

MINUTES FOR HARBOR COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 25th, 2014 DRAFT

Present: Commissioners David Kircher, Tom Hudson, Elise Wright, Tina Ingalls. Steward Thom Hamilton. Bainbridge Rowers Bill Booth. Udo Wald- Back of the Beyond, Dave Ullin and Robert Dashiell.

Absent: Sandra Davis, Bob Wise

I. Approval of minutes: The minutes were approved for January 28th 2013, February 5th, 2014 and February 24th meetings.

II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest- none

III. Public Comment

Dave Ullin referred to the December 10th, 2013 minutes and wondered why it was that Dave Kircher had asked the design team how Parks district might need to bless the Waterfront Park Master Plan. It was explained that the Park district comprehensive plan must agree with the Waterfront Park plan in the granting process even if the land it owned by the City. Dave Ullin asked why the project needed grants and it was affirmed that the WSF funding is split between upland and dock improvements with both projects seeking matching grants.

IV. Harbor Stewards , Liaison and Harbormaster Reports

Members were asked to read the 2014 copy of the Harbor Steward Report for next meeting. They were asked to consider the recommendations in the plan that relate to uniform speed limit. There was a discussion about high speed boat traffic in Manzanita, and Blakely Harbor. Tina asked if by the Commission accepting the Harbor Steward Report, they would be endorsing the recommendations. Dave Kircher ventured that any ordinance change would originate with Council. Tami recounted that in previous speed and wake ordinance updates, the Stewards and Commission sounded the issues with the boaters and shoreline residents as part of their regular meetings in order to advise Council on any changes if needed. Tami suggested that the Commission have several meetings on site such as Manzanita and Blakely as long as they are posted as public meetings. They hope being that they can get more attendance from the boaters and see pertinent harbor. Dave Kircher said he would put planning for this item on the April agenda.

Another item from the Harbor Steward report was liability. Tom will also follow up with Tami and the City Staff regarding liability for volunteers

Elise Wright reported as liaison to the Road Ends Committee. They are looking at plans for human-powered boats at the Fletcher landing. Dave Kircher said he was familiar with the woodworker's commitment to construct benches for road ends including Fletcher Landing. Both will plan to attend the next meeting for the road end work plan for 2014-

2015. Tami asked about the public float at the end of Ward Ave and if cleats and signage were on the work plan. Elise will check on that.

Elise is the liaison for the SMP. She reported that Council had met on March 24th and there didn't seem to be any problem with keeping the liveaboard percentage capped at 25% as it has been. She said the Council understands that the correction must be complete before the 2017 expiration of the current OWM lease. Elise emphasized that percentage is allowed, not imposed.

V. City Dock re-development, Council Decision = Hockey Stick Only

David Kircher announced that the City Council will receive the 30% drawings on April 7th. He had met with Barry Loveless, the relatively new Director of Public Works. Dave Kircher may present a similar recap to the current council reminding them of how the Commission, over several years, had concluded that there was a need for a dock expansion. The next meeting coming will be the design team presenting to the review board on March 31st, 2014. The following Monday, April 7th, the team will present to the Council. Dave will see if Bob Wise can attend the March 31st presentation.

VI. Annual Report to Council for 2013

Dave Kircher recently met with Morgan Smith to discuss the annual report to Council. Her advice was to submit the 2013 work plan with an outline of accomplishments, similar to what Dave Kircher has completed.

VII. Commissioners suggestions for 2014 Work Plan

Dave Kircher will revise the 2014 work plan to acknowledge tasks completed late 2013.

VIII. City management feedback on the Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act and Commission feedback to City Management on the OWM.

The Commissioners reviewed the dinghy language that Morgan Smith had presented at an earlier meeting. It was approved. They considered the question from Morgan about the immediate installation of the remaining OWM buoys. The Commission discussed three main points. 1- The cost of installation won't be going down, but the maintenance is an ongoing expense. 2 - The application window in 2013 was pretty short and it might be worth accepting applications this year and consider them at the end of 2014. 3 - Consider installing buoys with the current permit even if they are used for transient quarterly rental. Tami added that the maintenance on buoys is still more than what they earn through infrequent use. She said that visiting boats are enjoying the anchor area more. Dave Kircher will recap the discussion for Morgan asking that they continue to collect applications with the possibility of installation in 2015.

As part of Dave Kircher's meeting with Morgan Smith, they discussed upcoming training that will be available to Council and will possibly include Citizen Committees. Currently, Commissioners use their private email and have been very good about saving them for public disclosure requests. The City management is considering setting up email addresses for the Commissioners for improved efficiency.

Adjourn 7:00 PM.