

**PORT OF BELLINGHAM
MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021
MEETING: HYBRID (VIA ZOOM & IN-PERSON)
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

IN PERSON

Dick Cathell
Peter Border

Robert Brooks
Julie Winkler

ZOOM

Stan Campbell
Jim Kyle

Faith Worthley
Ross Tennant

Committee Members Absent:

Lisa Anderson

Committee Members Excused:

Paul Burrill
Jon Alexander
Charlie Hawkins
Loren Kapp
Linda Thomson

Visitors/Guests:

Stephanie Wiley, POB

Port Representatives present

Andy Peterson
Pam Taft
Aaron Bisson
Tiffany DeSimone

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes

Ross Tennant made a motion to approve the October 2021 minutes, seconded by Peter Border and unanimously approved by the group.

Public Comment

None

Dockside Feedback

Dick Cathell commented on the SeaFeast event saying it was an outstanding event; there were a lot of people and displays. He has received really good feedback from fellow boaters on the event.

Dick also commented on the recent article in the Bellingham Herald regarding the ASB. He said that the article did more to stir people up than it did to provide information to the public. He suggested that rather than one big article periodically, to do smaller, more frequent articles to keep the public apprised of the decisions being made and projects occurring at the site. Tiffany DeSimone thanked Dick for that input and said she would take the feedback to Brian Gouran, the Port's Environmental Director.

SeaFeast 2021 Recap

Peter Border asked if staff knew the number of people in attendance. Stephanie Wiley, the Port's Community Events Supervisor, said that it was approximately 3000, which was more than expected. Tiffany added that SeaFeast may be one of those events that has benefited from the pandemic; there's not much for people to do these days and an outdoor event like this would be a great opportunity for people to get out. Stephanie said that with the great turnout, the lines for the food vendors were long, the Lummi Nation ran out of salmon, and she received a lot of great feedback on the new Fishermen's Pavilion. She said that it was great to use the new pavilion for this event coupled with all the activity on along the promenade and excited to see how that facility can be used in the future.

Pacific Marine Expo Nov 18-20

Stephanie announced the upcoming Pacific Marine Expo event in Seattle at Lumen Field. The Port will have a booth there with harbor staff and real estate staffing the booth. When asked about the exhibitor list, she said when looking at the layout map it appears to be a little lighter than in previous years.

MAC Meeting December 14, 2021

Every year at this time, the group discusses whether or not to have a December meeting. A lot of people typically go out of town and the meeting attendance is light. After some discussion the group decided to hold the date open for the meeting and if nothing comes up or there isn't a substantial agenda the meeting will be cancelled. Staff will send out an email notifying the group the week before the December meeting.

Staff Updates

Tiffany brought up the hybrid approach to the meeting and felt that it doesn't work very well. It's hard for the zoom participants to hear the in-person participants because of the masks. The group agreed that the meetings should continue to be held virtually.

A short discussion ensued regarding the moorage model. Tiffany briefed the group that she and Pam Taft have been working together on the model inputs which include the sub-committee's recommendations and the capital project numbers received from the engineering dept. It was also noted that the differential rate in Blaine was implemented to fill Blaine Harbor and since Blaine is near full occupancy, the need for the differential rate should be evaluated.

Staff Updates

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.