Marine Advisory Committee Minutes

November 7, 2023

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

Port Staff, Commisioners, and City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (Temorary Acting Executive Director POA and Port Official), Jon Ronngren and Shawn Ottenbreit (Commissioners), and Terry Nemeth (City).

Absent: Brent Senff, Dan Averill, Devin Zwick, Marcus Abbott, Dianna Chonka, (all members excused)

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

The submitted minutes need to be amended with these changes:
Port Staff in attendance, Dan Worra POD, should be POA
John Dumas not able to attend meeting so questions should be directed to John Worra, should be Dan Worra
KPI's approaching 990 gallons at fuel dock, should be 990K gallons
RV park,under John Dumas report, should say Dan Worra not John Worra
W basin restrooms, not sure if Dan said work will start and the end of the month or if it goes to bid. Sentence needs to separate bathroom work from parking lot work.
Motion and second to accept minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Marine Happenings: Brad Johnson (HM)

- EV charging station estimated completion mid to late Dec. John Dumas added there are three lower level chargers and two higher level and room to grow.
- RV park integrated into FM for management by port staff
- Several road closures on Market/6th St connected with RV park development
- N end repave done on time. Amazing transformation with new asphalt, striping, and curb repair. Contractor working on a few bird baths.
- During repave the port offered dial a ride services for north end tenants. Great service offered but underutilized.
- Of 10 boats in the N end, not seeing their fair share of use, 9 were brought into compliance and working with 10th.
- Seattle Boat Show only 90 days away so beginning preparations.
- Freeman vessel- headed for disposal. When we receive final bill will send to DNR for

reimbursement.

- Received plastic tub style dock carts last week but ordered April 28. Currently assembling.
- Winter mode for outside ops. Bikes, games, and PDF loaner station taken in. Floats stripped and small flags installed.
- Monthly reporting to DNR for vessels anchored out. 2 last week only.
- Surpassed 1 M gallons of fuel sold in early October.
- Locker inspection in early October.
- Moved to winter rates for guest moorage on Oct. 1.
- Passed our 3 yr UST (Underground Storage Tank) Ecology Inspection at FD.
- West Basin cathode installation begins the end of Nov.
- Wash Card discontinued their pay by phone services for showers and laundry. Very few customers used this feature. Customers were notified with steps to redeem funds.
- Cord fire at slip D-09, end of Oct, where 2 cords connected.
- Few requests are trickling in for AWA and OARS members for restroom access. Members are assigned cards for $10.00 each.
- Seafood buyers can purchase a restroom card by supplying business license and insurance.
- Working on hanging hardware replacement at the FD.
- Working with Corey J and Robin P on Coastal Christmas parade and slips assignments for the parade.
- KPI's just passed 19K boater nights and just under 1.1 M gallons fuel.

Brad answered questions from John Sanford:
The repave job is done, except for a few bird baths, to be fixed by the contractor. Then it's finished. The temporary access road will remain in place as PSE has to replace the sub station. That will be the last closure, then after that the storage will be closed off. John Sanford stated that AYC and OARS use this area and suggested that small boat trailers could use this to allow trailers to pull in forward and not back up, using a northerly entrance and southerly exit. Brad stated this is not his decision. John Sanford will be attending a board meeting at AYC, will address this area and will bring information from meeting forward so would like to table until next MAC meeting. John Dumas stressed that PSE would be starting in 2-3 weeks so sooner is better for decision making and determining property lines is crucial.These lines are an odd configuration. Also storm water runoff, culverts, and permitting would have to be addressed and approved by the city.
Corey asked if anyone has talked about putting mooring buoys buoys where boats usually anchor. Brad answered that DNR wouldn't permit it because of shallows and litigations. Also tidal action could be a factor.
Brad was asked if they knew who knocked down the channel marker and he answered no. John Richards stated is a hazard to navigation as the new temporary day marker is 60 ft off station and not over the fallen marker. He also explained that he saw someone hit it years ago so it was already compromised. He advised everyone(and his employees) to stay in the channel, not cut the channel

