



**MARINE ACCESS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

M Meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:35 PM by Co-Chair Elise Wright. Minutes were recorded by Anthony Oddo. In attendance were Committee Members Paula Elliot, Peter Hill, Anthony Oddo, Greg Spils, and Elise Wright. Council Liaison Ron Peltier was also present. Members of the public present to make comment are listed under **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

A **motion** was made (Wright) and seconded (Oddo) to add an opportunity for Public Comment immediately following the **REPORTS** section of the meeting. The motion passed without objections.

No **CONFLICTS** were reported.

A **motion** was made (Oddo) and seconded (Hill) to approve the **MINUTES** of the Regular Marine Access Committee Meeting on January 8, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously without modifications or objections.

REPORTS

City: Councilmember Peltier did not provide an update. He will monitor City business moving forward for issues of interest to the MAC.

Elise provided follow-up and notification on the following items:

- Eagle Harbor Yacht Club has erected a mechanical gate that now physically blocks Ward Avenue road access to the public dock in Eagle Harbor. The gate does not explicitly restrict public access as it includes an intercom/paging function to allow members of the public to request access. The Deputy City Manager, in coordination with the City Attorney, are working with the Yacht Club to ensure public access is maintained.
- No new updates were provided regarding the pending dock application for Fletcher Bay. Elise contacted K. Carr and both she and Peter will provide a follow-up at the March Regular Meeting concerning the status of the application. The Committee continues to ask to be informed of new dock permits and provided an opportunity to offer comment to City Staff.

Harbor Stewards: No Harbor Stewards were present to make a report.

Harbormaster: Nine tenants are slated for the Open Water Moorage and Anchorage Area (OWMAA) in 2018 as of January.

Boat trailer placards are now available for the 2018 boating season.

The ramp, pump out, dinghy dock, and overnight dock are still unavailable through the end of the construction on the new City dock. Visiting boaters have buoys and anchorage and there is a small float secured to the beach for dinghies. The current estimated completion date for the City Dock is March 1, 2018; Mark Epstein is the contact for project and timeline questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public signed in to make public comment:

- Charlotte Rovelstad
- Andy Rovelstad

Ms. Rovelstad offered public comment about subtenants (i.e., live-aboards) in the Open Water Moorage and Anchorage Area (OWMAA). She inquired about the removal of the linear moorage system (LMS) and its impact on those subtenants currently residing along the system. She indicated that the City is obligated to replace the LMS per the lease and is concerned about the impact its removal will have on current subtenants (e.g., their ability to pay the higher fee associated with a single-pot moorage buoy (swing moorage)).¹

Next, Ms. Rovelstad also asked that the Committee inquire with the City as to who the "Program Administrator" or "Landlord" is for the OWMAA program (i.e., who is the general point of contact within the City, as delegated by the City Manager, responsible for administering the subleases, etc.). The Committee will draft an email and submit a query to the Deputy City Manager and Harbormaster.

Finally, other discussion points included: (1) why do OWMAA subleases begin on January 1 rather than a more advantageous time for boaters (e.g., summer months)?;² (2) encouragement that the City view the OWMAA program as an option for affordable housing on Bainbridge Island; and (3) concern that the single-point buoys are too close together to accommodate all available 16 residential use spaces.

Mr. Rovelstad did not offer public comment.

¹ The lease between the City and the State does not require the replacement of the linear moorage system. Cf. **Aquatic Lands Lease No. 20-A85592**, Exhibit B "Plan of Operations," §1.A between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (Grantor) and the City of Bainbridge Island (Grantee): "The LMS is a fixed in-water structure and comprises anchors, topper floats, and a series of lines for securing up to six residential vessels, as well as space allotted for transient public moorage. Ten moorage buoys with helical anchors and midline floats enable up to ten single-point moorage residential spaces within the OWMAA. Tenant [City of Bainbridge Island] plans to remove the LMS in the future and replace it with single-point moorage buoys. The maximum vessel size allowed in the OWMAA is 60 feet."

² The lease between the City and the State stipulates that "[s]ubtenants of the OWMAA are required to sign annual leases beginning January 1 of each year." Cf. **Aquatic Lands Lease No. 20-A85592**, Exhibit B "Plan of Operations," §1.A between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (Grantor) and the City of Bainbridge Island (Grantee).

ACTION ITEMS

Review 2018 Work Plan/Brainstorm Assignments: The Committee will devote time to this topic during its March Regular Meeting.

Greg Spils and Peter Hill visited five road ends in preparation for the year's Work Plan Action Items.

Road Ends Sites Map/App: Anthony recommended a new proposal for revisions and updates to the City's online mapping tool that lists island road ends. He recommends that in addition to updating the information in the mapping tool with road end features (e.g., parking, shore access/view, accessibility, etc.), the tool also be made compatible for mobile devices. He will summarize his recommendation and present it to the committee during the March Regular Meeting.

Review Preparations for Police Boat Ride-along: All interested committee members are invited to join the Police Department during a ride-along in either April or May. A current background check from the BIPD is required and all Committee members interested should inquire during business hours at police station headquarters.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 12, 2018.

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 6:59 PM.



Frank Ostrander, Co-Chair March 12, 2018



Elise Wright, Co-Chair March 12, 2018