Marine Advisory Committee Minutes

August 1, 2023

In attendance: Bud LeMieux, Corey Joyce, Dan Averill, Dianna Chonka, John Richards, John Sanford, Marcus Abbott, Mary LaFleur, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt.

Port Staff, Commissioners, and City Officals: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (DO), Dan Worra (POD), Jon Ronngren (Commissioner),Shawn Ottenbreit (Commissioner), Terry Nemeth (City).

Absent: Brent Senff (excused), Devin Zwick (excused), Greg Dickison (excused),

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

Motion and second to accept the minutes as written.

Marine Happenings: Brad Johnson

- Moving to E statements 1/1/24. Notice to tenants went out.
- Walked C-F docks with BMI (float manufacturer) for preventative maintenance needs.
- RV park construction in full swing. 1st step is retaining wall.
- Freeman vessel, 30 day period with owner, then it's Port's.
- Another successful Race Week. Organizers would like to have gotten in more races. Well attended and fair winds.
- Port of Seattle visits Port on Thursday.
- New pedestal stickers have been applied in the N end. Replacing pile stickers on A dock, failing due to cool weather application.
- Safety ladder installation has started in the N end. Will continue through the summer and into fall as ladders are received.
- Performed web locker inspections a few weeks ago. Maintenance issues have been repaired.
- Roofing sheets above Arrow Launch's locker have been fixed.
- Algae bloom in marina. Bright orange material on top of water.
- Several boats in marina taking on water in last few weeks. Staff and tenants are watchful and issues reported.
- New pump out boat operator, Dane. Many positive remarks about his service.
- Continue monthly reporting to DNR.
- Gabbi back to work for the port, at the launch, after taking a few years off. She does a great job with customers and launches.
- First seasonal staff member leaves after this week.
- Rotational limit switches have been installed on the PQ hoist after the original stop block failed a few months ago, allowing the hoist to over-rotate and pull the cable out of the control

box. As a back up, the stop blocks were left in place. A technician will give a quote for a weight limit switch on the lifting cables to prevent overloading. Install will be in 2023.

- As of today, the codes to restrooms have been discontinued in the marina. Tenants, trades, and guests will rely on cards only. Port still working with several organizations, AWA, OARS, Freedom Boat Club, and Anacortes Yacht Charters. No temporary codes for tenants who don't bring cards. Reminder sent out several weeks ago to carry your access cards.
- 11,506 guest boater nights, over 1000 credit back nights, and 670K gallons of fuel .
- 2 FT positions open at the Port, facilities, and CSR. Details on website.

It was stated that there wasn't a vote to accept the minutes. At 5:12 pm, the minutes were approved as written.

Wendy thanked Brad for having the safety ladders fixed on F & E docks. Brad explained that safety ladders had deployed so they were scrubbed and used zip ties similar to fire extinguishers. When you pull down on ladders the ties come off easily allowing ladder to fully extend.
John Richards reminded everyone to provide input to John Dumas when he sends out emails. He welcomes replies and comments.
John Dumas Report:
He monitors his phone and email 24/7 for communications.
T dock- Will wait until September for Commercial Fishermen to stage conversations. PND- will bring John Olson to answer questions. Pushed lights more open in the fairway.
Never ending light testing in North lot. Too much bleeding on J dock. Testing will be systematic on all docks. Fixtures installed in 1984. Should be working in the fall.
John will get the RV restroom layout to the MAC, just need ADA requirements.
Siding will be replaced on North End bathroom building and solar installed.
John Sanford asked about timeline for parking lot work. John D responded 2nd-3rd week of September. A very short window.
Corey asked if the fence could be moved so tenants can use load/unload and dumpster by J dock. It's been a real hardship for tenants. John Dumas will ask construction company. The dumpster was moved to the east end of the fence across from bathroom. There is a 30 day, not 90 day closure of Market Street. The 30 days could be extended by the city. The construction company was delayed a week to start this project.
The mayor signed a parking rule ordinance that puts a 24 hr limit on how long oversized vehicles, such as RV's and boats can park on city streets.
Virtual gate on B dock- Camera and lights are in. Card reader on the pole. If someone doesn't stop for security company, Port security is called then John Dumas. He then calls APD. Tenants on B dock will be emailed about turn on date. Security hours - 10pm to 6am. Initial cost is cameras, which can be used anywhere, then $200.00 a month subscription with unlimited alerts and live security people monitoring dock. Other cameras can be purchased and included in this cost. B dock security fob will be the same fob used for bathrooms.

