

**PORT OF BELLINGHAM
MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Dick Cathell	Ross Tenant
Byron Richards	Julie Winkler
Peter Border	Jon Alexander
Jim Kyle	Lisa Anderson
Linda Thomson	Loren Kapp
Robert Brooks	

Committee Members Absent:

Charlie Hawkins

Committee Members Excused:

Paul Burrill

Visitors/Guests:

Pete Granger

Port Representatives present

Andy Peterson
Pam Taft
Alan Birdsall

Roll Call

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

Jim Kyle filling in for Paul Burrill, introduced Lisa Anderson who will be replacing Pinky Vargas on the City of Bellingham's seat.

Minutes

Dick Cathell made a motion to approve the November minutes with Byron Richards seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Dockside Feedback

Peter Border announced that the Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering several Boating Safety classes at Squalicum Yacht Club on the following days: March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20.

Ross Tennant commented on the new LED lighting that has been recently installed at Squalicum Harbor, saying that it has been a significant improvement with lighting up the areas.

Julie Winkler asked about the lights that were removed from the back of the Comfort Station for painting wondering when they will be put back up since it's very dark on that side of the building. Port Staff will follow up with the maintenance crew and loop back to Julie.

Working Waterfront Coalition (WWC) Presentation

Jim Kyle started by saying the WWC has been around for a while and they haven't taken time to talk about what they do. He introduced Pete Granger, an integral member of the WWC who then led into his presentation. (See attached presentation).

Some key issues the WWC has been involved in:

- established a task force to work with the Port on expanding the marine trades
- led an initiative on the creation of the Commercial Marine-Reliant Rental Policy which was approved by the Port of Bellingham Commission,
- Working on establishing Squalicum Harbor as Port of Entry,
- Offering several grants and training opportunities for marine trades program areas

2020 Capital Improvements

Alan went through several high-level capital projects in Squalicum Harbor:

- Gate 1 pumpout float replacement
- Paving the alleyway between webblockers
- Gillnet Loading Zone life extension work
- Inner Harbor life extension work
- Gate 5 A & B condition assessment
- Fishermen's Pavilion
- Relocation of the Storage Yard
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Andy then went through some Blaine Harbor projects:

- Demolition of the old Webhouse 1
- Blaine Harbor mid-life condition assessment

Pam concluded with an update on the Access Control System which is currently underway.

2020 Moorage Rates

Alan recapped last year's moorage rate increase process. He informed the group that again this year, we will be asking the Commission for a "one-off" moorage increase to allow more time to gather costs for the inner harbor replacement project. He told the group that staff will be asking for a 4% increase in Recreation moorage rates and 1% increase in Active Commercial Fishing rates.

Staff Updates

None.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.