



The Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 6, 2022

7:00 pm

Attending: Jackson Schultz, Amy Powell, Steve Speranza, Whisky Wolinski, Scott McBurney, Ulf Westhoven, Ted Dooley and Alan Van Arsdale.

Also in attendance, John McAllister (McAllister Engineering) and Jay Borkland

The meeting came to order at 7pm with the first order of business to approve the minutes from our meeting on 10/28 and 12/2. Both were unanimously approved.

The meeting continued with John McAllister's presentation of several design locations for the pier to the committee and the public in attendance. The length of the pier ranged from 441 to 695 feet and the width ranged from 12 to 44 feet. Each design included an extended ramp for launching boats and also took into account required compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A wider pier would provide for more access of emergency vehicles should the need arise as well as for the fishermen's vehicles to be able to load and unload their boats. It would also have a dedicated pedestrian path. The elevation of the pier would most likely be 5 feet above the current height. The community would have to decide which materials would be used to build the pier. The materials would determine how long the pier would last, 30, 50 or 70 years before it would require substantial and expensive maintenance. The several designs were discussed among the committee members before opening it up to attending public.

Some members of the Fishermen's Alliance were present at the meeting and asked to be able to read aloud a letter previously sent to the committee. The letter said that the fishermen were mostly concerned about the depth of the water. The letter stated that dredging of the harbor is absolutely necessary though they would also support the building of the living reef. The living reef would allow for the fishing fleet to move into protected deeper water.

Following this meeting was to be a zoom meeting with the regulators on January 11. An exploratory drilling for geological investigation was planned for January 17 and 18.

The Chair thanked everyone for their input and participation and the meeting was adjourned.