



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

**Marine Access Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
November 7, 2018**

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:35 pm by Co-Chair Anthony Oddo.

Minutes were recorded by Elise Wright. **In attendance** were Committee Members Fred Grimm, Peter Hill, Anthony Oddo and Elise Wright, Harbor stewards Mark Leese and Rich Seubert and Council Liaison Ron Peltier.

No **conflicts** were reported

The October 2018 minutes were **approved**. (Hill, Grimm)

City Staff members in attendance were

Tami Allen, Harbormaster

Officer Ben Sias, BI Police Department

Aaron Claiborne, COBI Public Works

Several members of the public were present.

From Bainbridge Island Rowing: Sue Entress, President of BIR Board,  
Board Member Rob Hershberg, Head Coach Bruce Beall.

From the DUOWM Liveaboard Community:

Ted Davis, Rich Seubert, Jason Deitehler, Susie and Reince Wilson, Ted Stoughton

Community Members: Charlotte and Andy Rovelstad, Dave Henry

**Council Liaison Report:** Ron reports that the Council would like us to share information and take the initiative to take comments on buoy placement in the Dave Ullin Open Water Marina (DUOWM) at the workshop/Open House on Monday, Dec 10th.

**Harbor Stewards Report:**

Mark Leese reminded us of the Harbor Stewards' concerns re certain features of the Waterfront Dock. The Stewards are (Mark is?) coordinating the lighted ships to tie up at the dock for the Dec. 8th "Winter Wonderland" event. He refers us to the Parks brochure for timing. The Argosy will arrive at 8pm for caroling.

**Harbormasters Report:** Since our meeting is a week early Tami had not yet compiled the figures for October dock moorage. She reports there has been the expected seasonal drop in moorage collections. The oily boat from Manitou has been removed and disposed of. There is still a submerged vessel north of Manzanita.

**Ongoing business:**

**Committee Vacancy** - a successful applicant could join MAC in January. Community member Dave Henry suggested a representative of the live aboard community join the committee.

**Lapinski Dock Variance:** Elise reported that the site of a dock for which a variance has been sought in central Eagle Harbor has been visited from the water. It and the buoy being sought have the potential of infringing on navigation in the central harbor. She and Peter are compiling comments to send to the city planner overseeing the project - Dave Greetham.

Community member, BIR member and Eagle Harbor neighbor Rob Hershberg hopes that the variance will be denied since the length of this dock would exceed the neighboring docks around it. A discussion followed regarding the construction limit line (which does not extend into the inner harbor) and the depth of water required beneath a boat at all times to prevent it from grounding.

**Dec. 10 workshop/Open House:**

Aaron Claiborne sought advice from the MAC regarding the scope of services contract to be let with engineering firm PND, who will be designing the DUOWM layout. Apparently 60% design is a deliverable to MAC following our recommendation. Peter expressed concern that we are being asked to comment on scope of work, since we are an advisory committee only.

Aaron needs feedback by the end of next week on what we need for the workshop. He suggested having the engineering firm at our workshop. The committee agreed with Peter that it might be premature. Council member Peltier suggests we think of it a workshop, with visual displays. Comments could be made on paper at each station or emailed to Peter, who will be chairing the meeting. (Subsequent to this meeting it was decided that Aaron Claiborne, the project manager, will be the recipient for comments, which will be open until Dec. 14.)

Asked about the timeline for design and construction, the fish window (during which construction is not allowed) is Feb. - July. Design will be finalized before then, with construction planned for late summer, when it is allowed.

**Public Comment:**

Rob Hershberg, Eagle Harbor inquired about enforcement of the sanitation rules in Eagle Harbor. He was referred to the Harbormaster.

Sue Entress, BIR Board President, has contacted Aaron Claiborne and the City Council regarding BIR's navigation needs. Citing the size of the club and the fact that they have worked together with the liveboard community for 15 years, she asked that the club have a seat at the design table.

Bruce Beall, BIR Head Coach, would like to share the water.

Rich Seubert, Harbor Steward and liveboard, notes that some of the boats impeding BIR are outside of the DUOWM, and some buoys to the south are out of line, making navigation more difficult.

Dave Henry, harbor resident (not DUOWM), noted the amount of misinformation on the issue, is concerned about behind the scenes communication, manipulation of information and public comment. He emphasized process and protocol to allow the public to comment intelligently on the options before a decision is made.

Ted Davis, DUOWM resident, pointed out the many accommodations made for BIR at the City dock and compared it with the lack of easily accessible designated space for the dinghies of the liveboards, who are on the water 24/7.

Charlotte Rovelstad, member of *Friends of the Liveboards*, noted that misinformation about what was labeled on a flyer as "expansion" of the DUOWM is unfortunate, and is concerned about what appears to her to be confusion between the City and MAC.

Harbormaster Tami Allen responded that the dimensions of the DUOWM are not being enlarged. The purpose of the Dec 10 workshop is to gather information on the layout and size of swing circles within the DUOWM.

Liveaboards Jason Deitehler and Susie and Reince Wilson noted that having the rowers go by is an enjoyable part of their day. They are very grateful to be able to live on their boat in the DUOWM.

Live aboard Ted Stoughton has been living in the harbor since 1981, enjoys have BIR there.

Architect and *Friend of the Liveaboards* Andy Rovelstad asked about the duration of the DNR permitting process - Aaron and Tami responded 6 months to 1 year, but one permit has been received already and is awaiting only designation of the coordinates for buoy location. Andy also noted that the DUOWM brings in substantial revenue. (Note - all revenue is returned to DNR as lease payments.)

Mark Leese, Harbor steward and Svornich Point resident, noted that the discipline of the coxswains is important since they are new every year. Some steer too close to the marinas. He supports having additional oversight of the DUOWM, noting the Harbormaster is stretched thin around the island.

Questions for Aaron:

What boat lengths are being considered? (60, 50, 40, 30) - to allow flexibility in management.

Who decides which buoys are to be used, re-used, removed?

What is the overall timeline - when is input from MAC needed?

Ron: City Council wants to maximize residential use of the DUOWM.

Peter and Anthony agreed with the suggestion that we may need two meetings re the DUOWM - one to gather information and a second to present a plan or options.

Elise reassured the public that MAC is committed to a fair and objective process, and urged them to attend the workshop/Open House on Dec. 10th.

After a brief discussion among committee members regarding ongoing planning for the workshop by subcommittee members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elise Wright

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Anthony Oddo, Co-Chair, January 14, 2019

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Peter Hill, Co-Chair, January 14, 2019