Marina Advisory Committee

April 11, 2023

In attendance: Bud Mieux (virtual), Corey Joyce, John Sanford, John Richards, Marcus Abbott, Mary Lafleur, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt (virtual).

Port staff, Commissioners, City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas, Dan Worra (POD), John Ronngren (PC), Terry Nemeth (City).

Absent: Devin Zwick (excused), Greg Dickinson (excused), Dan Averill (excused), Brett Senff (not excused), Dianna Chonka (not excused), John Petrich (PC) (excused).

Call to order at 5:00 pm.

Motion and second to accept minutes as written.
The meeting in March was cancelled due to spring break and many members would be absent.

Marine Happenings: Brad -report attached- Recap:

Facilities will start to reinstall the back flows, test the fire systems, and prepare the irrigation system. Outside drinking fountains will be returned to service.

Operational on high speed fuel dispenser upgrade.

Reisner awarded fueling contract for FD.

HMO office remodel complete. Staff have own work station and added 2nd VHF radio.

Central Pier loading zone light poles replaced with LED lights. Much brighter without light pollution.

Notifications were sent to vessel owners whose boats have been neglected for some time. All owners have committed to being responsible boat owners.

Close to obtaining custody of the vessel anchored out.

Ev charging station scheduled for fall 2023. POA provides leased land and PSE is paying for infrastructure.

ABAY agreement signed. 5 weeks away.

Annual fuel dock tank cleaning was in March.

Web locker roof repair authorized on W end of S building. Port will advise start date.

Fully staffed with seasonal hires and new faces.

Central Pier awning covers removed for Powder Coating.

Re-setting the South gravel boat trailer lot. Expand and reconfigure.

Safety ladders have been installed on B dock. Will continue the N end when ladders arrive.

Staff cleaning and preparing for ABAY. Gazebos will be removed due to rotted wood and had to be braced during high wind.

North T dock hoist will be down part of Friday.

Fidalgo YC started their 6 month moorage on P-83 and AYC picked up their second slip on O-98.

New marina maps available. Same map just new advertisers.

Mc Donalds hosting Mc Teachers Night on 4/19. Extra cars in gravel lot.

Continued outreach to DNR.

Security is doing a great job patrolling the docks and uplands. Caught a thief and discovered BR door jammed to keep accessible.

Several staff members on vacation and others stepped in.

West Basin RR closure.

Locker outside storage update. Sent reminders at the end of February to tidy lockers. Outside area for working not storage. Great response from tenants. Many agreed it is the best its ever looked. Kudos given to Brad.

MAC members should watch last commission meeting, particularly the enviro clean up portion. Brad stated he has been with the Port for almost 22 years. He watched the commission meeting on the Ecology Cleanup presentation given by John Herzog. And he was so amazed by the pictures of the large holes that were where Anthony's and the paper mill sit now. Dan W said they will try to put in a clip so won't be necessary to sort thru whole meeting. 65 million dollars in clean up over 15 yrs. Brad reiterated it was well worth 45 minutes of your time.

John Dumas Report:

West Basin Restrooms - People have been pretty understanding with the closure. Only one upset walker. Went easier than the North Basin closure. During public events they will be open. John has sent the presentation made to Commissioners to MAC members. It's been a 180 degree turnaround and staff hasn't found vandalism. Still challenges with Marine Trades with Brad handling it. Also OAR, AWA, and Freedom Boat Club. In addressing Freedom Boat Club, Mary F suggested put a key on the boat key. Freedom is a tenant but also has customers. With OARS and AWA it's how fast we can make the cards. Permanent tenants can have hard cards and guests can be issued thin cards that a cost $1.00 or less with some tenants requesting Fobs. Still challenges and open to comments or questions. Different suggestions were given for businesses like Seattle Yachts but ultimately it will be businesses managing their own keys. The Port doesn't want employees deciding which people can use the restrooms. Dan W stated that the article in A Town highlighted the public restrooms in the whole city and suggested putting a post on Facebook about the Depot and Seafarer's Park restrooms. Topics of restrooms is tough and complicated. Members have been getting calls from residents about closure. Depot to get overflow for walkers. Port security assists with a more active patrol around depot area. Discussion on how city and Port can work on the T Ave problem. Liability issues addressed concerning homeless on T Ave and this isn't zoned residential. Not a Port problem.
John S asked about J, K, & L parking timeline. It is going to bid exchange today with open bidding. Dan Worra stated there are 4 components to to that- RV park, JKL lot, bathroom for RV park and resurfacing OPQ lot. All in the same bid. It was stated that contractors cannot be in marina before September 15. Both lots will be done at the same time and can't be used for 5 days. Grating, then one skim over and both lots striping will be done within 5 days.

Capital Projects: see previously sent email
High speed dispenser is solid.
T dock - 1 million dollars marker and in negotiations

Safety ladders: The first 30 ladders installed on Q dock with a modified design from original. John tested and it worked good. On every 4th pile starting on the end tie. Cold water rule is a 50 yr old person has a 50% chance of swimming 50 yds.

South Basin: The Port knows they will lose overflow parking in the RV lot when it closes in June for remodel. Contacted a parking lot person who gave a schematic on how to lay out the south gravel lot (right across from web lockers and A dock not the one behind McDonalds). Logs will be reset and temporary painting. Island Explorer customers will be relocated.

B Dock Security- It's been wired. John D asked 4 -5 users what times that they wouldn't be impacted. Determined they would turn security on 11 pm ish to 4am. When system is activated a bright light will illuminate the person entering and a human voice will ask name and slip number. The thought is that this will deter 50% of thieves. John D will do functional test for brightness. Then all tenants will be notified when implemented. This will be a prototype for other docks. This company is based in USA with multiple locations consisting of huge rooms with human monitors. Thanks were given to Port for getting this done in such a timely manner.

No public comment.

New Business:
Marine Trades - Mary Lafleur - recap
Mary previously sent out multiple minutes so read for full details.
Meeting with John D, Brad and brokers going really good and should have closure.
ABAY is booming right along and ahead of last year although not as good as 2019.
T Ave being cleaned up but if they move by marina it will be a Port issue.
Mary has set up a meeting, on April 17, with Bud, Howard, John D, Mayor, and others to address land that Bud and Howard own. This will address how Bud and Howard can partner with the city and the Port to use the land. This needs to be done in a very timely manner. Bud stated he has been working with other individuals on this matter.

John D passed out a brochure to MAC members detailing Federal Legislative Priorities about T dock and was handed to law makers.
See attached document.

Next meeting May 2.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.
Submitted by Wendy Britt