

DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012
MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Michael Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present

Michael Kelly, Jim van Bergen, Warren Nelson, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Susan Jerutis, Doug Ruble, Tom Drummond, Roy Quaintance

June 13, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the June 13, 2012 minutes on a motion by David Irwin, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 5-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Make Ready Dock at Carson's Bay Launch

Discussion was held regarding improving the make ready dock at the Carson's Bay Launch in 2013. Dana Young stated that the dock was originally built by the city crew back in 2003 following the reconstruction of the Carson's Bay Bridge. He stated that the dock required the approval of the LMCD.

He stated that the original make ready dock had been located next to Carson's Bay Bridge and it had to be removed when the new bridge was constructed a little further to the north. He stated that the new make ready dock was constructed immediately north of the ramp with its length and location very much influenced by the abutting property owner at the public hearing before the LMCD. He stated that the current Capital Improvement Plan has the make ready dock scheduled for replacement and/or repair in 2013.

David Irwin stated that a number of people using the Carson's Bay launch also use the Carson's Bay docks for pick up and drop off. He stated that this might tie in with our future discussion of security gates. He added that the addition of security gates at the Carson's Bay docks would make it much more crowded on the make ready dock.

Jim van Bergen stated that he would recommend making the dock wider. He stated that the dock really couldn't accommodate more boats unless the length of the dock was about 20' longer, which may not be practical. He noted that higher posts at the dock would also be desirable since a number of people using the make ready dock are novice boaters and they could really use the higher posts to hold their boats against the dock.

Michael Kelly stated that a small "L" or "T" could be added at the end of the dock, which would really help. He noted that the water depth on the south side of the ramp is questionable due to the significant number of rocks in that area.

Jim van Bergen agreed that there wasn't sufficient room on the south side for a second make ready dock. He stated that the current dock can only really contain two boats on the north side and one on the south side.

David Irwin stated that with so many non-residents using the dock, perhaps it would be useful to keep it as it is.

Jim van Bergen stated that it is a heavily used dock and it may not be worth fixing it up to the same standard as the St. Louis Bay and Carson's Bay docks.

David Matteson stated that it would be nice for the make ready dock to be uniform in design.

Warren Nelson stated that he would also like to see the dock wider since it would make the dock much safer to use.

Dana Young stated that it appears the Committee would recommend the construction of a new make ready dock that is wider, sturdier, with no increase in its overall length. He stated that he would check with the LMCD on the permit requirements and obtain cost estimates from local dock contractors.

Installation of Security Gates

Discussion was held regarding the installation of security gates at the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay docks.

Michael Kelly suggested that security cameras could be installed down at the docks rather than adding security gates. He stated that the cameras would help provide 24 hours per day protection.

David Matteson noted that Tom Drummond, who is not present this evening, has always been the biggest advocate of security gates and suggested postponing discussion of this item until Tom is present.

Jim van Bergen stated that if he is not in attendance during the future discussion on security gates, he wanted it known that he opposes security gates.

Michael Kelly agreed.

Shore Space Redevelopment – Next Steps in Process

David Matteson stated that we have already developed the parameters on what we would like the Shore Space to look like. He stated that at this point, we need to get dock designs from dock builders that meet these parameters.

David Irwin stated that there might be a cost to obtain these designs.

David Matteson stated that these designs wouldn't be that technical in nature and would simply be sketch drawings.

David Irwin asked how intrusive would the proposed docks be when viewed from the beach.

David Matteson stated that there might be some issues with constructing the docks beyond the fishing pier.

David Irwin stated that we need to provide several options for the Council to consider the potential ramifications of the new dock design as it is viewed from the beach area.

David Irwin stated that he talked with Councilmember and LMCD Liaison Keith Kask after the last Council meeting following the presentation of the Boat Committee's list of needs and wants and was informed that the LMCD doesn't particularly like sheet metal design.

Michael Kelly stated that it is his impression that the construction of a boardwalk over the sheet metal or rip rap would clean up the area appreciably.

Jim van Bergen stated that the existing rip rap was installed incorrectly according to Mayor Skrede. He stated that the rock is much too small and that is the reason why so much of the rock has ended up in the lake.

Further discussion was held on the dock design parameters to present to the dock contractors. The following parameters were established:

1. Repair the existing rip rap, install a boardwalk over the rip rap.
2. Design no. 1 – show a design that includes the current 17 Boat Storage Units close to shore.
3. Alternate Design no. 2 – show additional BSU's as close to shore as possible.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Warren Nelson, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.