marker, and tell others about this. The Coast Guard is aware of the situation.
John Dumas:
Capital Improvements : Will send out the Wagner Capital Improvements Assessment done in 2018-19 out to the MAC. The Port is just starting some of those projects.
The Port has added diver personal by training staff in the facilities group. Previously only had 1 diver, Brian, who couldn't keep up with all the Port projects. So just made first repair on P.
T-Dock- Sent out 9 letters for the permitting process pertaining to cultural resources on tribes. Boat parking lot process needs to be addressed as designers will be asking for this. Doing this in 2025 and will need to service commercial tenants while working on the parking lot. Will do an outreach. No construction timeline and the busiest time will be when contractors want to do construction.
Executive Director - The Port staff has been given a good deal of time with commissioners and have been given direction and marching orders. No service failures and continue on existing projects. Next steps: tonight, 10th, and then holidays. Will not recruit during the holidays and will be looking at job description. So far staff have not missed a beat.
Corey asked about Cathode installation and a method being used that they are attached to stainless steel then dropped into water. Then all that is needed is to pull it up, remove, and attach new one. But sure how effective or the cost savings. Brad didn't know about this but said the ones they use are at least 5 ft long. John Dumas can get feedback from Jenkins and that permits were needed for all maintenance improvements.
South Basis trailer parking- Corey addressed the need for parking stripes for guidelines and all agreed this year was not as bad as last year. Brad just got the lot done before the busy season started and has a few changes in mind for next year.
Security on B dock- follow up from September- John Dumas handed out examples from security footage from B dock. He stated due to tribal boat sinking, he was able to watch tenants using their cards to get onto B dock. Corrected a visit from last month. Everyone using cards so no calls are coming in. It's been a solid month with hrs 11:00pm-5:00 am. Tenants use the same fob as used for bathrooms. The 3 cameras coming on make good deterrents. It was determined it wouldn't be cost effective to manage this system ourselves but to use the current subscription. John Richards asked MAC members if they were happy with the data. Affirmative. Expectation that this is prototype for all gates. There have been no issues during non monitored times.
Public comment: No
New Business- John Richards reported that the Port has the daunting task to find a new Executive Director and there is a process in place. The MAC is here to help and trust the process. The process can involve hiring a firm from out of area to recruit. Then it would be their fault if it didn't work out and not Port's (if they did it themselves). That process is in place for a reason and MAC is here to support for the greater cause.
Moorage Rates - This is the last year of the tiered moorage rate hike. The Port doesn't have a model for 2025 and it would be premature to discuss or make a recommendation until they present

recommendation. Mary reports many tenants unhappy with tiered rate hike with some of her customers moving to La Conner or Shelter Bay. John Dumas promises that the Commission wants to see as much input and data for 2025 rates and he has to have recommendation to them by July. MAC wasn't on the front side for the previous rate increase. Mary believes false information was given to the Commission to determine rates and reported our rates cost $530.00 more a month than Bremerton. Her and Corey felt that the Commission raised the rate because they could with the long wait lists. More transparency is needed. John Sanford is concerned local people would not be interested in being here but would attract more out of state people. Not sure how to change moving forward but after discussion it was decided to make a motion.
Mary made a motion that the marina rate increases by 3%, across the board for all vessels, starting January- December 2024. Motion seconded and passed. John Richards will send John Dumas an email then John Dumas will formalize it and send to all Commissioners that a motion and recommendation was made by the MAC. It will be brought up on the 16th.
Mary LaFleur - Marine Trades update-
Marine trades gave the Technology College $10,000.00 to be used to buy 7 motors and Shawn Ottenbreit was able to get a good deal on the price as they are last year's model motors.
AWA was given $18,000.00 for purchase of three J boats.
More money may be coming from the directory for the January Boat Show which traditionally brings $12,000 to $15,000. The Trades received $44,200.00 from the Boat Show in May and will keep $10,000.00 in reserve. And $5,000.00 will go towards going on Shawn's boat trip again.
They talked about in the past there has been a public committee set up to help in hiring Director, being an asset for the process. Mary was on the committee when Brian got hired and good questions were asked by committee members.
Fuel Dock- Corey stated sometimes the high speed fuel dispensers can't be used effectively because of the space unused on the dock because of vessels positioning. Unused dock space in the middle of dock when boats getting fuel. Brad emphasized how fluid the fuel dock is and how it looks different even every 15 minutes. Vessel operator ability, wind, current, and tidal conditions are all important factors to consider when trying to get off the dock. Port is are doing the best they can. Mary asked if people call ahead to use the high speed fuel hoses. Brad answered that in the summer it's fully staffed and some people call ahead but then don't show up.

Corey has an issue having to drive thru salt water in the parking lot from bins on buyer boats as they dump their water anywhere. Brad said new T Dock configuration would alleviate this. John will look at the drawings to see if we're there. Suggested it could be a grading issue.

Marine Terminal Advisory Committee- John Richards asked of the committee is disbanded. John Dumas replied no one showed up for the quarterly meetings so it was changed to ad hoc and used when something needed to be done. And that was on the Phoenix job and Quiet Cove. Potential to

restart on a quarterly basis. This committee is set by the Executive Director not by the commission.
Next meeting Dec 5.
Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm.
Submitted by Wendy Britt