

7-15-10 PORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

The first portion of today's meeting was held at the Port launch area parking lot project for an evaluation walkabout by PAC members. Those in attendance were Eric Cisney, Ron Rada, Kenny Storm, Joe Guariz, Bill Malmquist, Bob & Rash Ballard, Bud and Wanda Larsen, Steve Pederson, Bob Edwards, and John Winslow.

Thanks to John Winslow for taking notes during the walk. He notes that 2 light poles will be placed at the beachfront between the floating docks. If the budget allows, the light poles will be the same or like those that are in place at The Anchors at Manchester condominium grounds. Project completion of the new parking lot is anticipated at August 15, 2010.

The PAC is responsible for landscaping the new lot and the landscaping, that is required for final project approval. Plants used must be on the County's list of approved plants. Plants in the vehicle access areas must not exceed 3' in height.

Volunteers to assist with the landscaping, please contact John Winslow, president of the Friends of the Library, or Alan Fletcher, contract administrator.

The soft bank restoration project will not be started until next year due to timing and permitting, per Steve Pederson. Work to date is to be commended and special thanks to Alan Fletcher and Jim Strode for a job well done.

Following the walkabout, everyone met at the Manchester Library. Steve Pedersen called the meeting to order. Our first topic of discussion was a review of launch fee collections and activity. Paul and Janice Gilligan had submitted an outline from the beginning date April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2010. The figures come from the violation log used by volunteers in monitoring violations at the site. The count of revenue as of 7-1-10 is 572 envelopes = \$2,860.00, 48 Inside Manchester passes = \$2,450.00, 8 outside Manchester passes = \$800.00 for a total of \$6,110.00. To date there has been only one second violation reported, it turned out the money and envelope had been put in the box, but the launcher neglected to put the tag on his dashboard. Alan Fletcher reports that conformance is well over 90%, which shows the project is doing what the PAC expected of it. We cannot thank the daily morning and evening volunteers enough for their dedication and involvement. A discussion on additional options to improve the proceedings included the PAC's agreement that cars parked on the street are not subject to a launch fee violation orange tag, but could be notified through the ALERT notice that most volunteers place on cars along with the orange violation tag. The ALERT notice reads:

ALERT!!!

MANDATORY BOAT LAUNCH FEES

Beginning April 1, 2010, the Port of Manchester will be charging \$5.00 per day ramp fee. Fee envelopes and "yellow" pay station are located at the top of the ramp on the North dock.

ANNUAL PASSES CAN BE PURCHASED at the Manchester Water District Office, 2081 Spring Street E., Manchester, WA 360-871-0500.

Application also available on the Port website www.porofmanchester.com

Manchester Port Dist. Residents - \$50.00 per year

Out of District users - \$100.00 per year

All monies go directly to support operations and maintenance of the site.

One volunteer has observed cars with Annual passes with an orange violation sticker and wondered what he was missing. Following discussion and personal observations, the feel is that violators are taking their sticker and putting it on the car next to them. The PAC now recommends that when placing a violation sticker, the volunteer write the number of the license plate on the sticker to eliminate any who are not paying to launch. Steve Pedersen offered to consult Commissioners from other Ports and this coming Monday's All Ports meeting, as to how they may handle launch or parking violations at their facilities.

Recently noticed has been automobiles parked in the vehicle/trailer sites at the parking lot by visitors going to Pomeroy Park. These vehicles are subject to a violation notice. Might a sign at the entrance to Pomeroy Park reminding visitors where they can legally park help? Lighter weight violations cards on orange paper, 4 to a page could be very cost effective. In addition, a drop box receptacle like those used in State parks with pay envelopes and a sign on the drop box stating "Donations Are Welcome for the Upkeep & Maintenance of Pomeroy Park". If you have any ideas on suggestions, please let the PAC know.

