

City of Alexandria
Waterfront Plan
Marina Night – January 28, 2010
Group Notes

Group #1 – Vision for Marina

- Improvements
 - Extend the marina (recreational vessels) to the south (Beachcomber area)
 - Place commercial, cruise vessels, character ships at Robinson Terminal north
 - Add additional moorings @ pierhead
 - Need fairways
 - Possibly at Founders
 - Marina Amenities – showers, fuel station
 - Tourist Amenities – place at Foot of King
 - Water taxis in the vicinity of the Foot of King
 - Consider tall ships also at Waterfront Park
 - Include at least 20 transient slips
- Maintain existing slip numbers
 - Determine costs and balance against costs of new slips
 - Research settlement agreements and requirements for adjacent parks
- Look at other marinas for management ideas
- Consider types of boats we serve (sail and motor)
- Consider nature and activities of destination point (can't go further)
- Keep people moving north and south
- Oronoco Bay – canoe/kayak opportunities
- Additional Piers to the south for marina – Windmill Hill?
- Commercial boat services at City Dock

Group #2 – Vision for Marina

- Scale: Serve moderate boats
- Cruise ships – increase dollars/possible locations at Robinson Terminals
- Tall Ships - Emphasis on King Street Pier
- Big Ship at end of King Street
- Spread out marina – possibly move tall ships north
- Transient boats at end of King Street
- Move leaseholds to north
- Add interconnected green swath continuously along waterfront to connect pocket parks
- Authentic Interests
- Strand – Pedestrian Access
- Multi-modal access
- Eliminate bottlenecks: Transit hubs (King St./Water taxis/etc.)
- Interaction of citizens and boaters
- Promote open vistas of water and open space
- Emphasis on retail and restaurants – spread out
- Promote economic sustainability
 - Intangible costs and Lifecycle costs

Group #3 – Vision for Marina

- Scale and balance are important – City has obligation to residents as well as to tourism
- Public space – remember the bigger purpose is to protect the public realm for everyone
- Explore use of shoreline at canal center to reduce concentration of boats if possible
- Use floating docks
- Don't get locked into a slip for a 40' boat – be flexible; won't cost any more to plan for 50' boat
- Provide flexibility for larger slips and provide greater amounts of electricity along with pump outs
- Plan for a 15' beam
- Implement the expansion in phases
- Smaller sailboats don't require lots of electricity – maybe look at phasing them in first
- Transient boaters are underestimated – good for the marina and good for the City's overall economy (tourism dollars)
- Water taxis are an asset
- Moorings are a great resource for consideration
- Pedestrians like interaction with boats – like to see them coming and going