

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008  
MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman David Paulson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present**

David Paulson, Marc Anderson, Pete Onstad, Jim van Bergen, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance (7:07) and Zoning Coordinator Gus Karpas

**Members Absent**

Larry Parkhurst, Sue Jerutis, Steve Pavek and Council Liaison Keith Kask

**June 25, 2008 Minutes**

The Committee approved the June 25, 2008 minutes on a motion by Van Bergen, seconded by Onstad. Motion carried 5-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no matters from the floor.

**Breakwater Dock Proposal**

Pete Onstad provided an update of the meeting he and Dana Young had with Tom Niccum of Minnetonka Portable Dredging.

He said that even though Mr. Niccum didn't show up for the initial meeting, he, Dana and the Mayor visited the site to try and visualize the project. About a week later Mr. Niccum did meet with him and Dana and discussed the proposed railing for the project and agreed to six to eight inches posts affixed to the outside of the platform rather driving them into the water. The posts would be forty-two inches high and would have rope wrapped around the outside of each post and attached by metal clips. He said Mr. Niccum said this configuration would last five to ten years longer since you were not boring through the wood posts. Onstad said that Mr. Niccum indicated he would submit a bid based on the result of the meeting. At this time he is not aware of a bid being submitted, though Mr. Niccum indicated he had some down time between now and Labor Day to do the project.

Chairman Paulson asked why such large posts were selected since they would look out of scale with the narrow platform. He felt that a smaller size would be more appropriate. He expressed frustration on how one aspect of this project has delayed the overall project, noting that the Committee and Council approved this project last year and the hope was that it would be done this summer. He feels the city has lost its sense of urgency on this project. Committee Member Onstad agreed that the project has dragged on, but doesn't believe the city has lost its sense of urgency.

Paulson said it appears the person hired to do the job is dictating the time frame which is not typical. He's discussed his concerns with the Mayor who appeared happy if the project were completed by this fall.

Committee Member Kelly noted that some of the perceived slow down is due to the Council's schedule and the delay between the meetings in which this project is discussed. Chairman Paulson noted this project has already been approved and feels that at a minimum the platform can be done while the specifics on the rails are worked out.

Committee Member Van Bergen recalled the size and style of the proposed posts were to match those on the adjacent city docks.

Chairman Paulson asked if there had been any discussion on enlarging the platform. Onstad said there had not, but that the size had already been increased from six feet to eight feet.

The Committee discussed how to proceed to keep the process moving. Chairman Paulson agreed to contact Mr. Niccum directly to try and expedite the process so the project could still be completed this year. He discussed the idea of rebidding the project. It was noted that bids were sent out to three outfits and Mr. Niccum was the only one to respond.

### **Preliminary Site Plan for St. Louis Bay Docks**

Gus Karpas stated that he met with the Greg Nybeck of the LMCD to get his comments on the preliminary site plan. He noted the comments included in his memo to the Boat Committee. He said that Mr. Nybeck didn't see any glaring issues with the plan though he suggested the city reconsider the narrowing of the dock fingers to two feet in the interest of safety.

Chairman Paulson noted that most new docks constructed today are using the narrower fingers. He discussed the process required to move this proposal forward. He questioned the need for a recommendation to the Council at this time. Mr. Onstad said the Council was already aware of this plan and the money has been budgeted so he didn't see a reason not to pass it on.

Committee Member Anderson noted that the cost per slip would be reduced under the proposed plan.

Chairman Paulson asked if the city has received any public input on the plan, noting that in most cases he is inundated with calls any time there is a proposal to alter or expand the docking in this area, typically people concerned about their view or access to the public ramp, though he noted access to the public ramp would be improved with this configuration.

Committee Member Kelly asked if the issue with the loose piling has been addressed. Onstad said it has been discussed with Mr. Niccum who said he could drive crossbars at a forty-five degree angle at the base of the piling to stabilize it.

The Committee discussed the costs associated with fixing the loose piling. Committee Member Kelly asked if the cost was covered under a warranty since the docks are relatively new. Mr. Onstad said he believed it was.

Chairman Paulson asked for suggestions for action on the new configuration. Onstad believes it's important to take action sooner rather than later since there would need to be work done removing the existing docks.

Committee Member Quaintance asked if there were any concerns about unforeseen costs associated with the LMCD permit process. Zoning Coordinator Karpas said he did not believe there would be

any other costs outside of the permit fee and the majority of the city's costs were going to be associated with the site design which has already been done.

Karpas stated that any motion should address the proposal for two new docks on the northeast side of the new configuration.

Committee Member Onstad made a motion recommending that the City Council proceed with the LMCD permit process to approve the new dock configuration. Committee Member Kelly seconded the motion.

Discussion.

Committee Member Quaintance asked if the configuration could be moved more to the south, allowing for additional docks. He feels if the city is going for a LMCD permit it should ask for what it sees as its future wants. Chairman Paulson said that would make the process more difficult since it brings in the whole discussion of boat storage units. He thinks the best way to proceed is to submit the plan before the Committee. Onstad agreed.

The Committee discussed the additional docks shown on the plan and whether to ask for all three or just the two shown on the northeast side. It was agreed to only include those two new docks shown on the northeast side.

Committee Member Onstad resubmitted his original motion with an amendment that the permit application submitted to the LMCD includes the addition of two docks spaces as shown on the northeast side of the proposed configuration. Committee Member Van Bergen seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

### **September 10, 2008 Meeting**

Gus Karpas reported that the regularly scheduled September 10<sup>th</sup> Boat Committee meeting would have to be cancelled or rescheduled due to a conflict with a rescheduled Council meeting.

The Committee felt it was important to hold a meeting in September and agreed to keep the meeting date September 10<sup>th</sup>, but change the location to the Fire Station behind City Hall.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Kelly, seconded by Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at the Fire Station located behind City Hall.