

**Port of Hood River**  
**MARINA MASTER PLAN WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**HALGREN & ASSOCIATES, LLC.**  
**MARINA AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, April 16, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**Marina Center Boardroom**

**Present:** Ad-hoc committee members Josh Sceva, Lance Staughton, and Steve Tessmer. Port Commissioners Brian Shortt and Jon Davies. From staff, Michael McElwee and Laurie Borton. Guest, Jaime Mack.

**Absent:** Committee Member Tammy Lakey.

**Public:** Kassen Bergstrom, Steve Carlson, Quintin Nelson, Linda Maddox, Isa Silver. Commissioner Rich McBride.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Brian Shortt. Shortt and Executive Director Michael McElwee provided meeting introductions. The current Marina Master Plan was last updated in 2007; however, there are better policies and practices now in place for a safer Marina, including major investment decisions by the Port Commission to upgrade the electrical system throughout the Marina and replacement of boathouse docks. The Port is in a project slow-down phase now but it's also an opportunity to look to the future by working with a marina expert, such as Halgren & Associates, to look objectively at the Marina and discuss ideas on increasing its future value to the community. Self-introductions were made, including audience members from the public. Shortt invited the public to raise their hand to be acknowledged and participate in the work session discussions.

Halgren introduced himself, providing information on his background and experience with marinas. He toured the Marina the previous day and commented the Port is on the right track and the Marina is much safer now since the electrical upgrade took place and the docks used for the boathouse project are the best on the market and should have a 50-70 year life. Halgren said he hoped to bring information and ideas that we've not been exposed to.

Halgren began a PowerPoint presentation to initiate discussions. Many of the slides illustrated a 'sense of place' identified with a theme, concept, tradition, or "Kodak Moment" and commented that a small change and/or a small investment can have a huge impact. Halgren also mentioned that uniform signage was important as a theme element.

Halgren spoke about Wait Lists and suggested that people not having boats did not provide a true picture for the Port. He also spoke about various types and configurations of dock systems stating that a line of docks with basic utilities can support moorage on one or both sides allowing for a mix of boats and this is an example of a less expensive investment that can accommodate dock fingers added later. Poralu docks were provided as an example. Halgren also provided examples of moorage buoys ("Med" moorage; Seaflex underwater helix anchors) as another option for increasing moorage.

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**Discussion Notes:**

**Youth Sailing Program**

- Dedicate South Basin Dock for youth sailing. Add Poralu dock system along rip rap bank for guest/seasonal use.
- Change name of South Basin Dock. Add length to fingers on eastern end and utilize as transient dock. Add new dock to the west and utilize for youth sailing.

**Dry Storage**

- Create a poll for dinghy, kayak, SUP, etc. use on need for storage area.
- Relocate Sheriff's Boathouse for quicker response time in emergencies; then use that space for a new structure for shell storage, etc.

#### Small Craft

- Kayak launch illustration showed step-down platform with framework to hold onto when lowering yourself into the kayak.
- Dry storage – create poll on dinghy, kayak, SUP, etc. users for demand.
- On shore storage, with wide access to low freeboard for launching.

#### Crane/Lift

- What would be frequency of use? (Perhaps more if associated with dry stack storage.)
- Important that structure be properly secured.
- Not recommended for public use.

#### Hood River Yacht Club Building

- If it cannot be relocated, expand the outside storage (rectangular versus square footprint) in the current location. Are there educational grant opportunities?

#### Marina Gate Entrance

- Looks too prison-like. Glass panels would 'soften' the look and make it more inviting.

#### Boat Launch Ramp

- Consider extending the length by adding precast planks connected by hook and eye system.

#### Geese Control

- Use real sheepdog.

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In closing, Shortt summarized that a better job of actively promoting activities should be done, along with doing a better job on signage and branding, and looking and listening to user groups, possibly with a survey of specific questions. He also suggested providing a bubble print to the ad-hoc committee to identify the best places for various uses taking wind, water depths, parking, needs, etc. into consideration.

Halgren said his next step would be to consolidate work session ideas, interview Q&A's, into a draft recommendation for the Port. (This document was requested in Word format for ease in making Track Change comments.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

*Respectfully Submitted: Laurie Borton*