

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Sue Jerutis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Sue Jerutis, Marc Anderson, Warren Nelson, David Irwin, Michael Kelly, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Tom Drummond, Roy Quaintance and Jim van Bergen

January 13, 2010 Minutes

The Committee approved the January 13, 2010 minutes on a motion by Marc Anderson, seconded by Warren Nelson. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

Sue Jerutis noted that the City Council approved the extension of the fee deadline date from November 20th to November 30th as recommended by the Boat Committee.

David Matteson

The Committee welcomed David Matteson to the Deephaven Boat Committee.

Repairs on Carson's Bay Launch

Dana Young stated that the City Council has authorized the City Engineer to prepare plans and specifications on the repair of the Carson's Bay launch. He stated that the Engineer intends to review the existing launch as soon as the ice goes out in order to develop a site survey and will be sending out bid requests to local contractors in April. He stated that the Engineer anticipates the construction to be completed in May.

Warren Nelson stated that he thought that there should have been two make-ready docks built on each side of the launch to assist with the launching of boats.

Dana Young stated that the original request before the LMCD was to construct the make-ready dock on the south side of the launch but the LMCD preferred the dock to be located on the north side due to setback concerns on the south side.

Marc Anderson stated that the City should consider installing a temporary dock for the boating season on the south side of the launch.

Carson's Bay Dock Improvements

Discussion was held regarding the proposed improvements to Carson's Bay docks in 2011. Dana Young stated that he will have the City Engineer prepare drawings of the docks for Committee review next month.

Sue Jerutis stated that she ran into former Boat Committee member Oliver Arrett, who suggested that the City should consider replacing the shore space docks with city owned docks. She stated that Oliver felt that the docks would be much more uniform and the City would receive additional revenue from the new docks.

Sue Jerutis stated that the Park Committee has always been interested in cleaning up this area and might welcome a discussion on this issue.

Warren Nelson noted that the location of these docks would be the best in St. Louis Bay because they would be located in deeper water, allows a direct access to the main lake and are generally free from weeds and milfoil. He stated that the City could even consider charging a higher price for these dock slips.

Discussion was held regarding the number of dock slips that would be publicly acceptable at this site.

Dana Young stated that an application had been submitted to the LMCD in 2003 for approximately 40 dock slips at the shore space. He stated that this application led to a general outcry by many members of the public who objected to the number of slips that were proposed.

David Irwin stated that he attended many of the public meetings generated by this debate and objected to many comments that were made by the "Save the Lake" members. He stated that many of the objections were from lakefront property owners who simply didn't want to see their view of the lake impaired.

Michael Kelly stated that he supported the "Save the Lake" position and he felt that many members of "Save the Lake" objected to the number of new dock slips because they would adversely impact the safety of the beach. He stated that you could certainly add some new dock slips at the shore space but nowhere near the 40 slips that had been proposed.

Dana Young noted that there were some special problems associated with constructing a dock at the shore space due to the water depth. He stated that the Boat Committee had even looked into the possibility of constructing a floating dock because of the stability problems caused by the exceptionally long pilings.

General discussion was held on the potential construction of a dock to accommodate shore space leaseholders.

Subcommittee on Establishing New Dock Slips

Discussion was held on establishing a Boat Subcommittee to review the possibility of installing new dock slips. Dana Young recommended that the Boat Committee meet with the City Council to determine whether the Council would have any interest in reviewing the possibility of installing new dock slips at the shore space, or in the Back Bay of Carson's Bay or in fire lanes.

Discussion was held on the possibility of constructing new docks in the Back Bay of Carson's Bay. Dana Young stated that the Council had never been very enthusiastic about constructing docks in the Back Bay due to public objections, the lack of suitable off-street parking, the poor water depth and the height of the Carson's Bay Bridge, which would limit the overall height of boats in the Back Bay.

Discussion was held on contacting the City Council to get their thoughts on the construction of new docks at the shore space, in the Back Bay and in fire lanes.

Warren Nelson offered to contact the City Council to discuss their thoughts on the possibility of constructing of new docks.

Other

Marc Anderson stated that even though the name “Boat Committee” had a long history with the City, he actually preferred the name “Marina Committee”. He stated that the real function of the Committee has more to do with marina management than with boats.

Sue Jerutis stated that the Boat Committee could consider a potential name change at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Kelly, seconded by Marc Anderson. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2010.