

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Elizabeth Kilanowski
Jerry Writer
Jim Young
Brian Pemberton
Paul Burrill
Ian Puchlik
Byron Richards
Peter Border
Doug Sterrett
Jim Kyle

Committee Members Absent:

Bill Douglas

Port Representatives Present:

Andy Peterson
Pam Taft
Dan Stahl
Kyle Randolph

Visitors/Guests:

Milan Slipcevic
Susan Plummer
John Plummer
Bob Hawkins
Jim Jorgensen
Robert Briscoe
Dan Robbins
Bert Rubash

Roll Call

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

Minutes

The October 13th Minutes were approved unanimously. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Peter Border and seconded by Doug Sterrett.

Public Comment

Bob Hawkins, a vessel owner at slip T-6 on Gate 12, wanted to compliment staff on good customer service and to raise a concern over a recent incident involving Mr. Julian Cordova. Mr. Cordova is also a vessel owner in the harbor and had recently been arrested on harbor property after allegedly assaulting an unknown individual with a knife in downtown Bellingham a few days prior to the meeting. A general discussion ensued about the safety of individuals at the harbor both on and around their vessels. Several of the MAC members were sympathetic to Mr. Hawkins' concerns and looked forward to a review of safety policies in the harbor, including liveboards, once the Merchant Leaseholder review was completed.

Dockside Feedback

Peter Border was very appreciative of the additional "life jacket loaner program" signage that Kyle recently displayed in and around Squalicum Harbor.

Outside Storage

Dan gave a brief background from the MAC reminding us of the prior discussion and then turned it over to Kyle Randolph to talk through a staff proposal on changes to the rules, regulations and procedures. (This draft and accompanying photo are attached to the minutes). Kyle then proceeded to work line by line through the two page document answering questions with good discussions from the MAC. At the conclusion of this discussion Jim Kyle made a motion to endorse the recommendation for changes to the rules and regs. This was seconded by Peter Border and passed unanimously.

Update on Upland Storage Agreements

Pam Taft gave a quick update to the MAC regarding the Upland Storage Agreements which were approved by the commission earlier this year. Most of the focus of the harbor staff has been on moorage agreements and the insurance requirements. As that effort is winding down, (thank you to all the customers for your compliance), marina staff will be shifting toward implementing the new Upland Storage Agreements in short order.

Update on Electrical Improvements

Kyle gave a brief update on capital projects relating to electrical improvements at both harbors. Staff is currently investigating recent code changes for electrical upgrades and learning how this will impact the project. Staff will keep MAC apprized as this project continues to move forward.

Staff Updates

Dan reviewed with the MAC the general work-plan moving forward for the MAC, having finished the outside storage components this evening. MAC will look to finish the Merchant Lease Holder Review in December including the LLC issue, which Dan gave a briefing on. Hopefully the commission's rules and regulations changes will be adopted on January 19th and the MAC would then be free to begin discussions on live-a-boards.

With no further discussion the MAC meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.