

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016 HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Members present	Members absent	Port staff	Guests
Elizabeth Kilanowski	Peter Border	Andy Peterson	Bert Rubash
Jerry Writer	Brian Pemberton	Dan Stahl	Daryl Hill
Jim Young	Ian Puchlik	Kyle Randolph	Dan Robbins
Byron Richards	Gene Knutson		Jeff Brown
Paul Burrill	Bill Douglas		Roger Larson
Jim Kyle			Mike Patterson

Roll Call

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

Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Elizabeth Kilanowski and seconded by Jerry Writer. They were passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Daryl Hill, a Blaine liveaboard, was inquiring as to the Port's process for studying liveaboard policies. Daryl also commented that he felt a liveaboard fee would unfairly impact liveaboards on a fixed income.

Dockside Feedback

Elizabeth talked about a boat owner with a dog often left off-leash. Kyle was aware of the situation and had already spoken to the owner of the dog earlier in the month. Byron Richards commented that he had read the minutes from the January MAC meeting and appreciated that Port staff had put sand out during recent cold weather conditions.

Liveaboard Updates

Kyle passed out a [2016 liveaboard survey](#) as a follow-up to the liveaboard discussion held at the prior MAC meeting. Marina staff added some additional questions to those voiced by MAC members in January, when a rough draft of the survey had been originally created. Dan Stahl mentioned that it was important for the survey to be complete before staff began calling other harbors. With a completed survey form staff won't need to reach out to staff from other harbors multiple times. After reviewing the document, a suggestion was made to ask the Ports surveyed

for any forms relating to their liveboard programs (i.e.: applications for liveboards, policies and procedures, and any other documentation used to govern liveboards in their harbor).

Additionally, Kyle went through a dry run of the survey to show MAC members how he intended to use it, citing harbors that he was familiar with in Los Angeles and Long Beach. It was emphasized to the MAC that these were not the comparables that staff would be looking for, they were merely an example as to how the forms would be used and to address the specific questions that Kyle was asked at the previous MAC meeting.

Update: Blaine Marine Industrial Area

Dan gave a [presentation](#) to MAC relating to various suggested changes to Blaine Harbor brought forth by Port commissioners. Dan explained that this presentation was given to the Port Commission at a prior commission meeting and he hoped to take any MAC feedback relating to the Blaine Marine Industrial area and the marine fueling operation back to the Port staff. Andy Peterson also gave a presentation on the current state of the Blaine Sawtooth.

Boat Show Review

The Port had a booth at both the Vancouver and Seattle boat shows in the last month. Andy gave a recap of the situation at the Vancouver boat show while Kyle's staff at Squalicum covered the Seattle boat show.

Andy reported that Blaine staff received many positive reports from both customers and boaters visiting the Blaine Harbor booth. Many people were familiar with the harbor and spoke highly of the facilities and thanked us for coming to the Vancouver Boat Show.

Kyle reported that the Seattle Boat Show was a great success. Squalicum Harbor had hoped the boat show would lead to increased demand in Port of Bellingham moorage. In that respect Squalicum Harbor exceeded expectations and had already signed up two moorage customers as a result of marketing efforts during the show.

Staff Updates

Andy had one update on the US Customs and Border Protections new procedures for [small boat reporting](#) beginning in 2016. Andy reported that he had met with a customs officer who had cleared a boat coming into the U.S. with the new procedure and it appeared to be very easy and convenient. Customs has offered to reach out to local yacht clubs with information.

With no further business the MAC adjourned their meeting at 7:35 PM.