



MARINE ACCESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, June 12, 2017

Bainbridge Island City Hall, Council Conference Room
280 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Members: John Brownlow, Fred Grimm, Tom Hudson,
Frank Ostrander, Greg Spils, Elise Wright
Co-Chairs: John Brownlow & Frank Ostrander
Incoming members: Paula Elliot, Peter Hill & Anthony Oddo
Council Liaison: Kol Medina (excused)
Mayor Val Tollefson
Harbor Stewards: Dave Kircher

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. No modifications to the Agenda were received and no conflicts of interest were stated / reported.

Minutes for May 8, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Incoming Committee members Peter Hill and Anthony Oddo were welcomed and given a Committee binder of relevant information. Each committee member, old and new, introduced themselves and stated their area of interest/reason for joining the committee.

Harbor Steward Dave Kircher reported no recent activity/reports from other stewards.

Harbormaster Tami Allen's June report was considered. Note was made of the ceremony officially opening Waterfront Park after the upgrade: 4pm on Wednesday June 14th. It was again noted that the ramp, pump out, dinghy dock and overnight dock will be closed July 31 through March 1, 2018. This led to a discussion of alternative launch sites for trailerable boats (see below).

City report: Regarding a new site for a boat ramp, Mayor Tollefson suggests that interested committee members, members of the Stewards and of the public begin attending Park District meetings and advocating for an upgrade at Fort Ward or a new boat ramp elsewhere on BIMPRD property. Tide and wind are a factor, especially in the winter, at Ft. Ward. The Suquamish tribe apparently wishes Fay Bainbridge Park to be maintained in a natural state. Need for repairs/upgrades to the Pt. White Pier were also discussed. Dave Kircher suggests that a new float or dock should be a good candidate for a state grant. The Mayor suggests that MAC make recommendations on how we wish to proceed with advocacy and run them by him for ideas and support. He emphasizes that upgrades to the Ft. Ward boat ramp (property of BIMPRD) are not in the City budget.

Regarding the Viewing Platform, Liaison Medina recommends we follow up with City Manager Doug Schulze on meeting with Washington State Ferries (WSF) re revamping/adding to the Viewing Platform at the Ferry Terminal. Co-chair Frank Ostrander shared examples from other sites around the state.

Regarding additional bench requests, the Department of Operations and Maintenance has determined that there is insufficient clearance to place benches on the Waterfront Trail west of Harbor Marina. Tom suggests we follow up on this, since numerous citizens bring their own chairs to sit there on weekends.

Public Comment: None

Ongoing Business:

Co-chair John Brownlow led us in a review of the 2017/18 Work Plan for Status Updates. These will be noted in the Annual Report to Council.

Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails Signage - Elise Wright will meet with Morgan Smith to request O & M placement of signs at Fletcher Landing, Lytle Beach and one other site TBD. The site list compiled by Elise, Greg & John was approved for forwarding to the City and to Evan Stoll (KPWT).

Outreach Opportunities:

- KPWT Water Trails Festival, June 24-25, Boater's Fair, July 2 and Paddle Bainbridge, July 15-16. Both Anthony and Peter volunteered to help with Paddle Bainbridge.
- Subcommittee status update on Signage standards remains to be completed.
- John reported on Rose Loop East Parking and Coonan Dock Application.

New Business:

- Review Shoreline requests / items: Docks, Limited Amendment to SMP
- Elise reported on Olympic Terrace/Beach Street (#34) access obstructions in response to an inquiry from neighbor Kris Carroll.
- John reported on Geolmage Data for Island Waters. NOAA has compiled a map for Eagle Harbor showing the construction limit line and will be completing contour maps for Madison and Manzanita harbors. John will forward them when completed.

Committee Farewell to departing members John Brownlow & Tom Hudson:

Mayor Tollefson joined committee members in thanking John and Tom for their unfailingly good-natured participation on the Harbor Commission and the Access Committee. Certificates were presented, and members adjourned to the San Carlos for a small celebration at 7:20.


Frank Ostrander, Chair 7/10/17