

Depoe Bay Harbor Commission – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday April 30, 2014 – 7:00 pm  
Depoe Bay City Hall

PRESENT: J. Grant, E. Harmon, M. Metz, P. Robison, R. Smolcic, L. Goddard  
STAFF: City Recorder P. Murray, Port Clerk K. Vinson  
ABSENT: N. Achen

Chairman J. Grant called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and established a quorum.

#### Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2014 Regular Meeting

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: L. Goddard moved to approve the minutes as written. E. Harmon seconded the motion.  
J. Grant said it was moved and seconded.

AYES: E. Harmon, L. Goddard, M. Metz, J. Grant, P. Robison, R. Smolcic,  
Minutes approved.

#### III. Correspondence - None

#### IV. Public Input

Walter Chuck, Port of Newport Commissioner and OCZMA Chair of the Executive Committee was present to inform members about the role of OCZMA. OCZMA represents counties, cities and port with a united voice on coastal issues. Mr. Chuck answered questions from the Commissioners. J. Grant asked for a recommendation to City Council to continue membership in OCZMA.

MOTION: L. Goddard moved to recommend to City Council to continue support for OCZMA thru contributions and dues. P. Robison seconded the motion. J. Grant said it was moved and seconded.

AYES: J. Grant, L. Goddard, E. Harmon, M. Metz, P. Robison, R. Smolcic  
Motion passed.

Walter Chuck was thanked for coming to the meeting and then he left.

#### V. Liaison Officer Report

Mayor Mattila reported that City Council is asking the Harbor Commission to look into harbor finances.

#### Harbormaster's Report - P. Shane on vacation No Report

#### Unfinished Business

##### A. Fish Hoist

Commissioners discussed the need for the boom to extend past a dock over water. P. Robison suggested the boom have a topping lift, it would need engineering.

##### B. Life Ladders

City Superintendent Brady Weidner ordered a life ladder for \$150 to see how it works. He is looking at both portable and fixed ladders.

## New Business

### A. City Council Assignment – Matter of Harbor Finance

J Grant stated that council would like the Harbor Commission to review the budget, see how costs can be lowered and revenues increased.

J. Grant suggested looking at the fueling prices. That at least we should be breaking even. He asked about tracking costs and purchases. P. Murray said she has spreadsheets showing the costs and purchases, she would see that the Harbor Commissioners would get a copy. It was discussed that the harbor should minimize fuel inventory during the winter months.

J Grant then brought up moorage fee and possibly raising them. P. Robison stated that moorage fees are raised annually by 3% now. The status of the waiting list was discussed and it was asked that the harbormaster make a list of current available slips. E. Harmon suggested that instead of getting more money from the people that have been paying for years, to look at other revenues such as boat launch fees.

It was suggested to review the agreement with the State Marine Board regarding launch fee and possibly modify the agreement to allow charging more than \$2. Also discussed was to possibly put in a pay station, change the OAR, ask the Coast Guard Auxiliary to count launches on a daily basis. Also mentioned that they shouldn't compare moorage rates with other ports, Depoe Bay is unique. More discussion on adding more amenities such as showers, boat wash station and more parking.

J. Grant made the comment he was sitting here with people that are trying to protect their business. L. Goddard stated he was leaving rather than be insulted. He left @ 8:10 pm. P. Robison left @ 8:11 pm. E. Harmon stated she doesn't think it is right to accuse anyone here of serving their own interests. J. Grant stated he doesn't see anything wrong with that.

M. Metz asked P. Murray about the budget item Harbor Renaissance Study for \$75,000. P. Murray explained that it included the docks and a walkway engineer study. As noted on the Harbor Fund budget \$15,000 was from a Lincoln County grant and \$45,000 from Urban Renewal leaving \$15,000 from the harbor budget. P. Murray invited the Commissioner to the budget meeting on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM.

J. Grant stated that in some ways it was inappropriate for the Harbor Commission to work on harbor finances, they are a recommending body only to City Council, not like a Port District. E. Harmon stated if that was true, then why are we here. If the Harbor Commission is not important, or useful, then there shouldn't be one. J. Grant stated that there are very few ways we can raise revenues or cut expenses.

J. Grant stated that he has brought up raising the price of fuel and moorage, advanced the idea of increasing launch fees, every idea was pushed back.

M. Metz asked Commissioner R. Smolcic if he thought the harbor would benefit from this study. R. Smolcic replied yes to that question.

Mayor Mattila stated that one reason for the proposed walk around docks was to add moorage along the west side. M Metz thinks that they should put in a dock and ramp from the wharf like before.

Harbor Commission recommends the Harbor Renaissance Study be removed from the Harbor fund to the General fund.

M. Metz would like staff to check into other options for purchasing fuel. J. Grant stated he would do a moorage rate comparable. He also thought they should look into grants for showers and a boat wash station.

J. Grant stated that he expects some pushbacks, and has nothing against Mr. Goddard; he may call for a no-confidence vote at the next meeting and step down from the Chair.

Commissioner Concerns –None

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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J. Grant, Chairman

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Kathy Vinson, Port Secretary