

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012  
MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Doug Ruble, Warren Nelson, Jim van Bergen, Roy Quaintance, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

**Members Absent**

Susan Jerutis, Tom Drummond, Michael Kelly

**November 9, 2011 Minutes**

The Committee approved the November 9, 2011 minutes on a motion by Jim van Bergen, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 6-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Doug Ruble, New Boat Committee Member**

Doug Ruble was introduced as a new member of the Boat Committee. Dana Young stated that the City Council appointed Doug to the Boat Committee on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Warren Nelson & David Irwin to Boat Committee**

Dana Young stated that the first terms of office for Warren Nelson and David Irwin expire on February 2012 and are both eligible to serve an additional three-year term of office until February 2015.

Motion by Jim van Bergen to reappoint Warren Nelson & David Irwin to the Boat Committee for a second three-year term of office effective until February 2015. Seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0.

**2012 Chair & Vice-Chair**

The appointment of the 2012 Chair & Vice-Chair was postponed until next month's meeting.

**Prioritization of 2012 Goals & Objectives**

Discussion was held on establishing Committee goals & objectives for 2012.

David Matteson stated that the goals submitted by Committee members essentially fall into two categories of physical infrastructure vs. policy discussion. He stated that Shore Space improvements would be a natural to undertake under the physical infrastructure and addressing the waiting list / 10-year rule would be a natural item to discuss under policy considerations. He further suggested keeping the list of goals to a manageable number.

David Irwin noted that addressing Shore Space improvements was listed by each Committee member and stated that the Committee could also address the waiting list / 10-year rule by presenting the Council with two or several alternative ideas.

David Matteson agreed that Shore Space improvements are at the top of the physical infrastructure list and the waiting list / 10-year rule was at the top of the policy list. He stated that both items would work well together.

Warren Nelson stated that another goal to be considered would be Zebra Mussel issues such as reviewing the possibility of permitting canopies or lifts on docks.

David Matteson stated that it wouldn't hurt to have Zebra Mussel's as an additional discussion item over the course of the year.

David Irwin stated that he talked with staff member Deborah Hicks about lifts and she stated that there doesn't appear that lifts are prohibited by the Watercraft Space Ordinance. He stated that if the Committee establishes two or three priorities, it wouldn't preclude the Committee from reviewing other issues.

Jim van Bergen stated that he would like the Committee to clarify how boats are measured.

David Matteson agreed that the Committee could have a discussion on boat lengths in order to provide better clarity on what is permissible. He stated that he would also like the Committee to consider the installation of docks in the Back Bay of Carson's Bay for runabouts. He stated that Burton Park would be far more useful in this capacity than as a nature park.

Further discussion was held on parking constraints at Burton Park, potential neighborhood opposition, and water level problems vs. the benefits of adding additional boat storage units in the Back Bay.

David Irwin suggested that the Council may not be receptive to this issue and recommended that the Committee keep this issue off the table at the present time.

Doug Ruble suggested that the Committee could do a site visit to Burton Park this summer to examine its potential for future docks.

Warren Nelson suggested that the Committee's 2012 goals could be Shore Space improvements, a discussion on the waiting list / 10-year rule, and to resolve the boat length issue.

David Irwin stated that the city ordinance actually has a very clear cut definition of boat length and offered to provide a handout for residents that better explains and clarifies the city's definition of boat length.

Further discussion was held on the Council's reaction to the Committee's interest in reviewing the waiting list / 10-year rule policy. David Matteson suggested that the Committee should focus on the Shore Space improvements for the majority of 2012 and should only initiate background discussions once the Shore Space recommendations have been finalized. David Irwin suggested that the waiting list / 10-year rule policy is a topic of such interest to the Committee that discussions could be held on both issues at each Committee meeting. He stated that the Committee could begin initial background discussions on the waiting list / 10-year rule that would be thoughtful and remain as a background discussion through 2012.

Motion by David Irwin to establish the following two goals for 2012:

1. Develop a preliminary plan on the redevelopment of the Shore Space area in St. Louis Bay.
2. Begin an in-depth dialogue towards the development of alternative and equitable concepts on the dock waiting list and 10-year rule.

Seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 6-0.

**Other**

Dana Young stated that LMCD Liaison Keith Kask wanted to provide better clarity to the Boat Committee on the LMCD's findings on the Carson's Bay application, which included approval of 28' boats on 30 dock slips in Carson's Bay. Dana Young stated that this approval does not allow the City to have boats up to a length of 28'. He stated that the LMCD was simply allowing the City to retain those existing boats in Carson's Bay that overhang the 24' docks by four feet to account for custom swim platforms and other attachments that currently exist. He stated that the LMCD would otherwise have required a strict 24' length requirement on the docks.

David Irwin requested a copy of the Findings of Fact from the LMCD on the Carson's Bay application.

Jim van Bergen stated that both piers at the end of St. Louis Bay are loose.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jim van Bergen, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.