Bret Andrich serve as Chair, pending official notification from Jay of his resignation. Bret has agreed to his nomination for Chair, but was called away on business prior to the meeting.

Brian called for any other nominations. Hearing none, he called for a motion for Bret as Chair, which was made by Andy, seconded by Mary and carried by unanimous vote.

Introductions: Brian introduced new Committee Member, Corey Joyce, recently appointed to the Committee by the Port Commission to serve as a representative of Recreational Fishing. Corey noted he is an avid sport fisherman and has also been a commercial fisherman and boat builder, and was happy to serve on the Committee.

All members of the Committee introduced themselves and stated their Committee affiliation and business.

Discussion of Co-Chair and Secretary positions: Brian suggested the Committee have a succession plan for leadership by including a Co-Chair and Secretary position. Mary asked if there would be terms for these offices. Brian asked for Committee input on organization and Committee structure.

Andy expressed his frustration with a lack of attendance by Committee members over the past three years. He believed showing up was a sign of respect to the others on the Committee. Corey noted that as he understood it, if you missed two meetings per year, you were out.

Brian explained that meetings were quarterly and at the discretion of the Committee as to a greater frequency and scheduling around the summer months and holidays. He suggested 2 year terms for officers. He noted that while on the City Council, that body allowed for “excused

absences” with prior notification of pending absence. Greg suggested that perhaps the Bylaws should be amended to say that members missing more than 50% of meetings due to “unexcused absences” will be dismissed. This met with the approval of the Committee.

Stuart observed that Article 5 of the Bylaws already addresses having a Vice-Chair. So the amendments would be to address the change in wording of absences and to include a Secretary position. Erica observed Bylaws Article 6 stated that the Committee may amend the Bylaws with the exception of Article 3, which are the voting members of the Committee, set by the Port Commission.

Brian called for nominations for Vice-Chair. John nominated Andy, seconded by Robin. Hearing no other nominations, Brian called for a vote for Andy as Vice-Chair, which carried unanimously. In the absence of the Chair, Brian turned the meeting over to Andy.

Andy opened the floor for discussion of the Secretary position. Following discussion of what that position would entail, i.e. taking and distributing minutes, Stuart moved to amend the Bylaws to include a Secretary position and the language regarding absences discussed, Robin seconded the motion. Andy called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Andy nominated Mary to serve as Secretary. Robin seconded the nomination. Hearing no others, Andy called for a vote on the nomination of Mary as Secretary, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rubin noted the Commission values the information that comes out of the Committee and its recommendations.

Chair’s Comments: Andy stated he was happy to see the two Commissioners in attendance to listen to the Committee. He recalled the Port’s Mission Statement which includes stimulating jobs and commerce. Looking around the room, he observed the Committee members were successful people. He also put in a hip, hip, hooray for the passage of the school bond.

Old Business discussion:

- **Update on T-Dock Replacement** –

Brian provided an update on the progress of T-Dock. The two new 1-Ton cranes should arrive to the contractor from their east coast manufacturer on Feb. 19th. Once inspected and adjusted for our purpose by the contractor, they will begin installation. The south crane is scheduled for installation the week of March 16-20 and the north crane in the week of March 23-27.

When the 2-Ton crane is installed the Port will resurface the center of the dock with new planks and steel plate. This is presently scheduled for 2016 pending permitting for piling and over water work. The side surfaces on the dock will be resurfaced in 2017.

- **Garbage Relocation** –

Brian thanked Mary and Robin for providing their ideas about the garbage relocation that will occur with the construction of the new Anthony’s Cafe. The Port has decided to move

the Marina garbage and recycling to the north side of the Harbor Master's Office (HMO), which is where it used to be located before it was moved to its current location. The garbage and recycling will take up approximately 3 parking spaces and will need to be moved further away during the Waterfront Festival. The Port will install temporary fencing with slats around the garbage and recycling spaces, again, much as it was in the past at that location. The Port is still seeking a final, optimal location.

Andy explained this would mean that people coming up with their garbage from the central pier would go the right, past the U.S. Customs office to throw away their refuse.

Anthony's will be responsible for removing the brick structure. They have permanently relocated their garbage and recycling to the south side of their main restaurant.

Anthony's has all of their permits in place, although Commissioner Short noted he had heard they are redesigning the layout and look of the Café. Brian will look into the best guesstimate for opening and report to the Committee.

- Parking Lot Seal Project –

Brian noted the last report from Jenkins indicates the project will be completed in the spring of 2016 when the weather is consistently of a warm enough temperature.

New Business discussion

- Executive Director Search –

Brian reported that as of today, there had been 15 applications submitted. Cut-off for applications is February 18th, 2015. Applications will be reviewed and narrowed down by March. Brian noted John Hachey has done a great job as Interim Executive Director but wishes to return to his home in Florida. Commissioner Rubin commented that a start date for a new Executive Director will depend, in part, on the circumstances of the person chosen.

- Lighting for Web Locker Parking Lot (Safety Issue) -

Brian noted that Bret had come to him about the lack of lighting in the commercial area by T-Dock. In speaking to Josh Beaner, Operations Director, he already has new LED lights ordered and will place a three light array at both T-Dock and in the web locker areas and perhaps near Global Diving.

- Fishing Derby (Cancelled) –

Brian explained the Derby was cancelled due to the closure of Area 7 due to a reduced fish count by the Dept. of Fisheries. Apparently there will be no recreational season until April.

Mary noted they had let Roche Harbor have their derby since they had already spent the funds to put it on and had their paperwork to prove it, and since it was such short notice for them (only two weeks out). She explained that recreational fishing was not ceased in all areas, whereas by comparison, Anacortes had more advance notice of closure.

Stuart asked if there were any way to look into getting the DNR/Dept. of Fisheries/Fish & Wildlife to open the recreational season later in the year so that it can run later into the spring.

