

Port Advisory Meeting
8-19-2010
Manchester Library Meeting Room

Attendees: Arelene Brennan, Eric Cisney, Bob Edwards, Janice Gilligan, Paul Gilligan, Joe Guariz, Margaret Guariz, Dave Kimble, Bob Lamb, Bud Larsen, Bill Malmquist, Ron Rada, Steve Pedersen

Steve and Paul reported on proceeds from the Port Launch Fee. The launch has taken in over \$10,000.00 to date. It was agreed that volunteers greatly contributed to the success of the first year of fee collection at the Port launch.

After much discussion, the PAC recommended to Steve that the Port Commissioners pursue a cooperative working relationship with the County to retain a grant writer and research opportunities available for Grants to help address the storm water problem in the Manchester bowl area. The grant writer, Cathleen, has indicated she would be willing to get on board with a \$2,500.00 retainer. Discussions need to be opened with the County to determine what each group will contribute. **Steve** will schedule a meeting in September, for a walk around the Port facility with Dr. May to review a storm water joint effort between the Port of Manchester and Kitsap County Storm Water.

Steve agreed to present information RE: Community Storm Water concerns to the MCAC at their regular meeting on September 23, 2010, 6:30PM in the Manchester Library meeting room. He will let the MCAC know that the Manchester Port is willing to work with the County on the issue of Storm Water for Manchester, but funds are limited from both parties.

There was some discussion concerning possibly leasing land from DNR and placing mooring buoys for boaters. The feeling was that it may offer a better opportunity to control boaters who are abusing the water space. Issues of collection of fees; repair of buoys; monitoring boaters who would expect to anchor; space on the docks for dinghys; and DNR rules. The discussion was tabled for further discussion.

Bud presented Steve with a printout of material from the DNR website including names and phone numbers of people within the DNR that the Port Commissioners would have to contact to obtain forms to fill out to address boaters who overstay their welcome in the Manchester Community area waters. Broken down boats with live aboards who may be flushing waste into the bay, is of immediate concern. The possibility of derelict boats breaking anchor and floating into the dock, causing damage, is another major concern.

Concern was raised about large boats, weights beyond the capacity of the launch, using the launch. There needs to be a weight limit and size limit for the ramp and dock. We need to find out what the sheer limit for the floats are.

There was discussion on the small sign at the Manchester Port which states "NO UNAUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY" and what that means to the Port Commissioners. The commercial boat "Joker" (aprox. 40 ft) is frequenting the dock loading and unloading day trip passengers, who are also taking up several parking

spaces in the car parking stalls. Also, the Goey-duck fishermen are loading and unloading their catches at the dock. If the Port is determined to allow this activity, there needs to be a **mandatory annual fee** for Commercial vessels using the dock.

Reported: There are loose boards on the South dock.

The Manchester Port is covering the cost of the insurance for the MCA to conduct their "Festival" on August 28th. The MCA is soliciting donations from the community to reimburse the Port for the insurance costs. The MCA is also asking for volunteers to help at the event.

In the future, any planned activity on Port property will need to be executed with all the necessary insurance, hold harmless agreement, and guide lines about the event and presented to the Port for approval WELL IN ADVANCE of the event.

Leasing vender space, at the Port, to self contained rolling truck vendors was discussed. A coffee/latte stand, hot dogs, artisan bread, ice cream, produce, etc. The little store is not willing to open any earlier than 8AM and some community members have expressed a desire to have "coffee and pastries" earlier in the day. **Paul** suggested we approach the owners of the property, formerly the old gas station, and suggest a lease agreement with the Manchester Port, offering to keep the lot cleaned of weeds and brush. Steve will investigate this possibility.

The Landscape Committee for the new Port parking lot will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, August 25th for a work party. The Manchester Port has decided to contract with a landscaping company to clean and prepare the soil for planting. The Manchester Community Landscaping Committee, in compliance with "in kind" labor for the new parking lot under RCO rules, will be in charge of choosing and planting the plants needed for the new parking area. The Manchester Port will then be responsible to maintain the planting ie: watering, trimming, weeding.

There needs to be more information about the website for the community so the community knows there is a website. **Arlene** has offered to approach the Water District to see if they will put information in a future Water Bill mailing.

Joe reminded us that Arlene has spent many volunteer hours the last several years to set up and maintain the Port website. He suggested that she now needs to be monetarily compensated for the many hours she spends on the website. Arlene also volunteers her time for other Manchester Village and Manchester Port endeavors and has gone "beyond the call" of volunteer time for the community.

The next PAC meeting will be on 9-16-2010 at 5:30PM,
Manchester Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Guariz