FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT

Port Commission Meeting

(Call in Information Below)

Wednesday October 28, 2020 at 12pm
Meeting Minutes

The public was prohibited from attending in person due to COVID-19 restrictions but could dial into the meeting via Zoom. Comments can be e-mailed to the Port or addressed to the commission during the public comment section.

Citizen comments/requests: Citizens can make a brief comment or may ask the Commission to schedule a topic for further discussion at a future meeting. None

Discussion Items:

A. The Commission was in consensus that the previously planned increase in fees, over time, to bring Shipyard Cove rates within 85% of the main marina rates should continue and be incorporated into the 2021 budget. No single year increasing should be more than 12.5%.

Port staff recommended establishing a premium rate for main marina end-ties and individual slips and that rate would not increase more than 7.5% each year. The Commission stated that end tie rates discussion would be postponed until the 2022 budget discussion to allow for more public input and advance notice in the event there would be a rate increase.

Port staff shared that the rates for 50' and 60' slips were falling behind market value by 20% to 30% and the Commission directed that the topic be discussed during next year's budget discussion.

Al Davis added his citizen comment and said that he has waited for approx. 7 years for an end-tie and believes he should not pay more and recommended that businesses and yacht clubs should pay more. He did not believe that a one size fits all approach should apply.

Mark File added his citizen comment stating that he has been a moorage holder at Shipyard Cove for several years. He recommended that the moorage rates should not get higher until improvements are made at Shipyard Cove.

The Executive Director stated that there were plans for incremental improvements at Shipyard Cove. He said that over a number of years the plan was to make improvements and come up to market rate at Shipyard and make immediate critical repairs to Jensen's Boat yard. He further stated that in the interim the Port will make small repairs such as electrical, decking and the full breakwater rail. He said that the Commission would be making decision regarding and establishing priorities for Shipyard Cove and Jensen's Boatyard but in the meantime the Port would focus its activities on obtaining permits for the expansion of Shipyard Cove which could take one to two years.

Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

Commissioner Black said that he was driving by Juanita Beach in Kirkland, Washington and viewed the Patano Studio's project at that location and gave very positive comments regarding the design and how the site superintendent worked so closely with the architects.

The Executive Director said that he had been in contact with the Patano architects and that the next plan iteration will include 50% of the architectural design with additional detail added as discussed with the Commission at an earlier meeting.

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At the conclusion of the regular meeting the Commission went into Executive Session.

Adjourn:

Graham Black, Commissioner

Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

Greg Hertel, Commissioner