

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2012
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman David Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present

Doug Ruble, Roy Quaintance, Tom Drummond, Susan Jerutis, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Michael Kelly, Jim van Bergen, Warren Nelson

September 12, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the September 12, 2012 minutes on a motion by Tom Drummond, seconded by Susan Jerutis. Motion carried 6-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Make Ready Dock Upgrade

Dana Young stated that the Committee had asked him to check with the LMCD to see if a different permit process would be needed if the Make Ready Dock were lengthened. He stated that a longer Make Ready Dock would still only require a Minor Change Permit from the LMCD.

Slide Length & Width Parameters

Dana Young presented the following length and width requirements of B1 & B2 slides for Committee review and discussion:

<u>Slide Type</u>	<u>Maximum Length</u>	<u>Minimum Width</u>	<u>Maximum Width</u>	<u>Maximum Weight</u>
B1 Slide	17'6"	5'4"	7'	Owner must be able to pull the boat from the water manually or install winch system.
B2 Slide	16'	N/A	5'4"	Owner must be able to pull the boat from the water manually.
B2 Wide Boat Permit	16'	5'4"	Staff decision	Owner must be able to pull the boat from the water manually or install winch system.

Dana Young outlined the process staff undertakes to relocate boats of certain widths in the attempt to mitigate overcrowding on certain pallets. He stated that some of the difficulty in moving boats a few inches one way or the other on the pallets is the installation of winches. He stated that the winches can

be difficult to move so most slide permit holders want to be very careful on where to relocate the winch so that they don't have to do it over.

Further discussion was held on the variety of winches used on the slides.

Susan Jerutis stated that she thought slide holders were only allowed to use roll-n-go winches.

Dana Young stated that this was correct, they are only allowed to use one of two approved winch systems but over the years a variety of homemade winches have surfaced. He stated that the variety of winches on the slides has never been a maintenance issue for the public works crew as the crew simply uses a weed whip to maintain the grass area in front of the slides. He noted that the concern over homemade winches has always been more of an aesthetic issue.

David Matteson stated that since no one has complained about the winches, it doesn't seem like that big of an issue. He did recommend taking an inventory of all the winches down at the slide spaces.

Boat Length Issues

Discussion continued from last month's meeting on the two permitted boat lengths – 24' and 26' – on the City's dock slips. Dana Young stated that an overall length of 26' is permitted everywhere but on those dock slips on the outside of St. Louis Bay and on the outside of Carson's Bay facing the Yacht Club. He stated that this isn't much of an issue now but could become an issue if an increasing number of new slip holders purchase 26' boats. He stated that eventually there could be difficulties in finding enough 24' boats to fill the restricted dock slips.

David Irwin stated that he talked to staff member Deborah Hicks on this issue and found that there were only seven boats that were over 24' in length at the present time. He stated that it didn't appear that this was much of a problem at the present time. He stated that he found out from talking with Deborah that before she assigns a slip to a new leaseholder, she first goes through a rotation process to relocate existing dock slip holders to their preferred slip. He stated that it might be worthwhile to try make sure residents are aware that the City has to be compliant with LMCD regulations and that there are 21 dock slips that can only accommodate boats up to a length of 24'.

David Matteson stated that since this isn't a problem at the present time, he didn't feel it was worth stirring people up at this time over this issue.

Susan Jerutis stated that staff might just have to inform people that they might only be able to get a 24' boat.

David Irwin stated that Deborah Hicks had a very good idea to help resolve this issue by establishing a price difference between the regular dock slips and the restricted slips. He stated that a number of permit holders with boats 24' or less might be very happy to be at a restricted slip with a lower mooring fee. He asked if a discussion should be held with the City Council on this proposed pricing option.

Dana Young stated that discussion could be held with the Council on this option during the upcoming review of the 2013 Marina Fund Budget.

David Matteson stated that while we may not need to act on this new pricing system now, it would be helpful to memorialize this discussion for future reference.

Save the Beach Dock Design

The Committee reviewed the Save the Beach dock design, which caused some controversy back in 2005, in order to compare the design with future dock designs of the Shore Space reconfiguration.

Setbacks from XY Tract

Dana Young stated that at last month's meeting, the Commission had expressed an interest in knowing what the setbacks of a new Shore Space dock facility would have to be from the neighboring XY Tract. He stated that the setbacks would be 20' for the first fifty feet and 30' thereafter up to 100'.

Other

Additional Canoe Racks - Dana Young stated that he has received a request for canoe racks to be installed at the street slide locations in Cottagewood. Dana Young encouraged the members to review the current street slide locations at Water Street, Western Road and Bay Street in order to consider the potential impact of increased parking and usage at these locations due to the installation of canoe racks.

Tom Drummond noted that paddleboard racks would be very popular at these locations or at several of the city beaches. He added that he has built several paddleboard and kayak racks at the City of Excelsior. Further discussion was held on the type and style of paddleboard racks that he has built.

The Committee decided to hold further discussions with Park Committee Chair John Flynn on the possible installation of paddleboard, canoe & kayak racks at several of the city beaches.

Theft & Vandalism Issues at City Marinas – Dana Young stated that the Commission asked for Police Chief Johnson to comment on theft and vandalism issues at the City Marinas. He stated that Chief Johnson stated that the only report of theft or property damage at Carson's Bay was a canoe stolen off the rack and the Department had no reports of theft or vandalism this year at St. Louis Bay. Chief Johnson also noted that if the boat is at a dock or sitting in the water, any theft would be reported to the Hennepin County Water Patrol as they are the proper authority for any incident on the water

Tom Drummond stated that he could read from the minutes of the prior meeting that there seems to be little interest in installing security gates. He stated that he had a discussion with Officer Mark Westgard about a relatively inexpensive video camera system used by the City of Minnetonka at Gray's Bay that can be monitored by the Police Department.

David Matteson stated that a video camera system might provide other positive benefits such as reducing the amount of fooling around on the docks, reducing the amount of drinking, and potentially acting as a deterrent for other unwanted activities.

Tom Drummond recommended that staff check with Chief Johnson on the video camera system used by Minnetonka.

Dana Young stated that it would be helpful to know the extent of the theft and vandalism before justifying the cost of purchasing a video system and noted that it might be helpful to survey leaseholders to see if they have had problems with theft.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Tom Drummond, seconded by Roy Quaintance. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 will likely be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.