

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

**MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
SQUALICUM HARBOR OFFICE
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Peter Border
Jeff Hegedus
Ryan Kapp
Ron Kleinknecht
Gene Knutson
Paul Lavelle
Joe Orem
Brian Pemberton
Jerry Writer
Jim Young

Committee Members Absent:

Cliff Cultee

Port Representatives Present:

Dan Stahl
Mike Endsley
Pam Taft
Andy Peterson

Committee Members Excused:

Tim Mumford
Doug Sterrett

Visitors/ Guests:

Doug Karlberg
Milan Slipsovich
Jim Glenovich
Elizabeth Kilanowski

Roll Call

Jeff Hegedus, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

December 14, 2010 Minutes

The December 14, 2010 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Brian Pemberton to approve the minutes as written. This was seconded by Jim Young and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Dockside Feedback

- Jeff Hegedus brought up the issue of BMP's for the cleaning and maintenance of pressure treated dock components (whalers, etc). Local agencies are currently looking at this issue and may give some guidance for marina owners.
- Brian Pemberton gave a quick update on how charter businesses are doing, given the general economic climate. Brian said that the charter companies are cautiously optimistic that 2011 will be a recovery year for their industry.

Moorage Model Update

Dan Stahl gave an update on the Port Commission's progress is dealing with the new moorage model. Dan reviewed his presentations and the subsequent Commission discussions for their meetings on January 18th and February 1st. The Commission has scheduled their following meeting on February 15th to take a final vote.

A rather lengthy discussion ensued amongst the MAC members, and the public in attendance at the meeting.

Capitol Project Review

Mike Endsley gave an update on the existing and future CIP projects in both Harbors. Mike noted that structural repairs currently being facilitated on the Squalicum Sawtooth (Phase 1) were expected to be complete by February 15th. Mike discussed the scope of the work completed and thanked the commercial fishermen in attendance for their cooperation and flexibility throughout the project. The second phase of this project, to be completed in 2011, will replace wood decking, overlay the decking with new asphalt, and upgrade the electrical infrastructure. Mike noted that upon completion, the Port will have spent approximately \$800,000 on improvements to the sawtooth structure.

Mike also outlined the 2010 Inner Harbor Implementation repairs, also underway, which included structural repairs to key areas of Gate 6 and extensive structural repairs to Gate 10. The 2011 scope of work will be the largest component of the Inner Harbor Implementation project and Mike will report back at a later date on the scope and schedule of this project.

For 2011, Mike reviewed the upcoming construction project. In summary, 2011 will be a busy year. Along with those already mentioned, projects include an electrical upgrade for Webhouse 2, structural upgrades for the Gillnet Loading Zone and the Gate 3 F and G replacement project.

Charterfest

Mike Endsley gave an update on how Charterfest is shaping up this year. Charterfest is an annual event that supports the local charter businesses. CharterFest is a joint marketing event co-sponsored by the local merchant leaseholders and the Port of Bellingham. The event is an opportunity for potential charter customers, or buyers, to tour vessels. This year's event is scheduled for April 9 & 10, and will be held at Gate 3.

Blaine Boatyard RFP

Dan Stahl gave a quick update on the process by which the Port will seek to re-develop the boatyard up in Blaine. Dan cautioned that this development work will be integrated with the environmental clean up of the site, and will take a number of years, and will cost several million dollars. Norm Walsh, a former employee of Westman Marine continues to operate the boat yard on a month to month lease with the Port.

New Port Website

Andy Peterson is the lead for the Marine Division regarding the update of the port's new website. Andy gave an overview of the process, and encouraged MAC members to go use the site and give him their feedback. Andy mentioned that customers will soon be able to pay their bills online, but that part of the system had not gone "live" yet. It was noted that past MAC agendas were not yet available on the site. Staff will investigate this.

Housekeeping

Jeff Hegedus, MAC Chair, raised the issue of electing a new Vice-Chair, with the recent departure of Jim Splaine. Brian Pemberton nominated Ryan Kapp. Ryan said that he was flattered by the vote of confidence, but that in fact he was intending to resign from the MAC. This was due to his increased business travel, and the growing needs of his family – which he very dedicated to. Ryan has been on the MAC since 2004. Several MAC members expressed their appreciation for all the valuable input Ryan has contributed from the commercial fishing perspective. Ryan was praised as a man who knows his business; is not afraid to speak his mind; and actively worked to find consensus with other MAC members on difficult issues.

Jerry Writer then nominated Brian Pemberton to assume the duties of vice chair. After some discussion, Peter Border seconded the motion, which was unanimously accepted.

Having used our time for the evening the MAC was adjourned at 8:00 PM.