

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

**MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Writer
Gene Knutson
Brian Pemberton
Dave King
Paul Burill
Peter Border
Bill Douglas
Ian Puchlik

Committee Members Absent:

Port Representatives Present:

Kyle Randolph
Andy Peterson
Tamara Sobjack
Alan Birdsall
Pam Taft

Committee Members Excused:

Byron Richards
Jim Kyle

Visitors/Guests:

Dan Robbins
Elizabeth Kilanowski

All American Marine Presentation and Tour

Matt Mullett of All American Marine gave a 30 minute presentation explaining the history of All American Marine, a local boat builder located on Port property. After the presentation Mr. Mullett gave the MAC a tour of their new facility, revealing the complex process involved in building their unique line of transport vessels.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:45PM.

Minutes

Peter Border made a motion to accept the April 11, 2017 minutes as written, which was seconded by Jerry Writer and passed unanimously by the MAC.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided

Dockside Feedback

Ian Puchlik recapped some conversations with Blaine boaters regarding the Blaine Harbor facilities. Overall he felt that Blaine boaters are happy with the facility, particularly with some of the recently upgraded facilities such as the restrooms and dock boxes. Blaine boaters are also looking forward to the upcoming Blaine Marine Safety Expo and Flare Shoot. Some of the concerns that Blaine boaters are having include the lack of hanging flower pots, newsletter articles that are too brief, a lack of a fee for liveaboards, and the fact that WiFi is not free to moorage customers. Brian thanked Ian for his hard work on behalf of MAC to ensure that boater's needs were being considered.

Update on Port Decision to Purchase City of Bellingham Property

Alan informed the MAC that the Port Commission voted 2-1 in favor of exercising the option to purchase City owned property on Roeder Avenue within the Marine Trades area. The decision to exercise the option was made to preserve the property for marine trade activity.

MAC Membership Drive

Alan asked for the MAC's input on a potential membership drive. Brian and Jerry both indicated that they would be leaving the MAC effective the end of the year. Based on this information it was decided that recruiting new MAC members would be required. Several user groups were discussed from which a pool of candidates might be recruited from. Brian commented that he felt it would require the efforts of both the MAC and harbor staff to promote MAC staffing. He also encouraged the harbor staff to make chair and vice-chair recommendations to continue a positive relationship between the MAC and the Port.

MAC Summer Schedule

Kyle asked if the MAC would like to have a June MAC meeting. It was decided that with nothing critical on the agenda the June meeting would be dropped and any topics pushed out until the September meeting.

Summer Cruising Feedback

As MAC members enjoy their summer cruising season, Kyle asked that they take notes of the programs, resources and activities they see at other harbors with the thought of discussing them at future MAC meetings to determine if similar concepts are applicable at Port of Bellingham marinas.

Staff Updates

Kyle gave a brief update on the Gate 3 power upgrades, explaining the progress of the project and his expectation that the work should be completed in just a couple of weeks.

Andy updated the MAC on the Blaine Sawtooth charrette, explaining the process involved in getting stakeholder ideas and support with regard to the overall design of the Sawtooth pier for short and long term improvements.

Commissioner Robbins commented that the Port Commission chose to table the topic of liveaboard fees until the next Moorage Rate Model review in 2018.

With no further business the May 9, 2017 MAC meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.