

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

**THURSDAY March 13, 2014- 5:00 PM  
PORT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - COMMISSION ROOM**

**Members present:** Jay Field, Andy Schwenk, Howard Bean, Bret Andrich, Mark Lione, Mary LaFleur, Jeff Marrs, Stuart Currie, Robin Pestarino, Erica Picket, John Richards and Greg Mustari.

**Members absent:** Joe Verdoes, Danielle Vincent

**Port Staff present:** Sheila Maher, Bob Hyde, Chris Johnson and Julie Johnson Lindsey, as well as Commissioners Bob Eberle and Bill Short.

**Guests:** None

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Jay Field at 1700.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made and designations for those present, noted. New members included: Jeff Marrs – Marina small boat owner, Stuart Currie – Marina medium boat owner, Robin Pestarino – Representing OARS. Not present was Danielle Vincent – representing AYC.

**Public Comment:** Public Comment was opened and there were no public comments.

**Chair's Comments:** Jay welcomed all in attendance and thanked Andy for chairing the meeting in his absence. For the new members, Jay noted he liked to finish on-time and appreciated not having idle chit-chat. If there was not sufficient time to discuss an item, he would recommend it be tabled to the next meeting.

**Old Business discussion:**

- **Report – A-Dock Planning –**  
Sheila reported the Port is moving along with plans for replacing A-Dock with concept plans discussed. The Port's project managers will put together three drawings for consideration at the next A-Dock Planning meeting.

Bret noted the planning effort was typical for the Port, starting with gathering information, hearing ideas and concerns, then building consensus for a plan. He believed the process was progressing well. Chris noted the Port was in the scoping process at this time and once a decision was made on which concept to pursue, a schedule for completion could be determined. After the scoping process will come permitting and then the demolition and replacement process. This project has a 5-10 year time frame, and will be dependent on funding, with the Port looking for grants.

- **T- Dock Planning -**  
Bret reported that things are progressing. He and other users met with Jenkins and Becky from the Port this week. The existing hoists are continuing to fail and are tired. The Port is

moving full speed ahead to replace the hoists with three new hoist. The users had originally asked to two new and one old hoist for additional capacity, but the Port prefers to install new hoists. Replacing the 1-ton hoist is not a problem, but installation of a larger 2-ton crane is proving slightly problematic. The dock won't handle anything over a 1 ton hoist without the addition of new piling under the dock.

Chris noted the comprehensive review for adding piling is a 12-18 month process. Bret reported the users prefer to have two new 1-ton cranes installed now and then wait for the 2-ton crane to be installed at a later date. The users are thrilled the Port is moving ahead but also expressed valid concerns about the condition of the decking and whether it was in good enough shape to install the new cranes.

Discussion: Jay asked whether there were safety issues. Stuart asked if it were possible to replace some of the decking with a steel overlay. Bret noted he was not a construction expert and that the decking would need to be evaluated. Jay observed it sounded like the Port was moving forward to support the users and he was pleased to see the progress. Bret agreed that there had been great effort on the part of all involved. Stuart noted he had used steel decking in Alaska and it was much easier to use a forklift on it. Bret noted that steel could be costly.

- Little Chicago Incubator Businesses

Jay noted in reading the minutes that there had been some good ideas and suggestions from the last meeting.

Mary noted she had spoken to Ray Robinson and he suggested they be moved to the north end of the Marina and placed in something other than a straight line and given more landscaping, decking and pizzazz.

Jay recalled the north end redevelopment plan included the relocation there already. Bob Hyde agreed, noting the Commission has not yet approved a final plan. Regarding the plan, Mary asked if the event center would be a pole building with removable walls. Bob noted the Commission is working on a plan with such a structure as an option.

Jay noted there had been a lot of strong opinions about the appearance of Little Chicago. Andy was concerned with the use of the term incubators to describe them since most were existing businesses and not truly incubators. Jay suggested a change of signage and occupancy rules might help.

Sheila noted the Port is trying to get a variety of businesses into the incubators. Andy asked if the Port could discriminate or had to take whoever applied. Chris and Sheila reported the Port has the ability to choose its tenants. The Port has a steady waiting list for the incubators.

