Marine Advisory Committee Minutes

September 10, 2024

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

Port Staff, Commissioners, and City Officials: Brad Johnson (HM), Brett Greenwood (ED), John Dumas (DO POA), Terry Nemeth (City Official)

Absent: excused: John Sanford, Greg Dickinson, Devin Zwick, Brent Senff, Dianna Chonka,

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm.

The submitted minutes need to be amended with these changes:

- Under Marine Happenings, 2nd page, under Fuel truck access route. Should be Nelson Reiners instead of just Reiners.
- Also under Marine Happenings, 2nd page, under Day board marker obstruction. Should say Marine Trades not Maine Trades.

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

John Richards asked everyone to take the Organizational Chart and Membership Roster. Please replace the old ones. Terry added that his email is incorrect. There should be a dot between t and n (t.nemeth@comcast.net). John told everyone to make this correction on the roster and there will be a corrected one next month.

Marina Happenings: Brad Johnson

- Fall is here, summer flew by. All in all a great season. He says this each year but this was the best group of seasonal staff yet. Here everyday with a smile on their faces. The Port has received many emails from customers singing their praises. As always, he replies to sender, and forwards the email to the staff member, their supervisor, John, and HR.
- J-N dock repairs. About 75 tenants are impacted. Much like the previous dock work, they will be shuffled to C dock in groups. Work is only to be performed in select areas. Slip assignments and move schedules have been sent to those impacted. Work includes flotation, whaler boards, and thru-rods.
- RV Park has been open for almost 3 months now. Minor issues with washers and dryers connecting to WashCard. Directional arrows were added to help direct traffic flow. Very

successful with happy campers. Kristy, in events, is putting together a flyer and working on marketing for it.

- They are still working through the process to get fiber to JKL pole. From there it will go to the RV Park and MNO, PQ poles. From the heads of the docks, Wi-fi will be sent down the docks with stadium quality antennas. This system is currently in use a the RV Park with zero customer service issues.
- Installed new fuel hoses, nozzles, and swivels at the FD. Done every few years due to the abuse they take from dock wear and sunlight exposure.
- Had a great flower-growing season in the marina. Lots of care goes into them and they look great.
- Race Week went well along well with the Arts Festival.
- Several drop boxes have been installed, one on C dock and the other at the RV Park for those who wish to return their RR access cards.
- DNR reporting continues for vessels anchored out. Just received reimbursement for the vessel disposed of this early summer. Total was just under 15K at 100% reimbursement.
- The PQ hoist load cell has been paused while the contractor re-measures and orders the correct item. Their first attempt resulted in a load pin that did not fit.
- Thank you cards were distributed again this summer. These are hand signed cards by staff to marina and RV guests.
- Wes Fridell was the HS marine instructor at the NCTA here. He moved on from that position, Brent Moore accepted the position. Brad welcomed him to the position and looks forward to working with him like he did Wes.
- The fuel dock recently upgraded to 89 octane. That was comparable in price to the 87 they were receiving.
- Web locker re-striping has been rescheduled for next spring. That will coincide with some asphalt work.
- Port is looking at retrofitting the Lighthouse pedestals (A and B docks) to C guest dock. The existing pedestals are no longer manufactured and marina loses about 5 bases a year due to boat mishaps. About 5 years ago the marina bought all the available inventory.
- Safety ladder progress is going well. Only a few docks left. Then next batch arrives in the next few months.
- A boat at the pump out float inadvertently drug anchor, snagging the fresh water supply line from D dock to it. Brad knows this because two OTHER boaters called marina to report them removing it from their newly raised anchor. Brad had contact and Port performed a quick inspection before they departed. Coincidently, the pump out float lost water just days earlier, most likely from the same cause. First he’s heard of this happening.
- RV reservation software meeting this week. Staff will slowly learn the system, full use this fall/ winter.

- RV siding has been recalled from the manufacturer. That replacement starts next week for 2 weeks. Fully covered under warranty.
- The office moved to the winter schedule a few weeks ago. 8 to 4:30 daily. Outside ops moves to their winter schedule this Sunday. 7 to 5 daily. To support the commercial fishermen with an early opening.
- Marina has had some TBL remote issues lately. Ordered two new units, Kone was here today to look over the system to see why there were random disconnects between the remote and the hoist. Nothing found thus far.
- They are re-setting some of the KPI's after the COVID explosion, most notably the guest boater nights. 18k will be the target, after 20k the last few years. Fuel dock, RV night, and credit back numbers should remain constant.

