

**PORT OF BELLINGHAM
MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Robert Brooks	Dick Cathell
Loren Kapp	Linda Thomson
Byron Richards	Jon Alexander
Ross Tennant	Julie Winkler
Pinky Vargas	Paul Burrill

Committee Members Absent:

Committee Members Excused:

Jim Kyle
Peter Border

Visitors/Guests:

Port Representatives present:

Alan Birdsall
Pam Taft
Kyle Randolph
Andy Peterson

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and roll call was taken. Everyone welcomed Pinky Vargas to her first MAC meeting as the ex officio for the City of Bellingham. Paul Burrill informed MAC that Dave King has formally resigned his position on MAC.

Minutes

Ross Tennant made a motion to accept the January 15, 2019 minutes as written. Linda Thomson seconded the motion, and approved unanimously by the MAC.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Dockside Feedback

Dick Cathell brought up an article that he read in a publication (he couldn't remember which one) about the waterfront. He went on to say how good the article was and that he has received good feedback from it.

Julie Winkler asked about the project on the Roeder Ave. Alan gave a brief update on the project and said that Bellingham Herald wrote a good article that provides a lot of information on the project.

Paul Burrill asked how the new storage yard project was coming along. Alan told the group that it's been paved and striped but the Port is still waiting for a conditional use permit from the city to install fencing and light poles. He added that the property is in a flood zone so the permitting process for the fencing and lighting is a bit lengthier.

Harbor Weblocker Update

Paul Burrill started this discussion by applauding staff and all those who have worked hard on developing this policy.

Alan gave a brief introduction on the Commission directive and summarized the steps staff has gone through leading up to this point. Not too much detail was given since MAC has received updates at their previous meetings.

Alan handed out a red-lined version of the policy that will be presented to the Port Commission for consideration at their March 19 meeting. He went through the document and highlighted the changes. The high points he touched on were: Purpose, exceptions, categories, and weblocker caps. He also went over the list of exceptions that will be presented to the Commission as well.

He told the group that the original timeline was to take this to the Commission at their March 5 meeting but when giving the Commission an update at their February 19 meeting, Commissioner Briscoe asked that this be pushed out to the March 19 meeting to allow folks sufficient time to review the red-lined changes.

Alan wrapped up the discussion by saying that 10 years ago when this policy was adopted, there was little to no demand for ACF lockers and there was no waiting list. So to accommodate other users, the other categories were created.

Paul again thanked staff and MAC for the efforts that went into the development of the revised policy and then emphasized how important it is to have weblockers to support the commercial fishing industry and attract new ACF vessels to Whatcom County.

Paul made a motion in support of the proposed policy as presented and be taken to the Commission for consideration. Dick Cathell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ross Tennant also voiced appreciation for all the effort and work that went into this policy.

Housekeeping

Paul Burrill, with Dave King's resignation from MAC, asked the group if they felt well represented or if they should solicit applications for new members. After a brief discussion, the group agreed that they feel the representation and number of members is good and don't see the need to solicit new members. MAC also agreed that they will review any applications that are submitted and will review overall membership later in the year.

Staff Updates

Kyle mentioned that All American Marine made their last launch.

Pam asked the group to bring their life jackets to the next MAC meeting so staff can snap a picture and submit it to Parks & Rec for National Boating Safety Week-Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day and to use on the Port's social media outlets to promote safe boating.

With no further business the March 12, 2019 MAC meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.