

Improving Percival Landing Boater Experience Public Outreach

Comments Received Prior to Public Meeting

- Address panhandling, vagrancy & loitering by individuals & groups
- Fix F-Float & vessel pump-out station
- Provide good docks & strong cleats
- Replace electrical & water hook-ups
- Provide washer & dryer facilities for visiting boaters
- Provide free Wi-Fi access at the docks
- Provide a greater police presence
- Support creation of a marine fuel dock somewhere in Olympia
- Provide a visitor's guide focused on boater's needs
- Address safety and security concerns
- Do not move F-dock north or place an observation tower on it
- What are City's plans to maintenance dredge the Percival Landing moorage areas and replace the remaining wood surface of landing?

Comments Received at Public Meeting, March 31

- "No sewage discharge zone" designation pending for Puget Sound
- Large boats will have to use; "Scout" (at Martin Marina) makes it tight to maneuver on N side
- Tugboats will have to pump-out
- Capacity of pump out- is it adequate?
- Details of F-float
 - Quality of pump?
 - Increased vacuum needed
- Need four things:
 - Power/water at dock
 - Pump out
 - "Other activities" need to be removed from Percival Landing to feel safe & secure
 - Marine fuel – work with Port of Olympia
- Washer/dryer needed for boater use
- Need solid, clean docks
- Need a "presence" on dock
- Reiterate that electrical & water connections are important
- Need to feel safe
- Reiterate that power and water important
- City needs to charge comparable prices to other moorage facilities- boaters expect it
- Need a 2-sided pump-out, usable by 2 boats at a time
 - Idea: One pump, multiple outlets?
- Get 2nd boat out of fairway
- Use mobile "Pelican Pumps," local marine pump out company?

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- Will there be more or less moorage with this plan?
- Will a copy of tonight's PowerPoint be available?
- How is this project being funded?
 - Expressed skepticism of entire enterprise
 - Has a cost-recovery analysis been prepared?
 - Is Olympia/Percival Landing really considered a destination?
 - How much benefit does the project provide? (considering O&M)
 - Should we put it on hold (to fund other, more pressing, needs?)
- Yacht clubs will not come to Percival Landing without power and water on the docks
- Consider putting pump out on end of E-dock, make it easier and more convenient
- Need an easily-accessible boater directory
- Need ease of registration, like at Port Plaza
- Should do an analysis to determine if the project is self-supporting
- Is cost recovery analysis available to public?
- How many park properties are self-sustaining?
- Apparently people "not interested" in bringing business downtown
- "Boaters" spend \$100/day when in Olympia
- Comparison with other parks is unfair
 - Is this a subsidy to private business?
 - Only 20% of \$100 comes to Olympia; balance spent elsewhere
- Lakefair/Harbor Days festivals contributes to the community
- Part of our "quality of life"
- Wooden Boat Festival also contribution to downtown
- \$100/day for a small business in Olympia can mean difference between profit and loss
- Prioritize provision of power and water
- Scheduling local mobile pump-out to serve visiting boaters is unrealistic
- What is more important? *First show of hands: Option C prevailed*
 - Option B- (Replacing F-float as originally designed, including pump out)
 - **Option C (Adding power/water on E-dock and replacing F-float pump-out & pump-out finger only)**
- Don't "pressure" boaters into being illegal (and dumping in the Budd Inlet due to no pump-out)
- Boaters currently avoid Percival Landing due to non-availability of electricity & water
- Percival Landing attracts boaters due to convenience to shopping
- The pump-out grant, requiring only a 25% match, is a "deal"
- How many linear feet of moorage do we lose if we remove 2 fingers of F-Dock?
- Don't put F-Float pump-out back where it currently is – no room to maneuver
- Idea: put the pump-out where the center finger of F-dock currently is
- Idea: design(& use) entire F-Dock area footprint as a pump-out (since rarely used)
- Consider eliminating water connections as a money-saver; not as important as electricity
- Please e-mail notice of future Council meeting on this issue to this meeting's attendees

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- Should you present this Power Point presentation to Downtown Association?
- Make F-dock improvements expandable in the future.
- Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries and National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration determine over-water coverage
- Need to stay on top of extension of permits to retain over-water coverage
- What is more important? *Second show of hands: Option C prevailed again*
 - Option B- (Replacing F-float as originally designed, including pump out)
 - **Option C (Adding power/water on E-dock and replacing F-float pump-out & pump-out finger only)**

Comments Received after Public Meeting (March 31 through April 4 at 5 p.m.)

- Request a copy of the plans for the scheduled improvements to the docks. Would like a copy of the stakeholder comments from the March 31st meeting. Would like to arrange a site tour.
- I think option “C” is the best option available considering funding is already allocated for that work and no other funding would be needed. Attached please find a list of people that also think option “C” is a viable route to be taken, please share this with city council.
- It is extremely hard to decide where to spend taxpayer’s money. From an economic development point-of-view, I think we really want to attract more boaters to our city so they spend their money here. Boaters have money and they will spend it. It is not a coincidence that many small waterfront towns in the northwest have invested in marinas to attract boaters. Ones that come to mind are Poulsbo, Winslow (Bainbridge Island), La Conner, Edmonds, Port Orchard, etc. Even the small town of Langley on Whidbey Island has made this investment. I would assume these investments are paying off or they would not continue to invest.

Comments Received from Harbor Days Representatives (April 23, 2014)

1. Comments on ways to improve boat/visitor experience at Percival Landing
 - Add width to new parking lot to accommodate the tents for food vendors during the festival
 - Complete permanent markings on boardwalk for tent setup. City to brand markings on wooden boardwalk.
 - Make future boardwalk sections wider to accommodate pedestrian and festival use.
 - During future construction phases of Percival Landing try and limit the downtime for festival use to one year.
 - When replacing the floats in the future, make them wider to accommodate larger vessels, such as the tugs, while adding room for people to more safely and comfortably walk.
 - Make sure you install electricity on the floats!
 - Harbor Days is applying for a *Grow Boating Grant*. City could write a letter of support documenting our partnership approach to boating and waterfront investment.

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- Install restroom signs on Harbor House that extend from the building not just on the face of the restroom doors.
- Consider flat rate for non-profit organization use of Harbor House.
- Planter boxes on boardwalk in front of Harbor House are a trip hazard and need to be pulled out or plantings installed that cover the corners.
- Coordinate our plans with Port so they are aware of our improvements that may impact their marina operations.

2. Comments on F-Float Replacement Options

- Prefer Option C.
- Losing any moorage space further limits festival use.
- Timing on constructing utilities on E-Dock must be coordinated with festival.
- Make sure pump out float has potable water spigot.
- Prefer design of a single pump out float that offers as much float space as possible for festival use.