



MARINE ACCESS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 25, 2019

**Present:** Anthony Oddo (Chair) Fred Grimm, Terry Kerby, Elise Wright, Council Liaison Ron Peltier

**Harbor Steward:** Dave Kircher

**Members of the Public:** Andy & Charlotte Rovelstad, Ray Nowak

**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

**Minutes** recorded by Elise Wright

Three items were added to the **Agenda:**

Election (recruitment) of a Chair, *pro tem* for the committee

Report on Emergency Work on Ocean Avenue

Discussion of the process of the Committee's Report to Council on the DUOWM Buoys

**No conflicts were reported.**

Minutes from January 14th, 2019 were **approved**.

Scheduling Conflicts: Elise & Terry will be out of town for the March 11, 2019 regular meeting, leaving just three committee members. The meeting will be cancelled.

**Reports:**

*City:* Councilmember Peltier, noting that with only 5 active members we are having trouble finding quorums, suggests we revisit the list of applicants from January and ask Council to appoint a new member before June. He also noted that Council has been receiving many emails from the community expressing strong feelings (pro & con) about the new buoys for the DUOWM.

*Harbor Stewards:* Dave Kircher had no news of sinking vessels or other disturbances.

*Harbormaster:* Tami Allen's written report was in our packet.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

Fred Grimm agreed to serve as Chair, *pro tem* through June 2019. This will include being available to present our Annual Report and Work Plan to Council on March 26, 2019.

Elise Wright reported on the extensive wash-out at the end of Ocean Avenue, including the boundary signs, Water Trail signs, the newly installed bench and the Rolling Bay mailboxes. Large driftwood logs have been installed (chained) along the greatly diminished shoreline. She suggests boundary signs be re-installed and parking sought on the City property currently claimed by the Rolling Bay Homeowners.

Discussion of the process by which MAC arrived at a committee recommendation to Council regarding buoy placement in the DUOWM: Anthony reviewed the options we asked be investigated by City staff at our January meeting, which was followed by a request from Deputy City Manager Ellen Schroer that we have a report to Council for their Feb. 5th Study Session. The result was a report drafted by Anthony with input from Elise and Greg. Comments from other committee members were solicited but the committee as a whole had not had a chance to discuss or vote on the report in an open meeting before it was submitted to Council. Councilman Peltier opined that this was an acceptable process given the circumstances. Terry had questions about the DUOWM project and its effect on the rowing club, and asked if MAC is finished with the issue, or if there will be an opportunity for more input. Terry also raised questions posed to him by community members regarding the standards required of residents of the DUOWM.

Elise noted that all parties are still seeking a resolution to the conflict regarding the buoys, and that proof of insurance, waste management, safety and mobility standards are stated on the application and written into the lease for all liveaboard mariners.

**Public Comment:**

Andy Rovelstad referenced documents (from the Planning Department?) stating that Eagle Harbor can accommodate no more than 120 rowers at a time. BIR has stated they have 108 concurrent rowers now. Andy believes a safe limit should be established for total number of rowers.

Charlotte Rovelstad, commenting on the buoy designation process, observed that the committee and the community had been hampered by shifting goal requests from BIR that continued right up until the Council's decision. She recommends future processes be thorough in soliciting information that should be shared with all parties right from the start.

Regarding the safety issues raised by BIR, Charlotte recommended that MAC add a look into safety issues in the harbor to their Work Plan for 2019-2020, including 1) how safety is defined, 2) identification of the obstacles to safety in the harbor, 3) proposal of multiple remedies.

**2018 MAC Accomplishments and Report to Council:**

Each member is asked to identify accomplishments in their area(s) of responsibility and send them to the group. Anthony will compile them into a report.

Presentation is scheduled for March 26th. We will have to coordinate online if our March 11 regular meeting is cancelled for lack of a quorum.

**2019 Project Plan/ Review of 2018/19 Work Plan**

New and ongoing projects were identified for 2019-2020 by committee members:

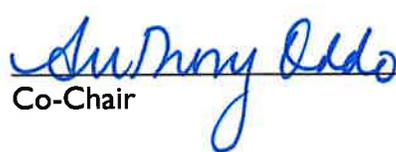
- Implementing a safety review of Eagle Harbor, as described above
- Continuing pursuit of a viewing platform at the Ferry Terminal
- Pursuit of a connection from the ferry holding area to the adjacent road end near Harborview Condominiums
- Explore partnerships with other community organizations (e.g., BI Land Trust) for connections and linkages with existing City Road ends
- Focus on Ward Avenue Road End as part of MAC's designation of a capital project

Moving forward in 2019, MAC members will divide responsibility for road ends among committee members based on geographic designations (Bainbridge wards). Each subcommittee on road ends will be tasked with reporting to the committee on the various O&M projects (maintenance, signage, benches, etc.) as well as any potential historical markers or partnerships that may be appropriate for a certain road end because of historical significance or use as part of a wider County-wide system of trails.

The Committee will also evaluate the possibility of reviving the "Spring Fling" as a way to raise public familiarity with road ends on Bainbridge Island.

Meeting was **adjourned** at 7:12 pm.

The March meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019.

  
Co-Chair

  
Date