Public Comment- None.

New Business - Chair Comments - John Richards- He thanked the MAC members for their professional attitude. At a Port Meeting he attended, things weren't as civil.
John congratulated the Port on passing a very tough audit and coming out in the top ten in the state. The Port received the SACA Stewardship Award. Dan Worra explained that the credit goes to the 3 directors and staff of all departments.
John R stated the discussion of security gates will be left for last.
Everyone has a security story and most tenants want gates. He would like to hear from people who don't want gates. Restrooms have been a lot better since locked. Cost is a factor.

Marine Trades Brief Update- Mary LaFleur- Mary, Corey, Dan Averill, and Amanda, from the Port, attended the memorial for Coleen, wife of the Roche Harbor Harbormaster. A real show of love with about 1,200 in attendance.
The Marine Trades didn't meet in July.
Addressing the Brokers slips- Brokers get back 70/30 split on transfers. Seattle Yachts still not made whole with lawyers still involved. The Port has made a mess and asking brokers to clean it up. Going forward with the plan looks to be ok.
The Marine Trades will be talking in September about Dan Worra being appointed president of the Chamber of Commerce. Last year, the Marine Trades voted no confidence in Dan Worra so they will address this issue. The Trades has $40,000.00 to gift to organizations with 10,000.00 to the Chamber. Mary encouraged the MAC members to attend the Trades Meeting on Sept 12. It's an important meeting and NMTA will speak.
Restroom Access Changes- Skip Dassler- OARS has 140 members and Port issued 5 cards that are kept in a dock box. Tenants will get their own. AWA gets 5 cards and that includes sailing programs for kids, learn to sail in the summer, kayaks, and paddle boarders.
John Richards expressed frustration that from day 1 Arrow had both of their keys missing when he went to use one.

Marina Parking- Mary LaFleur- She stated that in the summer, tenants have complained its hard to find a parking spot with Farmer's Market and other events. Complaints have been made about parking and gates and nothing has changed.

Security Gates- Mary La Fleur- The public does not belong in the marina at night so it should be locked and private. A MAC member stated that Dave Sargent is the only guy that doesn't want gates. John Dumas got a bid of $80,000.00, a few years ago, to put in gates. A total of 6 gates would be needed. It has been discussed to have surveillance cameras at the breakwater. It was asked if tenants could synchronize their Starlink with the Port's security. The Port goes thru Homeland Security so that wouldn't work said John Dumas. It was asked if the Port could put out a

survey to see which tenants want gates. Dianna made the point that physical gates are a big deterrent to thieves.
John Richards asked members if we agree to wait until October to see how the virtual gate on B dock performs. It was agreed.

There are copies of the Port of Anacortes rules and regulations available to members as they signed in. Dan Averill asked what changes had been made. John Dumas replied that the last page states revisions. These revisions include independent Section 10 for wait list policies and these to be maintained by FSM, with some exceptions. Also yearly allowances of slip changes for yacht brokers. Assignment policy for family transfers of recreational slips. And an added allowance for web locker licensee to transfer to family member due to death or incapacity.
Final draft will get in front of the MAC.
John Richards thanked everyone for coming.
The next meeting will be Sept 5.
Meeting adjourned 6:19 pm
Due to technical difficulties, this meeting's video is not available.