14,500 nights, 1 million 18 thousand gallons fuel, 1,700 credit back nights.
John Dumas will send an email to the MAC that shows what they track, fuel, KPI's, and credit back numbers. It suggested that weather can affect guest moorage attendance.
Discussion on whether the same RR and Laundry room cards fit both north basin restrooms and RV Park. RV card fits all but north basin doesn't fit RV. Karen reported north basin laundry is getting overflow from the RV Park.
Karen reported a boater hit the head of Q dock and broke an outside water fixture. It was fixed but Brad doesn't get informed by utilities of why it happened.

John Richards thanked John Dumas for all his informative emails.
Corey addressed the need for user input on re-striping the web locker parking lot. Should be a section for box truck parking only. Corey witnessed three non box trucks parked in the box truck user area and didn't move all day.

Marina/Facility Updates- John Dumas
The Port will send out 2025 moorage rate increase to all tenants as soon as the Commissioners approve the budget. He knows that some businesses, like Arrow, need that info to notify UTC (regulatory agency) as soon as possible.

North Basin remodel- Rebuild is scheduled November - April. The exterior is going to metal and plastics with inside similar to the RV building. And HVAC system will be improved. Portable restrooms and showers will be by the building and laundry will try to stay open as much as possible. The rotten wood on buildings and garbage enclosures will be replaced. As soon as the contract is approved it will be started. Communication to marina guests when construction plan is provided by OPS.

WSDOT Grant- Upgrade power to A dock - future planning on ship to shore charging. Port wants to

get power to A dock ahead of the game. It's at the substation but not at the dock.
Hybrid or EV marina vehicles - Due to snow in these past winters, 4 wheel drive trucks would be recommended to order.

Security Gate update- Staff is working with FACET NW to design concept and more detailed cost to prepare a response to any potential commission questions in the future. Considering aesthetics and ability to have an open and secured status. Try not to look like a prison but appealing like Sidney or Victoria security gates.

Security update- Budgeted 180 degree camera for all WiFi poles in 2025 for docks C-F (fiber runs completed in 2024).The man delaying the completion of the fiber has exhausted Shoreline appeal so he is stopped. End of January to buy cameras.
Budgeted fiber runs down all the north basin docks in 2025.

Skagit EMS Moorage - Scheduled a discussion with Commissioners at Retreat (on 9/23) to gain visibility on policy moving forward on boats performing EMS services. Skagit EMS is asking for discounted moorage. The Commissioners determine these policies and rates.

New Business

Chair Comments - John Richards
Welcome New Executive Director - John thanked John Dumas for being the intern. Brett Greenwood was introduced as new ED and was thanked for coming. Brett thanked John Dumas for helping him get started as Executive Director.

Meeting Date to Remain First Tuesday of the month.

Update on Security Gates and Skagit Bay and Rescue- Mary will not discuss these issues. John Dumas has addressed these earlier in his report.

Marina Parking- Mary- She expressed frustration and concern for the lack of parking for tenants at the marina. During the Saturday of the Arts Festival and Farmers Market, her husband drove around all lots, for 35 minutes, to try to find a parking spot. Because they had to immediately leave for 5 days, the only choice was a loading zone only spot. Karen respectfully disagreed with Mary, as someone who is a liveaboard. They were always able to find a spot over the summer in the upper lot. Mary replied that the north end (JKL) tenants have smaller boats and don't spend the night. But tenants in C-F are older, have bigger boats, and spend more days on their boats. And it's a long walk from JKL lot to C-F lot. Mary feels a certain portion should be blocked for tenants for C-F

dock.
Marine Trades update- Mary - At this meeting they talked about the electric ferry system and how ineffective the ferries are around here and aren't working. Remember when microwaves first came out, they cost $1000.00. Now they are a dime a dozen. So electric power should evolve and get better. There is a need to talk to Don Daniels, who services the Guemas ferry, so he can explain if something can be done different to get an extra 10-20 years out of ferry and save money.
Mary reported there is an initiative called the Climate Commitment Initiative that on our ballots. And she feels it would not be good for the marina.
Clean Water Act- Mary- This is a bunch of lawyers that say they are doing great things but only a small portion of money brought in goes to helping the environment and improvements. The rest of the money goes to lawyers. Somehow this needs to be exposed. In 2010, there were 128 boatyards. Now there are 48.
Boat Show - Marine Trades - Mary- The Boat Show brought in $47,000.00 to their account and $15,000.00 was saved from last year. Marine Trades is looking to help Tech College or if any one has ideas please contact Mary.

Motion to adjourn: 5:58 pm

- Next Meeting: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

Submitted by Wendy Britt, Secretary