Mary explained that the Anacortes Derby needs to have a plan in place in case this occurs again in the future to show the financial impacts for hotels, restaurants, moorage, fuel, etc. and how cancelling a derby causes a loss for businesses. Mark noted as an example that his motel usually sells out of rooms for the derby

Stuart recommended the Derby approach Fish & Wildlife now with the impacts felt this year and not wait until next year. Mary agreed and suggested the Derby and Anacortes businesses impacted by the closure also send e-mails to area legislators. Likewise, she asked that anyone with information on Marine Trades issues feel free to e-mail her.

Corey noted once difference for our area is that we have treaty fishermen with tribal rights that can cause the Feds to shut down recreational fishing. He observed that Fish & Wildlife was looking into making changes to better regulate the openings and closures.

Andy reported Jay had very much appreciated the support from the Port and was proud that the Derby supported scholarships, and that should also be taken into account when assess loss/impacts with the Derby cancellation.

- Boat Show Report –

Brian reported the first weekend of the Seattle Boat Show was very busy, then less attended, then somewhat busy again the Friday and Saturday before the Super Bowl. The Marina staff, most of whom attended, handed out over 1,000 bags at the Port's booth and talked with a lot of people about the Marina and moorage. The Marina has the lowest fuel prices in the region. A popular item that Leah purchased from a neighbor booth were wine glass holders for boaters and the Marina will look into getting some with the Marina logo.

Andy noted he appreciated Commissioners Short, Rubin, and Eberle attending the Boat Show, as well as several people on the Committee who attended. He reported it was his understanding from the trades that mega yachts are catching on and he noted sales for kayaks and stand-up paddle boards were very popular. Greg noted that fractional ownership is not as popular as in past years. Mary observed Cap Sante Marina had a quad sea-doo with wheels so it can convert to land use. Brian noted Cap Sante Marine is one of the reps for the new sea-doo.

- Anacortes Small Boat Center Memorandum of Understanding with the City and Port –

Brian reported the Port has reached a tentative agreement for a building in the north end of the Marina, located mostly on City property, which will benefit the Marina and the community. Commissioner Rubin confirmed the Commission approved the action item at their last meeting giving Interim ED John Hachey the go ahead to complete the MOU.

Robin shared a map showing the location of the building and also a rendering of how it will look. The ASBC plan is to complete this and other improvements in two phases. Phase one is the ASBC building with a later, second building for the City sailing program. Phase two of

the plan would be a long-term OARS facility for maintenance of wooden boats and community use. Robin explained the initial phase one building itself will be partly on City land, but the area adjoining the roadway access is primarily on Port land, with the yacht club having the roadway.

Andy noted the yacht club road is on the yacht club's property. Robin noted the ASBC may need the road to be expanded/widened and understood this was being worked out. In response to Mark's inquiry about a time frame, Robin explained this was dependent on raising the money needed to build.

Andy asked about the ASBC use of the Seafarers' Memorial Park building. Robin noted it was built in cooperation of several organizations but was never used by OARS for maintenance. Erica noted the SMP was not for use by only one organization, but was intended as a community structure. Brian agreed and noted the Port is scanning the original document in regards to uses and intent with some groups having different interpretations. The Port wants to make certain it complies with any and all grant rules regarding the uses of the building. Robin noted OARS has photos of some of its members helping to clear the area for the SMP building. Andy explained it is not uncommon for Ports and Cities to have or help with space for sailing and small boats programs. Brian explained the Marina was working with the State now to try to institute boating programs in schools.

Other Discussions –

OARS - Robin noted she had heard of an issue in which some portion of the ASBC members would like to have the OARS structures moved in order to use the OARS slips for P/Q Hoist staging. OARS is vehemently opposed to this. The slips were specially reinforced for the OARS shelters and if repositioned, the shelters would be torn apart. She indicated she had spoken with Dale Fowler who assured her they would not be moved. Robin and Andy would like to see the staging for the P/Q Hoist put on the next meeting agenda.

Value of Advisory Committees - Commissioner Short said he could not stress enough how important this group is. He explained the Port Commission has three advisory committees, one for each operating area, and the committees, Port attorney, and Executive Director report directly to the Commission. He believed the advisory groups prevent problems by being proactive and providing valuable input.

Security – Stuart reported he had run into Port Security Lead Steve Krebs and he was “a little excited”. Brian acknowledged that Steve had interrupted a drug deal and notified police. Brian reported the Port is always looking at ways to improve security, including more patrols, more lighting and cameras. He has also been in touch with the APD regarding an increased patrol presence in the Marina in the evening. Brian noted that as open as the Marina is, there are very few instances of vandalism, incidents of this nature, or theft.

Marina Office Hours – Dave inquired whether there were plans to keep the office open longer. He observed that often boaters come in late and he thought someone should be in the office. Stuart agreed and noted the Marina staff had been very helpful with helping to secure vessels during recent high wind conditions. Brian will note a discussion of Marina office hours for the next meeting agenda.

Thank you to Committee Members – Andy welcomed Corey once more and said he wished to echo Commissioner Short’s comments. He thanked all for serving on the Committee and being respectful. He asked that anyone with items they would like to discuss at the next meeting to please provide them to Bret and to Julie.

Scheduling next meeting –

Brian noted some of the Commissioners and Port staff would be attending the Washington Public Ports Association spring meeting the week of May 11-15, and suggested the next meeting be the following week, May 18th. The committee concurred.

Adjournment – Hearing no other business, Andy adjourned the meeting at 1809.

Next Meeting – May 18th, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Items for next agenda:

Old Business:

Executive Director Update
Lighting for Web locker Parking Lot
Parking Lot Seal Project Update

New Business:

Marina Office Hours