

MINUTES  
Marina Advisory Board  
July 6, 2021  
Warrenton Marina Office  
501 NE Harbor Place  
Warrenton, OR 97146

Chairperson Pam Ackley called the meeting to order at 2:04.

Marina Advisory Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Ackley, Lylla Gaebel, Mike Balensifer, Kevin Dunn

Staff Present: City Manager Linda Engbretson, Harbormaster Jane Sweet, Marina Office Assistant Jessica McDonald

SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS HAMMOND MARINA RATES

Hammond Moorage Association is upset with rate increases, they don't believe their rates should be increased because A&B docks silted in much more this winter and were not dredged also the docks are not in good enough shape to warrant an increase. They emailed Major Henry Balensifer because they felt their email to Harbormaster Jane Sweet wasn't passed along and they are very upset about the rate increase. The advisory board discussed the fact that they had discussed the Hammond Moorage Association at previous meetings and considered the situation before they made rate recommendation. Harbormaster Sweet had brought up the emails from the Hammond Moorage Association with the Advisory Board and the City Manager before rates were set for the upcoming year.

The board discussed that A&B docks are the only docks with gates and electricity in the Hammond Marina, and if we don't raise rates, we can't continue to maintain that or fix the docks and make any improvements to the Marina. Annual Moorage rates were also not raised in 2020 and have not been raised enough in the past.

Harbormaster Sweet shared the email received from Llyod Smith, president of the Hammond Moorage Association, addressing the increases to Marina Rates on May 17<sup>th</sup> and her response which was approved by City Manager Engbretson on sent out May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Committee discussed the revenue projections at \$42 a foot for A & B dock and compared them to the cost of dredging under A&B docks. Moving forward the City is planning to do maintenance dredging every 5-7 years and the revenues even with the rate increases from A&B docks do not even cover the yearly breakdown for the cost of dredging those dock. Rates haven't been raised and aren't enough to maintain dredging, docks and facility.

Lylla Gaebel stated we need to make changes to better the facility. There was no rate increase last year, we need to forge ahead to better things.

Mike Balensifer stated that we need to prioritize Capital Improvements that will help increase revenues.

Lylla suggested City attorney write a letter to Hammond Moorage Association and explain relationship of association and City of Warrenton and that there has not been a contract in place for 20 plus years.

Committee discussed that there is no liability for the City of Warrenton for damages due to tide in the moorage agreements, but Linda will be checking with insurance if it is necessary to post signage for no liability.

City Manager Engbretson and Harbormaster Sweet to work on letter to Hammond Moorage Association explaining rate increases. Staff will work on this and get it out ASAP.

Marina Advisory Board unanimously decided not to make any recommendations to reduce rates for the west side of the Hammond Basin.

Staff will be working to discuss volunteers for Buoy 10 parking and keeping traffic from blocking the launch lanes.

Next meeting set for September 20, 2021 at 2pm in Commission Chambers at City Hall.

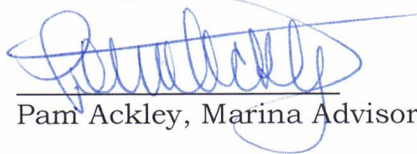
There being no further business for this meeting, Chairperson Pam Ackley adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully prepared and submitted by Jessica McDonald, Marina Office Assistant

ATTEST:

  
Jane Sweet, Harbormaster

APPROVED:



Pam Ackley, Marina Advisory Board Chairperson