

Port of Hood River
MARINA AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Marina Center Boardroom

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL until approved at the next regular meeting.

Present: Committee Members Steve Carlson, Josh Sceva, and Steve Tessmer; Commissioner Brian Shortt; and Michael McElwee, John Mann, and Laurie Borton from staff. Guest Jaime Mack.

Absent: Member Lance Staughton

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Commissioner Shortt.

1. **Additions to Agenda:** An update on the FY 2016-17 budget preparation was added to the agenda as item 7.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Steve Carlson was welcomed as an official member of the Ad-hoc Committee representing power boating interests.

Motion: Approve minutes of January 21, 2016 meeting.

Move: Mack

Second: Tessmer

Vote: Unanimous

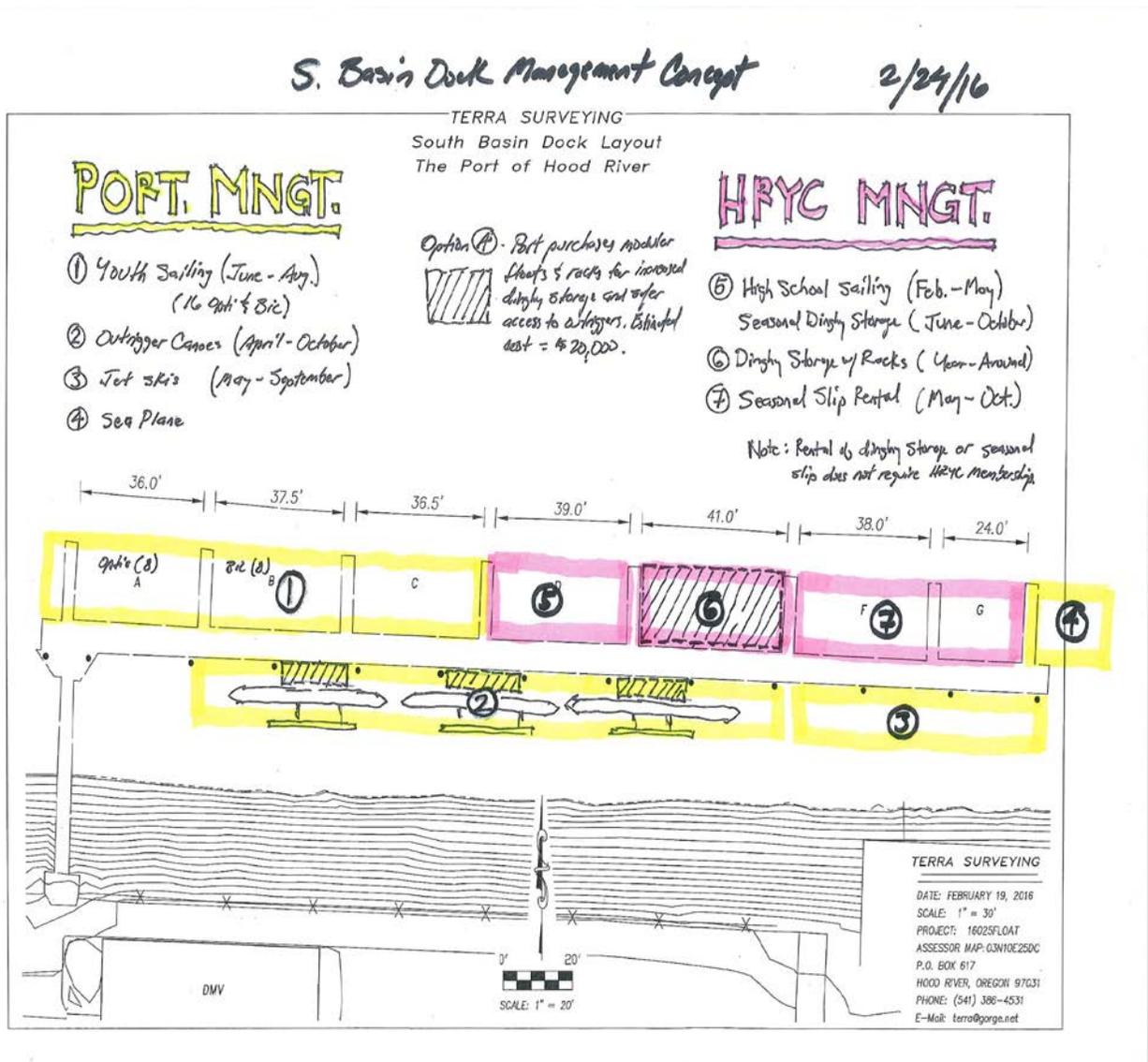
3. **Marina Manager / Facilities Manager Updates:**

