

Minutes of the Public Water Access Committee

March 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:36pm.

In attendance: Fred Grimm, Elise Wright, Bitsy Ostenson, Frank Ostrander, Greg Spils, Bill McCoy, Harbor Steward Dave Kircher, Council Liaison Kol Medina

Excused absences: Marci Burkel, Roger van Gelder, John Brownlow

- Minutes from last meeting approved, no conflicts.

Modification of language regarding aquaculture:

- Elise raised a question regarding wording of leasing of public tidelands. Committee decided to leave wording of our recommendation as-is, based on our document being just a recommendation to Council; the city can correct/consider our original stance on aquaculture when they make final call on what to take and leave from our recommendations.

News:

Words of praise from Bitsy for Bob Campbell, a longtime committee member of Road Ends and one of the first harbor stewards, who passed away recently. A card was passed around to sign for his wife. Also, a card was passed around for Marci on our committee who has recently undergone hip surgery and was absent from today's meeting.

Reports:

- Harbor Stewards – Dave Kircher from the Harbor Stewards had nothing to report, but will be getting back to the Stewards regarding involvement in the Boaters Fair on June 4th.
- Spring Fling – scheduled Sunday, June 5th. Jeri Myer from Friends of Rolling Bay is helping to organize locally to create awareness within the Rolling Bay community. Two members of the PWAC committee visited Rolling Bay for Road End site visits yesterday, Sunday, March 13th, to gather requests to the city for road end improvements in preparation of Spring Fling.
- Boater Fair – Same weekend as Spring Fling – Saturday, June 4th.
- Road ends – Site visits yesterday. Greg asked Kol how we can make progress on signage. We agreed that Greg would send an email to Morgan to check status.

- Benches – Fred reported on benches. He is working with the BARN Woodworkers. Estimates coming in at \$180 per bench. Fred volunteered his barn to store the wood materials purchased from ProBuild for the city, so builders can retrieve materials as benches are ready to be made & installed.
- Harbor Master's Report - Elise walked through Tami's report. No substantive discussion.

New Discussion/Action Items:

- Review of Signs - John Brownlow had designed signs that were less text and more icons, brighter, etc. We reviewed John's suggestions. There were two points of discussion: (1) Bill wanted to understand exactly what signs for Road Ends are "official." (2) a redesign of our signs cannot slow down the progress of the city adding new signage that was recommended and approved by the City Council twice in the last 13 months.

- Sign Parties* - When implementing signs, we should work with neighbors to see if there is text we should add on the sign poles specific to that road end. For instance, status of tidelands the road ends provide access to. Greg to follow up with Morgan since he's following up on status of permanent signage.

- Retreat for Workplan? Committee discussed a singular, longer meeting -- a "retreat" -- to plan our 2017-18 Work Plan. There was confusion over when the existing approved Work Plan ends and it was clarified that it is through 2016. It was suggested that getting a 2017 Work Plan together before the October/November biennial budgeting would increase the Committee's chances of securing City funds for capital improvements.

- We discussed if the Committee to report to the Council how the combined harbor/road ends is going, and progress to date.

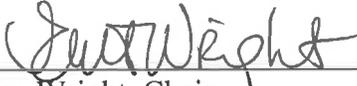
Kol indicated willingness to forward our request for a name change to the Council.

*Clarification of "Sign Parties" – they are conversations designed to take place with input from Road End neighbors regarding information conveyed by sign for use at specific areas.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Recorded by Greg Spils and Elise Wright

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 Elise Wright, Chair 4/11/16