

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL



PROCESS INFORMATION

Subject: 2008 Harbor Commission Annual Report	Date: February 11, 2009
Agenda Item: Consent Agenda	Bill No.: AB 09-009
Proposed By: Tami Allen	Referral(s):

BUDGET INFORMATION

Department: PCD	Fund: N/A	Munis Contract #
Expenditure Req: None	Budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Budget Amend. Req? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

STANDING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Referring Committee: None	Recommendation:
Date of Referral:	Vote ___ - Yea ___ - Ney ___ Minority Report <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Action Item:

This is the Harbor Commission's annual report to the City Council on their activities.

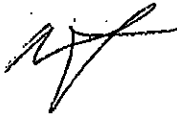
RECOMMENDED ACTION

Motion:

I move that the City Council accept the Harbor Commission's 2008 Annual Report.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Darlene Kordonowy & City Council

FROM: Mark Julian, Chair 

DATE: January 15, 2009

RE: Harbor Commission Annual Report to the City Council for 2008

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EXECUTIVE

As required by BIMC 2.46.030. The Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission hereby submits its 2008 Annual Report.

2008 was a busy year for the Harbor Commission and our city support staff. Working toward a sustainable management system for the Island's waters continues to be a high priority. An important part of that management has always been the input we receive from individuals that live on or around the harbors. In 2008 we added substantially to the breadth of coverage of our Harbor Stewards, the citizens that have volunteered to be of help to visiting boaters and the Harbor Master, as well as on the lookout for vessels in distress, or in danger of sinking or dragging.

A midsummer "harbor specific" meeting was held at the Port Madison Yacht Club to discuss the existing mooring buoy rules and the efforts by City Staff to create a programmatic permit application that would improve the permitting process by both simplifying the process and making it less expensive, while still covering the cost to the City of processing. An offer of a similar meeting has been made to all other harbors on an as requested basis.

In 2005, the City adopted in concept the Open Water Marina (OWM) plan for Eagle Harbor. By the end of 2007 that project, along with Harbor Ordinance 2007-34 (soon to be renamed 2009-34), had moved to the point of requiring a more detailed look at the Land Use Committee level. In 2008 the Harbor Commission presented the LUC with five recommended marina options for consideration. We were involved in a steady schedule of LUC meetings from spring into the fall, regarding primarily the Open Water Marina. In December, City representatives met with Department of Natural Resources administration and attorneys to clarify the DNR position on possible designs for the OWM. Now that the DNR position has been established, the path has been cleared for a presentation to Council of the recommended options and hopefully, a decision can be reached soon and the City can move forward to implementation.

Since its formation in 1999 the Harbor Commission, with representation from all across the Island and under a number of Chairs, has been working diligently on putting together a reasonable and enforceable management plan for Bainbridge Island waters that will benefit the many varied users of our waters, increase commerce opportunities to Island businesses and ease

the burden of enforcement and cleanup on Island taxpayers. We are very close to reaching these goals and, with continued support from the Council and Administration, I would like to think we could very soon turn the page to implementation, from planning.

As mentioned at the beginning of this report, it was a busy year. The following are some particular items of interest that the Harbor Commission, staff, or individual members were involved in:

1. Development and submittal to the LUC of five recommended options for an Open Water Marina in Eagle Harbor.
2. Development of cost estimates and pro forma revenue streams for options under consideration by the LUC.
3. Harbor specific meeting in Port Madison to discuss existing buoy regulations, and COBI proposal to streamline permitting process.
4. Provide input and recommendations for ALEA Grant Project in Waterfront Park.
5. Participated in discussions with Bainbridge Island Rowing Club regarding potential enhanced launching facilities at Waterfront Park for use by the rowing programs, kayakers and hand launched vessels in general.
6. Inventory of registered vessels moored offshore in Island harbors (Harbor Master and Police Dept.)
7. Corrected boat trailer parking signage in Waterfront Park area.
8. Public meeting regarding navigation channel in Port Madison.
9. Participate as a stakeholder in COBI Open Space Study.
10. Began a discussion of possible revenue suggestions/increases for current uses of Waterfront Park, i.e., boat launch and parking fees, increase overnight dinghy fees, possible moorage increases, etc.
11. Provided ongoing assistance to sinking vessels and continued implementation of the State Derelict Vessel Removal Program, along with continuing work on streamlining the processing of derelict vessels and working towards eliminating the current "revolving door" of abandoned vessels the City has to deal with.

The Harbor Commission continues to receive strong support from all the departments within Bainbridge Island City government. As I mentioned at the beginning, input and help provided by our Harbor Stewards and the citizens that attend our meetings is irreplaceable and much appreciated. We are also very thankful for all the help provided by City staff to accommodate our requests. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the citizens of Bainbridge Island and look forward to continuing to work towards implementing the goals outlined in the Bainbridge Island Harbor Management Plan and accommodating the many varied users of our waters.