



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

MARINE ACCESS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** at 5:32 PM by Co-Chair Frank Ostrander. Minutes were recorded by Anthony Oddo. In attendance were Committee Members Paula Elliot, Peter Hill, Anthony Oddo, Frank Ostrander, Greg Spils and Elise Wright. Harbor Steward Mark Leese, Council Liaison Ron Peltier, Deputy City Manager Morgan Smith, and Engineering Project Manager Mark Epstein were also present. The following members were absent: Fred Grimm.

A **motion** was made (Hill) and seconded (Wright) to accept the meeting agenda. No modifications were proposed.

No **CONFLICTS** were reported.

A **motion** was made (Oddo) and seconded (Hill) to approve the **MINUTES** of the Regular Marine Access Committee Meeting on April 9, 2018. The minutes were approved unanimously without modifications or objections.

REPORTS

City: Councilmember Peltier did not prepare any Marine Access Committee-related updates.

Morgan Smith and Mark Epstein were present to respond to the memo (dated April 9, 2018) regarding proposed improvements to the City Dock and Waterfront Park:

#1 Clean up the shoreline adjacent to the dock: Mark noted that work on the clean-up is underway including the removal of construction debris and invasive vegetation. This work will finish by the end of the month. Morgan noted that the City is also in the process of removing the old wooden benches and will replacing them based on recommendations from the MAC.

The City will also be repairing the current interpretive signs at the edge of Eagle Harbor as part of the bench installation, which will improve overall access to visitors. There currently is no plan to smooth or improve the pathway heading East from Waterfront Park toward the ferry maintenance yard.

#2 Install two of the four benches: See above. No plans to install a bench on the bluff overlooking the water as this would obstruct views and create additional maintenance issues.

#3 Make the dock more welcoming to visiting boaters/other users through signage: Mark noted there are currently signs on the first piling toward shore as well as one facing out toward the water at the end of the dock. Frank inquired about a more seasonal banner (e.g., the one that hangs over Winslow Way announcing community events) that could welcome boaters and visitors. Morgan responded that it

could be a possibility in the future; however, the City's preference is to wait and see how the dock is used throughout the summer and consider it for future seasons.

#4 Provide a signage system that will guide visitors to the Waterfront Park/City Dock: Mark and Morgan agreed that the idea is a good one, but would need to be part of a larger City's initiative for wayfinding signage implementation.

Harbor Stewards: Mark is working with Tami and members of the Eagle Harbor Yacht Club to develop/update the Bainbridge Island boater's guide. He has been in contact with Kristen Drew (COBI Communications) regarding dissemination of the guide.

Mark also noted that he has received complaints about the lack of a dinghy dock at the new City Dock for visiting boaters and liveboards. Mark Epstein responded that while there is no specific space set aside for dinghy parking, there is a portion of the western edge meant to accommodate dinghies and other human-powered craft. Mark Leese again reiterated that the dedicated portion is still too high off the water and presents a safety issue.

Mark Leese also commented about the rough grating/surface covering of the dock. He suggested that it presents a safety issue should someone fall or trip. Mark Epstein noted that the surface needed to be rough to ensure multi-use safety standards. The City does expect the coating to wear down, however, due to use.

Finally, Mark Leese noted that the "Felicity Ann," a wooden sloop sailed by Ann Davison in the first trans-Atlantic crossing by a woman will be on display during the Boater's Fair on July 1.

Harbormaster: The Committee reviewed the submitted report from April 2018. No further comment or discussion.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Road End Sites Map: Anthony presented the content of his memo that he prepared for a list of suggestions and improvements to the City's road ends webpage. Peter suggested that additional features of the City's harbors also be incorporated into an improved map and posted to the City's website. Anthony will incorporate the recommendations and present the final version during the June regular meeting.

A **motion** was made (Spils) and seconded (Elliot) to approve the changes once finalized and send to Morgan and City staff for review.

Fletcher Bay Dock: Peter noted that the City has approved the Hansen dock in Fletcher Bay. Discrepancies that were previously noted by Peter have been resolved.

Participation in Dock Opening Celebration: The City Dock Grand Opening Celebration will be on Saturday, June 2 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Elise will provide a short speech about the history of the dock and has asked for volunteers from the committee to be present to staff an information booth.

Next action re Dave Ullin Open Water Marina: Morgan will be available to meet with members of the sub-committee once additional information becomes available regarding timing of the survey. Ron will also introduce the item for discussion with Council during the next planned Study Session.

Review 2018 Work Plan: The Committee reviewed the following Work Plan items with Morgan Smith:

- Viewing Platform at the Ferry Terminal: added to the CIP in 2017. The item will be discussed in June by the Council, but currently no project manager has been assigned. Morgan recommended that if this is an item the Committee would like to continue to champion, it should make public comment and continue to work with Ron and others to push for moving the item forward.
- Construction Limit Line Expansion: Frank will follow-up with Morgan regarding the Committee's proposal to adopt construction limit lines (as currently exist in Eagle Harbor) across the island. He will provide a summary of the recommendations and Morgan will connect it to the correct contacts in Public Works/Planning.
- Adjudication Process for Road End Encroachments: Morgan asked that the Committee propose a meeting for the sub-committee with Joe Levan and Morgan to discuss this project.
- Morgan also noted that the "pipeline" for a big MAC project is now empty with the completion of the Fletcher Bay Road End. She suggested that the committee consider and evaluate its next "big" item (could be the Viewing Platform). She also encouraged the committee to look again at the Ward Avenue Road End as a potential project.

Review 2018 Work Plan Assignments: The Committee is moving forward with recommendations and other projects associated with the Work Plan. A further review is planned for the regular May meeting.

Memo re Dave Ullin Open Water Marina (OWM): The Committee reviewed a draft memo prepared by Elise regarding the OWM. The memo addressed reconfiguration of the moorage buoys in the OWM to accommodate a total of 16 boats/liveboards (up from the current nine). The removal of the Linear Moorage System and transition to single-point mooring presents an opportunity for the City to reconfigure the OWM and expand capacity.

Anthony suggested that the memo be modified to focus on the City's obligation under the lease with DNR rather than focus on the affordable housing benefits associated with the OWM (per the mandate of the MAC). He also noted that as a shared resource, the City must balance the needs of all Eagle Harbor users and protect the ability for safe navigation following the reconfiguration of the OWM buoys.

Frank suggested that rather than submitting the memo as-written, a more specific ask be drawn up and developed as a set of recommendations/proposals for a meeting with Morgan. A **motion** (Ostrander) was made and seconded (Elliot) to form a sub-committee to study the issue further and develop action items for the City. The sub-committee will be composed of Elise (chair), Anthony, and Paula. They will schedule a time to meet in the coming weeks.

FOLLOW-UP/FUTURE ITEMS

Review Preparations for Police Boat Ride-along: Elise will contact Tami/COBI PD to determine available dates and timing for the committee ride-along.

Boater's Fair: The Boater's Fair was originally scheduled for August 7, 2018. It will now be held on July 1, 2018 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 11, 2018.

The meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 7:03 PM.



Frank Ostrander, Co-Chair June 11, 2018



Elise Wright, Co-Chair June 11, 2018