

Summary Minutes

ALEXANDRIA WATERFRONT COMMISSION Marina Committee

Thursday, November 8, 2012
Alexandria City Hall, Room 1100

Members:

Present: Stephen Thayer (Chair)
Gina Baum
Christine Bernstein
Douglas Gosnell
Charlotte Hall
Nate Macek
Christa Watters

City Staff: Jack Browand, Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA)
James Hixon, Dockmaster, RPCA
Nancy Williams, Department of Planning and Zoning

Approval of October 11 Marina Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes from October 11, Marina Committee meeting were approved on a voice vote following a motion by Macek and second by Bernstein.

Update on Torpedo Factory Food Pavilion Interim Use

- ***Short term use:*** Staff informed the Committee that Civil War era interpretive photographs with waterfront themes will be placed in some of the Pavilion windows in the next 2-3 weeks.
- ***Long term use:*** Staff informed the Committee that a delegation of senior City staff to include the City Manager have requested a meeting with the three primary leaseholders to discuss future use of the Pavilion. Macek reported that he is holding the Committee's letter to Food Pavilion leaseholders pending the outcome of their meeting with senior City staff. The Committee informed staff of its availability to assist, as appropriate, to move process along.

Discussion: Marina Slip Allocation

Staff presented information on the number of slips available in the Marina, the size of the various slips, the present allocation of slips between leaseholders and transient boats, as well as the income generated by each. After discussion, the Committee recommended that the City make six Alexandria City Marina pleasure boat slips currently reserved for transient boats available for annual lease holders. The table below summarizes the Committee's recommended reallocation of slips:

Marina Committee Recommendation Regarding Marina Slip Allocation

Slip Type/Use	Current Number	Proposed Number	Net Change
Pleasure Boat Slips			
Annual Lease Holders	48	54	+6
Transient Slips	15	9	- 6
Fire Boat	1	1	
Subtotal, Pleasure Boat Slips	64	64	
Mixed Use Slips (T-heads)	3	3	
Commercial Only Slips			
Potomac Riverboat Company	7	7	
LA Yachts	1	1	
Subtotal, Commercial Only Slips	8	8	
TOTAL	75	75	

The Committee found that the Marina would retain enough supply to accommodate overnight and hourly demand by transient boaters based on traffic during the 2012 boating season.

The Committee recommends that the six smallest slips currently reserved for transient boaters be leased in order to reserve a sufficient number of slips for larger transient vessels. (Smaller transient vessels can always dock at a large slip, but the reverse is not true.) There are at least six local residents on the Marina annual lease waiting list whose vessels would fit within these smaller slips.

Other Discussion Items

City Dock and Marina Maintenance and Repair Assessment

Staff informed the Committee that the process for developing a task order was ongoing but expected recommendations early in 2013.

Meeting Schedule

Given the anticipated schedule of the City of Dock and Marina Maintenance and Repair Assessment, it is recommended that the Marina Committee cancel its December meeting.