

Summary Minutes

ALEXANDRIA WATERFRONT COMMISSION Marina Committee

Thursday, October 11, 2012
Alexandria City Hall, Room 2000

Members:

Present: Stephen Thayer (Chair)
Gina Baum
Nate Macek
Jody Manner

City Staff: Jack Browand, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA)
James Hixon, Dockmaster, RPCA
Stephanie Landrum, Alexandria Economic Development Partnership
Jeremy McPike, General Services
Nancy Williams, Department of Planning and Zoning

Torpedo Factory Food Pavilion

Discussion centered around:

- Lease provisions - effective 1988 for a period of 60 years. Tenant- Alexandria Waterfront Restoration Group (AWRG) and assigned in whole to Alexandria Associates Limited Partnership.
- Present status- Vacant since December 2011. Equipment removed.
- Short term use- Office of Historic Alexandria to have window coverings depicting the civil war exhibited. Installed before holidays.
- Long term use- Tenant actively marketing space. City staff and Alexandria Economic Development partnership actively engaged.
- Committee informed staff of our availability to assist, as appropriate, to move process along.
- Committee expressed interest in drafting a letter to the Food Pavilion management coinciding with the 1 year anniversary of its closure (in December) to express the Commission's concern with the vacancy, to raise awareness of the issue with the tenant and city government.

Marina Fee Structure

- Reviewed fees for the existing vessel categories in the Alexandria City Marina and compared them to the fee categories in other Marinas in the area. Specifically, with fees in Columbia Island Marina, Gangplank Marina, James Creek Marina and National Harbor Marina. Leaseholder agreement charges for pleasure craft of \$8.00/ft for Alexandria residents and \$9.00/ft non residents in Alexandria are less than the other four marinas. Leasehold in Alexandria haven't been increased in four years.
- Review of transient overnight charges revealed Alexandria Marina's transient overnight charges for pleasure craft are greater than the other area marinas at \$2.00/ft but less than National Harbor which charges \$2.50/ft.
- Comparison of transient charges for up to 4 hours showed that National Harbor charged \$10 (M-TH) and \$20 (Wkend/Hol) and the other Marinas had no charges.

Committee Recommendation:

- Commission consider raising the Leaseholder fees by \$1.00 per foot from \$8.00 to \$9.00/ft for residents and from \$9.00 to \$10.00/ft for non-residents.
- Commission consider raising the transient overnight charges by \$.50 from \$2.00/ft to \$2.50/ft per night.
- Commission consider raising transient charges for up to 4 hours by \$5.00 from \$15 to \$20 per vessel.
- Marina committee will continue to review proper balance between leaseholder slips and transient slips. Currently 48 annual leaseholder slips and 13 transient slips.

Meeting Schedule

It is recommended that the Marina Committee meet Thursday November 8, 2012.