- **Notice of 2016 Rules; Payments for 2016:** The Commission approved the proposed changes to the Marina Moorage Rules & Regulations on January 26. The Rules were posted to the Port's website, a notice was posted on the Marina bulletin board, and an email notice was sent as well. Borton noted there are only a handful of accounts that haven't paid anything yet on moorage. Prior to the next round of invoicing, which will include the \$15 carry-over fee (half or no payment to date) insurance expiration dates, which print on the statement, will be updated in the system. Borton reported the Marina is still at 100% occupancy.
- **Improvements to Commercial Dock for Queen of the West:** Mann talked about improvements to the commercial dock inside the Marina Basin that will allow for a more secure tie-up for the Queen of the West (and other cruise vessels). The cruise schedule will begin this year in June and run through the first of November. The shell and boathouse docks have been leveled with the addition of new floats at a very reasonable price (\$200 per float). Staff will contact one boathouse tenant whose deck structure is actually sitting on top of the dock. A notice will be provided to another boathouse whose float is eroding and needs to be replaced-- at tenant cost. Tessmer recommended notifying all boathouse tenants in the event they would like to add/replace floats for their slips. Mann also discussed the recycling center that is nearing completion. Carlson offered to donate life jackets if a lending station could be set up just inside the Marina gate. Mann also said this would be a good area for an informational bulletin board. (The current bulletin board is encased and accessible only by Port staff.) Other items mentioned by Mann: the outside light on the Hood River Yacht Club building has been fixed; square pile caps and an electrical upgrade for the guest dock are included in the 2016-17 budget; the GFCl is working as intended; and cleats are being tightened in preparation for the start of the boating season. Mann also mentioned some pedestal lights are going out, which does not affect the pedestal use, and the fix requires the motherboard to be replaced. He is investigating the possibility of a retrofit; otherwise the motherboard replacement is \$140 each.

4. **Discussion Topics**

- **South Basin Dock Concept Ideas (Seasonal Lottery, Floatplanes):** McElwee provided a conceptual South Basin Dock Management Plan ("Plan") for discussion. The February 24, 2016 Plan illustrates the GORGE Junior

Sailing program operating from three slips at the west end of the dock, one floatplane slip on the outside end on the east, and outrigger canoes and school concession jet skis between the dock and riprap bank. All of these uses would be under Port management. The Plan also illustrates the four most-eastern slips, under Hood River Yacht Club ("HRYC") management that would be utilized for the High School Sailing Team, seasonal and year-round dinghy storage, and seasonal slip rental (i.e. a lottery).



Comments/questions brought up during the preliminary discussions included: it is believed racks on docks fingers will be more secure rather than affixed to a floating dock (pull small watercraft from the rack then use the dock for rigging space); racks should not be affixed to the main walkway to avoid congestion; the Port's budget should consider upgrades to dock connections and floats; should the high school/youth programs be located at the east end of the SBD to avoid pinch points for the C Dock South and Boathouse tenant traffic, which would also move them further away from any potential stray electrical current in the water; if there's a Port investment in modular floats would the end users or the HRYC assist in repayment of the debt; is a programmatic permit being considered; and the group would like to hear from the HRYC on their ideas about dock management.

McElwee reiterated the above plan represents a conceptual look at alternative uses that transitions away from floatplanes and partners with the HRYC for partial management of the South Basin Dock that would be done under formal agreement and with an assurance that there would be no exclusion to the public under HRYC

management. McElwee also commented that he would diagram another sketch for the March meeting. Shortt commented the Commission may ask the question of investments when an upland center may be the future direction. It was suggested a one-year trial could be tried before a lot of investment is incurred. Mann offered to put some maintenance numbers together on a variety of items related to the SBD.

5. **Committee Dock Walk Reports:** Sceva reported that A Dock looks great; Tessmer said the Boathouse Dock is good as well. There was no report for B Dock. Carlson reported the north length of C Dock is listing and Mann said he was aware of this.
6. **Set Agenda for Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 17, 2016, 8:00 a.m., Marina Center Boardroom. *(This date was changed to Thursday, March 24, to accommodate a business conflict for Chairman Shortt.) There was consensus to meet at the South Basin Dock at 8:00 a.m.*
7. **FY 2016-17 Budget:** Staff is submitting items for consideration in the 2016-17 budget that will be discussed at the Commission's March 29 spring planning work session and the April 19 Budget Committee meeting. Longer term, a commitment on making the right plan for a long-term build out that results in a design/permit budget for a Marina Master Plan would be the objective.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Shortt at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Laurie Borton