Marine Advisory Committee Minutes

June 4, 2024

In Attendance: Bud Le Mieux, John Richards, Mary La Fleur, Skip Dassler, Wendy Britt, Dianna Chonka, Corey Joyce, Dan Averill, Marcus Abbott, Karen Meyer, Brent Senff

Port Staff, Commisioners, and City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), John Dumas (Temporary Acting ED POA and Port Official), Shawn Ottenbreit (Port Commissioner), Terry Nemeth (City Official)

Absent: all excused: John Sanford, Greg Dickison, Devin Zwick,

Meeting called to order 5:00 pm.

The submitted minutes need to be amended with these changes:

- On the second page under paragraph starting with Tsunami Response and Mitigation- In the middle of paragraph says “they can address beefing up chalks” but should say beefing up docks.
- Next paragraph under Events Center Update- “During the past West Design period” should say “During the previous West Design period”
- On the third page, first paragraph and last sentence, says “It becomes a 20 match” but should say becomes a 10% match.

Motion and second to accept minutes as amended. Motion approved.

Marina Happenings: Brad Johnson

- Summer is in full swing but weather has not been cooperative, but still lots of people and rendezvous at marina.
- Monthly DNR reporting continues for vessels anchored out.
- Brad conducted walk and talk with James from Washington Public Ports Association. He is their Gov Relations Manager. Recent and future development. Struggles we are seeing on the permitting side.
- T dock user group met to determine hoist placement.
- Brad was at NCTA for mock interviews with HS students. Bud was also in attendance. Great group of students from aerospace, marine, and construction. Mock interviews were held to give students an opportunity to polish their interview skills before entering the job market.
- Hiccup with running fiber to the JKL pole for the RV park that would eventually include fiber

to the N end docks. A member of the public submitted appeals on the methods of installation, and now against the city for due process. John dumas added it should have been an easy install along the shoreline but this individual is questioning the means and methods of install and process with the city. This is resulting in a big delay but IT and PM have temp plan in place to ensure connectivity before opening.

- Firefly was chosen for RV reservation software, will be demoing and testing, with full implementation January 1. There are local companies and Oregon state Parks that use this software. This will use the same CC processor that we currently use, saving money and CC fees and making end of day reports simpler.
- About 1/2 the seasonal staff are here, the rest trickle in as they become available.
- Hanging baskets are here, there are about 100 from Q dock to SMP building.
- Hosted a successful Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show. Despite the weather, attendance on pace with 2023.
- Fuel truck access route. The Samish Nation had to perform emergency repairs to their parking lot, impacting the delivery process for fuel to FD. Brad worked with Dan Averill at Reiners for a great short-term plan and improvements for fuel deliveries moving forward. It was not a simple process as the plumbing on the side of the truck matters. Trucks will leave the FD and travel the Samish lot empty rather than full.
- Submitted packet to DNR for cost reimbursement for vessel abandoned over the winter.
- Yesterday, a sailboat that was anchored out, blew up on the beach just south of the ESD building by Seafarers Park. Brad is communicating with the owner on a plan forward. It’s not on Port property but they have the ability to assist in the management of local waters.
- Amanda was welcomed back the end of April. Nice having her smiling face back, she jumped right in without missing a beat and is working with Schelleen at Raceweek regarding slip assignments.
- Day board marker obstruction was removed from the channel. Despite Brad’s repeated efforts, he was not having any traction with the USCG. The Chamber and Maine Trades got involved and emailed the USCG and Rick Larsen’s office. A short time later there was action.
- Brad always crosses his fingers when the marina has events that close the parking lots. ABAY, Waterfront Festival. Signage is posted well in advance, hoping the lot will be clear. It must be routine with the tenants, because zero cars impacted set up for each event.
- Restroom Access Card drop box was installed on C-Dock by the activity floats. For those that want to return the cards but not walk them back to the office.
- One of the gasoline FD hoses was experiencing failure after a few months use. Supplier will be suppling us new ones from their standard vendor.
- Smithsonian Environmental Research Center will be at marina on June 6 to install some sampling traps in the marina.
- Several communications with N end tenants preparing for the RV opening. Power outages, re-

routing of traffic. Ribbon cutting is this Thursday at 4 pm. The JKL parking lot will open then, with the RV park open Monday June 17.

- Waterfront festival this last weekend. Good attendance Sat, they closed early Sunday due to downpouring rain.

Questions: Corey has asked for a couple of years about striping in the gravel lot for trailer parking and if it could be done before crabbing season. John Dumas said he will meet with Brad and Ed to discuss.

