

# PORT OF BELLINGHAM

## MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2012 SQUALICUM HARBOR OFFICE BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

### Minutes

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#### Committee Members Present:

Peter Border  
Paul Lavelle  
Jim Young

#### Committee Members Absent:

Lummi Representative  
Joe Orem  
Jerry Writer

#### Port Representatives Present:

Dan Stahl  
Andy Peterson  
Mike Endsley  
Pam Taft

#### Committee Members Excused:

Jeff Hegedus  
Ron Kleinknecht  
Gene Knutson  
Brian Pemberton  
Doug Sterrett

#### Visitors/Guests:

Elizabeth Kilanowski  
George Mundell  
Commissioner Jim Jorgensen

#### Roll Call

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

#### May 8, 2012 Minutes

Approval of the May 8, 2012 minutes was moved to the next meeting scheduled in September as there was not a quorum present at this meeting.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Dockside Feedback

- Due to the lack of a quorum there was some discussion about reopening the MAC for membership. Dan said that he would try to work that issue this summer. Resolution 1144, t sets forth curb lines for the MAC and has not been reviewed by the commission for over ten years. Ideally, that resolution should be reviewed and approved by the commission before we reopen membership. Dan will try to tee that up during the summer.

- Jim Young asked if there were any plans to add a new gatehouse at Gate 8 in the inner harbor of Squalicum Marina. Mike Endsley reviewed the history of that. Back in the late 1990s there was a capital project on the books to put a new gatehouse at Gate 8 similar to what is currently at Gate 12. However, due to the significant expense of this, it was not funded and it eventually dropped from the Port's capital improvement plans (CIP).

### **Update – Bellingham Bay Cleanup**

Jeff Hegedus had a last minute schedule conflict and was not able to attend the meeting. This item, therefore, was not discussed at length. Dan did a general review of the Bellingham Bay Habitat Action Team (BBAT) and the role they have played in coordinating cleanup activities habitat restoration, and source control for the number of projects that are located in and around Bellingham Bay. Dan explained that the BBAT was formed back in 1996 as a way for all of the agencies to coordinate their different agendas to provide a more integrated plan for moving cleanup and habitat issues forward.

### **Gate 3 Project**

Mike Endsley provided an update on the ongoing analysis of fire damage on the Gate 3 project. This is a study that was funded by the Port Commission on May 1, 2012.. The Port's engineering department is managing this. It currently appears that there are 10 to 15 float sections that will need to be replaced.

On a brighter note, Mike is hopeful that the F East slips, which are 30 foot slips, will be able to be filled soon because the damage was more superficial there and that the F West slips, which are 45 foot slips, will also be available for assignment of moorage in the next three to four weeks. This is good not only for the boaters but it is helpful for the Port in turning those assets into revenue producing slips.

Due to the requirement to replace the main lateral because of fire damage, G East and G West will take longer to put into use. Mike will keep the MAC updated as the study progresses.

### **Boathouse Safety**

Dan provided an update to the group on what had transpired since the last MAC meeting. On a tactical note, Port staff has completed its review of all of the circuit breakers for boathouses in Squalicum Harbor. The circuit breakers are part of the electrical infrastructure that is owned and maintained by the Port. The review revealed that a number of those breakers had been upsized by boathouse owners without Port consent. Mike Endsley worked very quickly with the Port maintenance department to replace those breakers to sizes that are consistent with the wiring that is in place. Boathouse owners were notified and corrections have been made.

Additionally, Dan reviewed the discussion that has been ongoing between the Port and Fire Department regarding boathouse safety. A result of those discussions is that there will be a meeting next week, Tuesday, June 19, for all of the owners of boathouses at Squalicum Harbor. The meeting will be at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. The meeting will include presentations by Bill Boyd, Bellingham Fire Chief, regarding boathouse fires in Puget Sound. Jason Napier will report on his review of fire ordinances and discuss changes that are currently being considered to Bellingham's fire code. A draft will be available for review that evening. Peter Border from MAC will also make a short presentation on vessel

safety. The MAC discussed this at some length. Dan mentioned that a similar meeting would take place in Blaine later this year.

**Staff Updates**

Dan updated the group on the Port moving forward to mitigate some of the soil contamination at the fueling facility at Blaine Marina. This will result in fueling operations being shut down for about a month during this summer. Andy Peterson reminded the MAC that fueling is still available for both gas and diesel at the Semiahmoo Marina and if an owner has sufficient volume he or she can also contract with one of the mobile fuelers to fuel over the sawtooth dock.

There being no further business the MAC was adjourned at 7:15 pm.