Considerable time was spent on recent commercial use of the Port of Manchester launch site. One is the loading and unloading at the launch site by the tour boat Joker. This boat takes the space of 3 boats at the launch site when it comes in or goes out. They owner states that he isn't required to pay a use fee because he has a commercial license and is exempt. The PAC requests a legal ruling from the Port Attorney on this matter at the next Port Commissioner's meeting on August 8, 2010. The PAC feels this commercial use could be of considerable liability when you consider the damage a boat of this size can do to the launch site that is already in need of serious repair. As you know, there is a requirement for a "Use Certification" for any commercial vessel from a RCFB financed site, this certification includes a number of restrictions. Wanda was asked to provide copy of the program and the policies from RCFB, to the Commissioners, Alan Fletcher, and attorney Ron Thompson.

Secondly the PAC feels there is need to develop a procedure and resolution to deal with the commercial goeyduck operators using the launch ramps for unloading numerous milk carton size plastic boxes to take out to the harvesters, then returning at mid afternoon with the full boxes and offloading them on to the docks for pickup by their representative on shore with a truck, in the parking lot. These people have stated they have paid the launch fees and they have not. Does the Port want to allow this or not? They are an out of district commercial operation and state they are paid by the state and do not have to comply. Here again, the PAC requests a ruling from the Port attorney, at the August 8th Port Commissioners meeting. Steve also offered to discuss this with other Port Commissioners at the All Ports meeting on Monday to determine how they handle something like this. What is the liability, what is the insurance, etc. The PAC also asks that Alan Fletcher talk with both the Joker captain and the goeyduck ship owners as to an interim agreement.

While it was agreed that there is a need to publish a ruling on tonnage allowed at the launch area, further study needs to be done, and tonnage requirements will be a priority issue for 2011 action by the PAC and the Commissioners. Additional items of interest for 2011 include land acquisition options and storm water options.

The second annual PAC COMMITTEE REPORT OF ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS OF MAY 31, 2010 was discussed. Due to vacations, etc. this report has been shown to most PAC members but not submitted to the Port Commissioners for approval. It was agreed that Wanda forward copies of the report to the Commissioners, Alan Fletcher, and Ron Thompson with the request that it be an agenda item for the next Port Commissioners meeting on August 8, 2010. To date, no changes or additions have been requested. This document shows the actions and achievements for the PAC in a given time frame and we wish to be approved for the records.

Terry Price reported on excessive boat noise at night. This is the same person who has caused noise problems for the past two years, with a different boat but equally as noisy. He comes in to pickup friends, they go out on the water and party, some nights going back and forth several times. We advised Price of action taken last year and the ultimate arrest that was made. Price was advised to try and get the name and make of the boat, documenting dates and time and to call 911 for each time he experiences this disturbance. The Sheriff's office must have the particulars before they can do anything.

Bud reported that he had talked with DNR regarding the derelict sailboat registration number D65994 (2010) that has been anchored just off the end of the North float of the Port of Manchester launch area for over 4 months. He talked with Malisa Seriss at 360-902-1574. who advised she would send someone to look at it. She asked for directions, etc. She was made aware that this boat has a broken mast and is not operable at this time. The U.S. Coast Guard inspected the vessel after it was taken from Blake Island, brought to Manchester and would have stayed there, had they not been advised by Joe Guariz that it was unsafe to leave it at a busy dock site. They then moved it out from the dock and it was anchored just North of the North dock, where it remains.

Steve Pedersen reported on ports eligible to receive millions of dollars in storm water grants. This is \$23 million in competitive storm water grants offered through the State Dept. of Ecology. All application materials must be received at Ecology headquarters before 5PM, Tuesday, August 31. Bud Larsen volunteered to research the program and advise the Commissioners and Alan Fletcher of his findings.

Steve Pedersen reported that the shoreline preservation efforts are in place as a 3 step repair. There has been considerable interest in the outline submitted by a PAC member and approved by the Port Commissioners. We will discuss progress to date on this project at next month's meeting.

A question, anything new on the VFW proposal for a memorial wall in downtown Manchester? Nothing further has been heard.

The meeting was adjourned. Please mark your calendars for the August meeting of the PAC on the 3rd Thursday, August 19, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted: Wanda Larsen