Jay noted some complaints were that the colors of the new buildings were too loud. Bob noted the new buildings had been painted to draw attention and showcase the marina color palette. The port allows those leasing the incubators to paint them. Jay liked the decking around the larger ones and suggested additional landscaping.

## New Business discussion

- Anacortes Small Boat Center Building –

Bob reported the ASBC is planning a new building and is working with an architect to draw up plans. Robin reported they are looking at three buildings/sites – one on the right hand side before accessing rotary park, “The Beach House” for staging small boats for hand launching and small get together’s and lectures. The second building would be placed near the ASBC fencing and would house the City’s parks and rec sailing program. The third would be near the AYC building and would be larger to build and repair boats in. The plans will be reviewed with OARS in April. The buildings will be a joint effort of ASBC, OARS, and several others, who will lease property from the City and the Port. They are looking to start permitting in 2015.

Julie pulled up a satellite image of the Marina from Google Earth so Robin could point out the potential sites.

- Cannon & Town Crier –

Sheila explained that at previous meeting it had come up that the cannon used at the Port’s Friday evening ceremonies at the Marina scares dogs. People like the town crier and some like the cannon but others do not, including some of the Marina neighbors. This summer, the Marine Trades group will host wine and cheese at the gazebo to welcome visitors. A bugler has been suggested as an alternative.

Andy noted that Anthony’s hadn’t like the cannon either. Bret noted that if he knew it was going to go off, great, but if not, it was startling and scared many people. Mary didn’t think having the cannon was bringing people in to the marina. Jay thought the cannon should be saved for the Workboat Races. Sheila noted Roche Harbor fires off a cannon when they retire the colors. Jeff agreed this was a longstanding tradition at Roche.

- Youth Sailing –

Andy explained the Seafarers’ Memorial Park building and Park has been used for youth sailing regattas in the past. He noted high school sailing programs are growing in the area with up to 22 programs. He expressed confusion as to why the SMP was not more integral in this with facilities built for these regattas, ramp, etc. He noted he and his wife had just launched the Anacortes Sailing Society for youth sailing and private camps. Nationwide the move is towards smaller boats and it was the fastest growing market in the boating industry. The high school team is preparing for their first regatta this weekend. He noted David Jackson’s program was extremely strong and that OARS also brings about 100 people up for the sailing challenge.

Other New Business –

Jay noted Andy wished to talk about an event tent or pergola. As chair of the Salmon Derby, he acknowledged the need for a structure. The tent they rent for the Derby is 60X120.

Bob Hyde reported the Commission earlier today had discussed and preferred option 3 of the north and west basin plans, which included an approximate 16,000 square foot structure, roughly twice the size of the Transit Shed, with a pole barn construction.

In response to questions, Bob reported the structure would have restroom facilities and be plumbed, but would be rudimentary to accommodate many uses and similar to the Transit Shed, but nicer with sliding barn door style walls.

Bob reviewed option three as discussed by the Commission. The next steps in the north and west basin planning are for a review with the Port/City Liaison Committee, then a public hearing and Commission approval.

Jeff asks if once approved, what would be the priority for the plan moving forward. Bob noted a little of everything, but infrastructure would be a starting point with roadways.

Other items:

Andy asked about having a temporary dock space for boat shows and rendezvous. Sheila reported the Port had looked into that and looked at samples, feasibility quotes, etc. and all came back as very expensive and not cost effective. The rental of the temporaries wouldn't cover the cost.

Dave asked about Bill Mitchell's old pick-up still being at the marina parking lot, noting it was more of an eyesore than Little Chicago. Bob will look into having it moved.

Robin reported that she had asked for any feedback on the Port at the OARS meeting and there were only positive comments with people happy about what the Port is doing.

Jeff asked when the pumpout carts would be placed back on the docks and the bathrooms re-opened at night. Sheila reported the bathrooms were already reopened at night and she didn't have a definite date for the pumpout carts at this time.

Jay noted the next meeting would be June 12<sup>th</sup> .

**Adjournment** – Hearing no other business, Jay adjourned the meeting at 1800.

Next Meeting – June 12<sup>th</sup> , 2014