Marina/Facility Updates- John Dumas

- ABAY numbers - George will give a recap and numbers from the show to the Commisioners on June 20th. Reports from brokers and numbers looked good.
- T Dock - Officially dropped the T Dock work on Infrasturcture Development Program Grant for 7.4 million. So the Port is going to build it and it's about 9.5 million dollars right now on engineering estimate. Port was going for 90/10% amount but looked at grant approval process and saw a trend that 20% instead of 10% makes us more competitive. Port has a lot of great elected representative support at the state and federal level for this project. He thinks the Financial Feasibility Study will take off as it tells the T Dock story. When asked when they will know, John replied typically Halloween.
- EPA Port Clean Grant - Pressing forward for the grant, which is probably a once in a lifetime grant, it is a public/private partnership with EPA. Stabbert was the first company out of the gate, then Arrow, and Skyline Marina. When it comes into play for Cap Sante Marina, is where the Port puts the money to plan out getting bigger power supply for T Dock, A dock, and commercial area for future electric equipment.
- There are 5 stanchions added in the south end of the SMP building because people thought it was a road and drove thru the park.
- JKL dock - The project is in front of the commission on the 6th. Hope to get approval of that bid and will be similar to OPQ work with emphasis on J thru N and focusing on finger listings. John and Rod asked the projects team to push the remodel of the north basin bathroom remodel to late winter/early next year due to existing projects impact for closures. It will start from exterior, lots of dry rot on southeast side, and then windows. Next, will go to inside. Port will communicate out closures to tenants. New promenade lights are being ordered as part of project. Going to get LED all the way along walkway and testing is still being done with fixtures costing around $800 a fixture.
- Safety Ladders- After waiting for three months for more ladders for OPQ docks, the Florida manufacturer sent the wrong kind of ladders. So the staff tested on JKL and they fit so will use those there. The correct ladders have been ordered so installation will resume when the correct ladders arrive. Please tell tenants the Port didn't quit installing but waiting for correct ladders. Hoping to have all safety ladders installed within 6 months.

- Tsunamis- Port did a press release on this foundational document. First part is inform everyone as what will happen if the tsunamis hits and second part is to use the document for obtaining grant funding. The piling heights need to be 10 ft taller, plates need to be replaced especially on the commercial side, sea wall work, and emergency management coordination. So grant could offset these costs. Also work with PSE on substation because it's three feet below sea level.

Chair Comments- John Richards
Executive Director- Mr Brett Greenwood will be the new Executive Director, signing contract on June 6, starting on August 1. A letter on behalf of the MAC was sent to the Port and HR to thank them for including us in the media area of the selection process.
John Dumas- Tenure as ED- He was thanked for doing an outstanding job as interim ED and the transparent communication was the best ever. And also for making the MAC meetings worth having as it's not always been the case. John Dumas gave kudos to Rod, Ed, and Brad and his team for working so well and efficiently, thus allowing him to work as interim.
Commission Decision- Moorage Rate Increases- He got the email that the commission liked the proposal and was pretty close in what the MAC recommended.
Channel Marker update- They moved #3 temporary channel marker more in line with the other ones. No timeline for replacement. Recently, someone hit the #4 channel marker. It's tilting and sits in front of a really nasty rock. It was reported to authorities and the responsible person did self report.

Live aboard Fee update- Karen Meyer- She reminded the members that the MAC made the decision to make the moorage rate fee and liveaboard fee to be addressed separately to the commission. But when the commission's decision came about the rate increase, the liveaboard fee was not addressed. And seems it was forgotten about. It was stated there has been a lot of recommendations and communication between the MAC and commission and John Dumas can talk to specific commissioners. He stated he needs to put up a slide correction as he believes there was an error in that presentation about the MAC proposed fee for liveaboards. It stated a $100 monthly fee and supposed to be a $100 yearly fee. He will put it up as a correction at a slide presentation and the commission can chose to address the issue. Could also be public comment. It was agreed that it would be nice to close that loop and not press forward if it won't be addressed.

Security Gates- Comment Timeline- Mary LaFleur- Mary suggested getting bids and timelines on security gates. She wondered why the commission hasn't addressed this and thinking it might be a money issue. It was suggested that the commission has been very busy lately with the hiring of the ED. John Dumas gets direction for the commission has not been directed to get bids. In the Past, he has called Squalicum Harbor and couldn't get a bid as they have their own in house welder for the gates. It was suggested to the Port that they leave a Port truck by B dock parking. Some were left

there during Waterfront Festival because of tents. So looked like security was in the area and could deter thieves. John Dumas believes the last time the MAC made a security gate recommendation was on the heels of the security presentation in February.
Marine Trades- Mary LaFleur- Stated the party tomorrow night for Trades will be fun and she could get someone in if they're still interested. Great time last year.

After discussion, unless anything really important comes up, the next meeting will be in September. John will send out any correspondence. Please read and keep any info from John Dumas.
Adjourned 5:57 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday September 10, 2024

Submitted by Wendy Britt, Secretary