

CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL



PROCESS INFORMATION

Subject: 2009 Harbor Commission Annual Report

Date: 03/10/10

Agenda Item: Consent Agenda

Bill No.: 10-039

Proposed By: Tami Allen, Harbor Master

Referral(s):

BUDGET INFORMATION

Department: Police Department

Fund: N/A

Munis Contract #

Expenditure Req: None

Budgeted? Yes No

Budget Amend. Req? Yes No

REFERRALS

March 3, 2010 City Council Study Session

Recommendation:

DESCRIPTION/SUMMARY

Action Item:

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Motion:

No motion necessary. Accept the report.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Bob Scales & City Council

FROM: Mark Julian, Chair

DATE: March 10, 2010

RE: Harbor Commission Annual Report to the City Council for 2009

As required by BIMC 2.46.030. The Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission hereby submits its 2009 Annual Report.

As in past years, working toward a sustainable management system for the Island's waters continued 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 2009 our Harbor Stewards, the citizens that have volunteered to be of help to visiting boaters and the Harbor Master, continued to provide a great service to the community. We received monthly reports from several and others kept us informed at least quarterly.

The following are some particular items of interest that the Harbor Commission, staffers, or individual members were involved in:

1. Move forward to Council recommendations for increases or additions to City Dock moorage fees, Linear Moorage fees and Launch Ramp/Parking fees, which were adopted and are being implemented.
2. Worked through the Harbor Management Plan that was adopted in 1999, noting any required changes and areas that have already been addressed or are in process.
3. Updated the inventory of registered vessels moored offshore in Island harbors (Harbor Master and Police Dept.)
4. Updated the inventory of mooring buoys offshore in Island harbors (Harbor Master, Planning Department and Police Dept.)
5. Discussed and recommended the addition of a float to the Linear Moorage system to increase its use by visiting boaters.
6. Presentation by Gerry Elfendahl regarding uses of Strawberry Plant Park property.
7. 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.

8. Provided support to Council regarding the five recommended options for an Open Water Marina in Eagle Harbor.
9. Subcommittee of John Peters and Bob Selzler composed a draft Marina Occupancy Application form which has been submitted to the City Attorney for review.

In 2005, the City adopted in concept the Open Water Marina plan for Eagle Harbor. By the end of 2007 that project 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 2008, City representatives met with Department of Natural Resources administration and attorneys to clarify the DNR position on possible designs for the OWM.

With the DNR position established, the path was cleared for a presentation to Council of the recommended options and a decision was reached at the October 21, 2009 City Council meeting to move forward with Option 2, a sixteen boat marina with four residential use spaces and twelve transient use spaces. This approved plan will require the installation of four new buoys. The lease application for the plan was submitted in mid December 2009.

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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Julian
2009 Chair, Bainbridge Island Harbor Commission