

**PORT OF BELLINGHAM
MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Paul Burrill	Dick Cathell
Charlie Hawkins	Julie Winkler
Peter Border	Jon Alexander
Jim Kyle	

Committee Members Absent:

Committee Members Excused:

Byron Richards
Pinky Vargas
Robert Brooks
Ross Tennant
Linda Thomson

Visitors/Guests:

Commissioner Briscoe
Commissioner Bell
Rob Fix, Executive Director
Carol Briscoe

Port Representatives present

Andy Peterson
Kyle Randolph
Pam Taft
Alan Birdsall

Roll Call

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

Minutes

Paul Burrill motioned to approve the May minutes, which was seconded by Peter Border and approved unanimously by the MAC.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Summer Cruising Show and Tell

Kyle opened up the discussion by asking the group if anyone had feedback on the facilities they visited during the summer, particularly amenities that other facilities that they'd like to see at our facilities. The general consensus was that the Port of Bellingham operates great facilities. Julie Winkler shared her experience with the unique Denman Island ferry.

Dockside Feedback

Dick Cathell started by wanting to give a shout-out to folks who have helped with the Chaplains on Boats program. These folks offer their boats to take out-of-town Chaplains out on a cruise for continuing education workshops. The workshops also provide a therapeutic respite for the Chaplains who, because of their jobs, are at a high risk of burnout.

Peter Border brought up that he's gotten wind of complaints that long padlocks are needed in order to lock dock boxes. Kyle responded that the new dock boxes did need a longer lock, which can be purchased at Hardware Sales or the big-box home stores. In lieu of a longer lock, a short chain could also be used that would allow users to continue using existing locks.

Paul Burrill gave kudos to Andy and the Blaine Harbor staff for their support and help during this last crab season. He emphasized the importance of this fishery to the industry and local economy and added that the harbor staff did a great job shuffling boats, fielding calls from frustrated customers, and trying to keep order during a very busy season.

Paul also brought up the Port of Bellingham's support for Farming for Life which is a non-marine related group but still a member of our community. He stated that while the Port's focus is predominantly on the marine-side of the community so he appreciates the Port Commission and the Executive Director, Rob Fix for helping out other industries in our community.

Jim Kyle announced that the Working Waterfront Coalition will be hosting a public forum to hear from the two Port Commissioner candidates on September 18, 2019 at the Bellingham Yacht Club.

Alan wrapped up Dockside Feedback by announcing the change in the October Commission meeting to October 8th which overlaps the MAC meeting. The group unanimously agreed to move the next MAC meeting to October 15, 2019 at 6pm, to avoid conflicting with the Port Commission meeting.

MAC Application and Housekeeping

Alan began the discussion by mentioning that a couple of applications to join MAC have been received and asked the group to decide whether to add more members or keep membership at the current level.

Paul Burrill suggested that the group is well represented across the different interest groups and felt that the number of people currently on the committee was a good number allowing for good discussions. In response to Julie Winkler's question, Alan Birdsall said that the next term to expire is December 2020.

Peter Border made a motion to keep the group status quo with the current number and representation and Julie Winkler seconded. The motion was approved. MAC will revisit membership prior to recessing for summer 2020.

Andy circulated a form asking the MAC to update their email and phone numbers.

Miscellaneous Harbor Rates Review

Pam handed out a sheet listing miscellaneous harbor rates & fees for discussion on increasing the rates. Pam explained that many of the rates have not been adjusted since the early 1990s, and she summarized the various rates, and requested MAC input to help staff develop proposed rates. MAC provided good feedback that will allow staff to bring recommended rates to the next meeting for continued discussion.

The discussion did not include moorage rates or upland storage rates.

Staff Updates

Kyle mentioned Seafeast coming up the weekend of September 20-22 at Squaticum Harbor.

Pam announced that an RFP has been issued for the Access Control System and expects to make a selection in October.

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