

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012  
MINUTES**

**Call Meeting to Order**

Vice-Chairman David Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present**

Tom Drummond, Jim van Bergen, Warren Nelson, Roy Quaintance, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

**Members Absent**

Susan Jerutis, Michael Kelly, Doug Ruble

**April 11, 2012 Minutes**

The Committee approved the April 11, 2012 minutes on a motion by Warren Nelson, seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0.

**Matters from the Floor**

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

**Allowing Fishing on Public Docks**

Discussion was held regarding a request from a resident to allow fishing on public docks prior to the opening of the Boating Season. Dana Young stated that the City currently has an ordinance prohibiting fishing from the public docks due to the fact that these docks were designed as boating docks not fishing piers and concerns regarding unwanted debris from bait buckets, hooks, broken fishing lines interfering with propellers, and for security reasons.

Tom Drummond asked if we really want to discourage kids from fishing. He stated that occasionally he has had to walk around tackle boxes when people were fishing on the dock but didn't think it was that much of an issue.

David Matteson stated that since residents are paying for the docks through rental fees, shouldn't they expect some sort of security. He stated that he certainly understands the reasons why the City has an ordinance prohibiting fishing from the boat docks.

David Irwin stated that he wouldn't have an issue with allowing people to fish at the end of the dock.

Warren Nelson stated that he certainly didn't see a problem with people being allowed to fish prior to the boats mooring at the docks. He stated that it's kind of hard not to allow people to fish.

David Irwin asked what would be the ramifications of allowing fishing from the docks.

Roy Quaintance exits at 7:15 p.m.

Tom Drummond stated that as long as there haven't been any problems, why not take down the No Fishing signs.

David Matteson stated that the City should keep the No Fishing signs up and let the police enforce the ordinance. He stated that he didn't think it would be to anyone's benefit to let the docks become a real popular fishing spot.

Warren Nelson agreed that it could open a can of worms by taking down the signs and problems could result.

David Matteson stated that now that we have a fishing pier in St. Louis Bay, it has taken some of the pressure off requests to fish on the docks.

### **Planning Session I: Musts, Wants, Key Stakeholders, Deliverables**

David Matteson took the lead in working the Committee through a continuation of the exercise started at last month's meeting to better define the "Musts" and "Wants" for the redesign of the St. Louis Bay Shore Space area. He stated that the goals of this evening are to:

1. Review and finalize the list of "Musts" developed at the last meeting
2. Review and finalize the list of "Wants" developed at the last meeting
3. Capture Issues
4. Prioritize "Wants"
5. Develop Next Steps

### **Finalized List of "Musts"**

The Committee finalized the following list of "Musts" for the Shore Space area:

- Within LMCD limits
- Improve "looks"
- Must provide at least 17 Boat Storage Unit's
- Accommodate all current boats
- Constructed within the assigned budget and within the allotted time to recover costs
- Must incorporate Yacht Club dock with pickup & drop-off point & mooring for two 16' watercraft
- City Council approval

### **"Wants"**

The Committee reviewed and developed the final list of "Wants" for the Shore Space area as follows:

- Permit canopies
- BSU neutral
- Electrical outlets on shore
- Redo rip rap i.e. steel sheeting with boardwalk
- Modest increase in # of docks
- Permanent docks
- Incorporate X & Y Tract
- Pricing for bigger boats (for newcomers)
- Accommodate boats with 12' beams
- No boat lengths greater than 30'
- Same configuration as today
- Floating docks like Yacht Club dock
- Redo Carson's Bay launch dock at same time
- Lights on dock

- Negotiate pickup with Yacht Club
- Maximum length of 26'
- Install as many docks as legally permissible
- Price for breakeven
- Install security gates
- Install gas pump
- Standardize size of docks
- 24' and longer for newcomers
- 26' length, 8 ½ foot beam, and one larger slip to accommodate existing boat
- Same as current new dock parameters
- Add pickup spot

It was noted that a number of the "Wants" are contradictory and a number overlap, particularly in regards to the permitted boat length.

### **Finalized List of "Wants"**

Each Committee member selected their top priorities from the list of wants and the following list of Wants were given top priority as design elements for the Shore Space area:

- Permanent docks
- Pricing for bigger boats (for newcomers)
- Install as many docks as legally permissible
- Redo rip rap i.e. steel sheeting with boardwalk
- Same as current new dock parameters
- Add pickup spot

Tom Drummond exits at 8:05 p.m.

### **Issues to Address**

The Committee compiled a partial list of issues that need to be addressed in order to further evaluate the list of "Musts" and "Needs":

- Current leaseholder feelings
- Beach goers feelings

David Irwin stated that it might be worthwhile doing this exercise again due to the absence of four Committee members. Warren Nelson agreed.

Further discussion was held on whether to take the time at the next meeting to enable the absent Committee members to weigh in on their list of priorities. It was decided that Dana Young would email the lists to the absent members, ask them to prioritize their list of "Wants" prior to the meeting, and give each absent member a brief period to comment on their priority list at the next meeting.

David Matteson stated that the next steps in this process will be to finalize the "Musts" and "Wants" for design and engage a dock designer.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Warren Nelson, seconded by David Matteson. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.