

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Michael Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members Present

Michael Kelly, Tom Drummond, Warren Nelson, Susan Jerutis, Roy Quaintance, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Doug Ruble, David Irwin, David Matteson, Jim van Bergen

December 12, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the December 12, 2012 minutes on a motion by Warren Nelson, seconded by Susan Jerutis. Motion carried 5-0.

Matters from the Floor

Brian Girard, 3979 Hillcrest Road, was present to observe the Boat Committee meeting. He stated that he is interested in boating issues and would like to become more familiar with community issues.

2013 Goals & Objectives

The Committee developed their list of Committee Goals & Objectives for 2013:

1. Continue 2012 efforts on the development of a preliminary plan on the redevelopment of the Shore Space area in St. Louis Bay.
2. Continue the 2012 dialogue towards the development of alternative concepts on the dock waiting list and 10-year rule.
3. Develop design reconfigurations on the make-ready dock next to the Carson's Bay ramp in order to receive project approval from the City Council.
4. Explore potential security systems at the marinas.

Appoint 2013 Chair & Vice-Chair

Tom Drummond recommended the reappointment of Michael Kelly as 2013 Chairman and David Irwin as 2013 Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 5-0.

Unused Buoy Spaces

Dana Young reported that there are currently 22 buoy spaces that are available for leasing, which has almost doubled from the 13 buoys that were open last year.

Discussion was held on potential strategies to generate more interest in leasing the 22 buoy spaces that are currently still available this year. Suggestions included opening up the buoys to non-residents or to the Yacht Club or possibly lowering the \$450 lease amount. Tom Drummond noted that the buoys are opening up around the entire lake and that the City of Wayzata permits open buoys to be rented by non-residents without much success.

Dana Young stated that when this issue was discussed by the City Council last year, the Council was not supportive of any plan that would open up buoy spaces to non-residents or to the Yacht Club. He noted, however, that the Boat Committee's recommendation to allow residents that already have a current boating permit to have a second permit for a buoy space is still in effect, but has yet to generate much interest.

The Committee recommended checking with the Yacht Club to see if they would have any interest in leasing buoys from the City and to see if the City Council's position on not allowing non-residents to rent buoys has changed.

Make-Ready Dock Project

Warren Nelson stated that he talked with Councilmember Keith Kask about his objection to the reconstruction of the make-ready dock last December. Councilmember Kask informed him that his principal objection to the project is his belief that the proposed design, which is based on the Carson's Bay docks, would not be the best possible design. The proposed design would result in fewer piers, making it more difficult for novice boaters to use the dock, and the distance between piers could cause problems with smaller boats floating underneath the dock or make the tie-up of boats more difficult. He further questioned the overall purpose of the project and felt that the existing dock is easy and considerably cheaper to maintain. Warren Nelson stated that following his conversation with Councilmember Kask, he found himself in agreement with many of Keith's comments.

Tom Drummond suggested a concrete flotation dock design could be considered as an alternative. He stated that this type of dock has a fixed concrete base and a dock that floats up and down with the water level.

Roy Quaintance stated that he agreed with many of Councilmember Kask's comments and agreed that more tie-ons are needed rather than less.

Michael Kelly confirmed that the proposed redesign would incorporate the same footprint and size as the current dock.

Susan Jerutis recommended that the Committee develop several different make-ready dock designs for presentation before the City Council.

Roy Quaintance stated that he appreciates the current ambiance of the little make-ready dock.

Other

Brian Girard suggested that the Boat Committee could consider replacing the make-ready dock with a floating dock. He further recommended that, in discussions on security systems at the marinas, to take into account the fact that most thefts occur from boats on the water rather than from the docks.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Roy Quaintance, seconded by Tom Drummond. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Due to the potential lack of agenda items in March, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will likely be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.