

Summary Draft Minutes

Alexandria Waterfront Committee Meeting December 15, 2009

Members:

Engin Artemel
Christine Bernstein
Henry Brooks
Mel Fortney
Mike Geissinger
Doug Gosnell
Linda Hafer
Nathan Macek
Peter Pennington
Pete Peterson
John Renner
Paul Smedberg
Van Van Fleet

City Staff:

Roger Blakeley, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA)
Lt. Len Fouch, Police Department
Jim Hixon, RPCA
Laura Seidler, RPCA
Jim Spengler, RPCA
Nancy Williams, Planning and Zoning

Guests:

Brian Buzzell
Harry Harrington
David Olinger
Joanne Platt

1. Welcome and Introductions

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting.
Motion carried on a voice vote.

3. Election of Interim Chair for Purpose of Conducting Election

Vice Chair Doug Gosnell assumed chair and proceeded to the election

4. Election of New Committee Chair

The two candidates for the Chair presented themselves. Nate Macek and John Renner made presentations about why were seeking the office of Chair.

Vote for new chair – Nate Macek – 8 votes; John Renner – 5 votes
Vice Chair – John Renner- Unanimous vote

5. Waterfront Planning

Nancy Williams reported that there is little to update on waterfront planning. There was a discussion about the Marina Subcommittee status.

The proposal for the Olson's Book Store building on South Union Street is still under internal review.

Valet parking proposal at Landini Brothers was approved by City Council. Peter Pennington spoke to recommend a staff review of the Sea Level Change document.

Van Van Fleet raised a concern about the strategic plan.

Paul Smedberg responded to the concern.

Van Van Fleet spoke about bringing a consultant on waterfront development to the committee.

Henry Brooks spoke in support of the invitation.

Engin Artemel spoke of balance of presentation for information to committee.

Doug Gosnell spoke to the level of involvement by committee and chair.

Discussion of schedule leading to the draft plan for waterfront. Henry Brooks spoke to need to involve individual committee members in discussions on local aspects of the waterfront plan.

Nate Macek asked about need for ad hoc committee to focus on planning process.

Discussion regarding question.

Engin Artemel suggested waiting for staff proposal then do the review.

Committee agreed with Engin Artemel.

Nate Macek spoke to topical meetings on specific parts of the waterfront plan beginning with the marina planning meeting.

Doug Gosnell said that the marina subcommittee would review the marina plan from P&Z and speak to it at the 1/19 meeting.

6. Update on Waterfront Security

Roger Blakeley said that were cameras working well and there was no movement on gates installation.

7. Update on RPCA Capital Improvement Program and Operating Budget

Nate Macek asked where is RPCA on capital budget.

Roger Blakeley reported that RPCA is in process of developing capital budget. Marina planning is budgeted for the out years. Will report back to committee concerning the schedule of public meetings and dollars. Staff levels should remain the same as last year.

Doug Gosnell asked about targets for number of slip holders. Roger Blakeley responded that target is 52 slip holders for steady revenue stream.

Doug Gosnell spoke to the issue of transient boaters and the fee. Laura Seidler spoke to the issue of transient versus permanent slip holders. Discussion progressed around the marina operation and slip rentals.

8. Update on Marina Subcommittee

Doug Gosnell called for suggestions on the next subcommittee meeting. Meeting called for 1/7 at 5:00 pm at Torpedo Factory.

9. Announcements

Mel Fortney spoke about a TV program on the Seaport Foundation aired last week on NBC.

Henry Brooks spoke about the response to the program.

10. Adjournment

Henry Brooks moved

John Renner seconded.

Submitted by Mike Geissinger