

**DEEPHAVEN BOAT COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012
MINUTES**

Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman David Irwin called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members Present

Susan Jerutis, Jim van Bergen, Warren Nelson, David Irwin, David Matteson, City Administrator Dana Young

Members Absent

Tom Drummond, Michael Kelly, Roy Quaintance, Doug Ruble

July 11, 2012 Minutes

The Committee approved the July 11, 2012 minutes on a motion by Sue Jerutis, seconded by Jim van Bergen. Motion carried 5-0.

Matters from the Floor

There were no Matters from the Floor this evening.

Permit Requirements & Estimated Cost for Make Ready Dock

Dana Young stated that the Committee had asked him to report back on the LMCD permit requirements and estimated cost for reconstructing the Make Ready Dock at the Carson's Bay Launch to the same standards as the St. Louis Bay & Carson's Bay docks. He stated that a wider but no longer make ready dock would only require a Minor Adjustment Permit from the LMCD and Concept Landscaping estimated a cost of \$8,543.00 to reconstruct the Make Ready Dock. He stated that the Minor Adjustment Permit does not require a public hearing before the LMCD Board of Directors and would only require staff review and approval.

David Irwin asked if the launch is crowded enough to warrant additional length on the Make Ready Dock.

Jim van Bergen stated that he has been down at the launch during some of the busier weekends and didn't think the Make Ready Dock needed to be longer. He added that additional length wouldn't make much difference.

David Matteson stated that we should see if the Minor Adjustment Permit would be affected if the Make Ready Dock was lengthened.

Warren Nelson stated that a longer dock might affect ice fisherman driving past the dock to access their icehouses.

Installation of Security Gates

David Irwin noted that the installation of security gates at the Carson's Bay and St. Louis Bay docks has been an issue brought up a number of times for discussion by Tom Drummond, who is not present this evening, and asked if discussion on this issue should be postponed until Tom is present.

The Committee members agreed to postpone further discussion until Tom Drummond is available.

Jim van Bergen noted that whenever discussion is held on security gates in the future, he would like it known that he is not in favor of security gates. Sue Jerutis, David Matteson, and David Irwin generally agreed that they are also not in favor of installing security gates.

David Irwin stated that with this response, it is his sense that security gates would not be supported by the Committee.

David Matteson asked if Police Chief Johnson could provide some information on vandalism and theft issues at the marinas.

Discuss Shore Space Dock Designs

David Irwin stated that he met with Tim Latterner of Dock & Lift and Tom Niccum of Minnetonka Portable Dredging to obtain their recommendations on possible shore space dock designs. He stated that Tim Latterner seemed to favor a St. Louis Bay type design and offered to measure out a potential design in December when the ice is in and determine the depth of the water in certain areas. David Irwin stated that it would be visually very helpful to actually see the layout of a dock design this winter. He stated that Tim Latterner also noted that any potential docks might experience problems with ice sheets, since the docks would be much more exposed to the open lake. He stated that he would like to take a look at this ice issue more closely.

David Irwin stated that Tom Niccum seemed to favor a Carson's Bay / Excelsior configuration that could potentially accommodate up to 28 boat slips.

Further discussion was held on the XY Tract south of the Shore Space and the potential setback that would be required from these docks.

Jim van Bergen stated that a St. Louis Bay type design would stick out into the lake more than double what they are now. He stated that he thought this would look terrible.

David Matteson stated that it might be helpful to review the design of the dock that was so vehemently objected to during the Save the Beach movement back in 2003.

David Irwin noted that the docks wouldn't extend so far out with a Carson's Bay type dock design.

Jim van Bergen stated that he thought one of the identified needs was to keep the same configuration as the current Shore Space docks.

David Matteson stated that the Committee requested a few more dock slips than the current Shore Space dock configuration.

David Irwin stated the next course of action would be to take Tim Latterner up on his offer to stake out a potential dock design this winter, review the Save the Beach dock design, and check with the LMCD on potential setbacks from the XY Tract.

Other

Jim van Bergen asked if the City was planning to remove the sand that has accumulated on the Carson's Bay ramp. Dana Young stated that he would have the public works crew look into it.

David Matteson stated that he has observed a number of long boats on slides and asked that the Committee review slide length and width parameters. He stated that it appeared that some boats on slides are larger than they are permitted to be.

Dana Young stated that there has been some angst from some residents on the waiting list who have been informed that we essentially permit two different boat lengths – 24' for those boats on the outer slips of Carson's Bay facing the Yacht Club and on the outer slips of St. Louis Bay, and 26' for all other boats on the remaining slips. Further discussion was held on the rotation of smaller boats to the restricted 24' slips in order to accommodate the longer 26' boats. David Matteson suggested that this could be a future discussion item for the Committee.

David Irwin stated that it might be helpful to send out the final list of needs and wants to the Committee members. He added that Tim Latterner also stated that boat lifts could be installed within the City slips in order to address concerns regarding Zebra Mussels.

David Matteson questioned whether the lifts would have to be removed in the winter, where they would be stored and the availability of finding someone willing to transport the lifts, which could be covered in Zebra Mussels.

David Irwin stated that he was informed that lifts would not have to be removed in the winter. He stated that they periodically just need to be re-leveled.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jim van Bergen, seconded by Warren Nelson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boat Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012.