

**CBJ Docks and Harbors Board**  
**Live-Aboard Meeting Notes**  
**For Thursday, June 15th, 2017**

Notes from the June 15, 2017 public meeting are below. The notes are pre-decisional in regards to proposed regulatory changes or in the obligation of CBJ funds. D& H staff appreciates the broad community participation in this and future meetings.

**Introduction -**

Robert Barr, CBJ Library Director was the facilitator for this meeting that was at the Yacht Club at 5:00pm. He said the purpose of the meeting is Docks & Harbors staff wanted the Live-aboards brought together to create a platform to talk about issues of common concern, prioritize the concerns, and start a dialog. Docks & Harbors wants to hear the live-aboards ideas as a group and how to move forward with the concerns.

**Staff in attendance**

Matthew Creswell, Teena Larson, Jennifer Shinn, Sara Boyd and Dennis Holloway.

**Ground Rules -**

Mr. Barr said there are ground rules for this meeting. If anyone in this room is going to participate in the conversations they need to abide by the following rules;

- Listen Respectfully - When someone else is talking, don't interrupt them.
- Criticize ideas, not people - It is completely okay to disagree with someone's ideas and okay to criticize the idea, but not the person. Stay away from personal attacks and insults.
- No Blame, speculation or inflammatory comments. Stay away from revisiting history because we want to move forward and not dwell on the past.
- He will allow everyone an opportunity to speak and try not to monopolize a conversation.

At the end of the meeting, the goal is to see where consensus exists around the topics of common concern. This means the majority of the room is on board with an idea and how to move something forward.

**Topics for Discussion**

Crime  
Live - aboard Zones  
Fees  
Sewage Regulation

Mr. Barr said the above topics are some ideas for discussion provided by Docks & Harbors staff but he would like the group to split up in groups and talk about other topics of concern that should be on the list for discussion.

**Additional Topics of concern**

Insurance Issue  
Security - Crime - Camera's in the parking lot for vandalism and theft  
Fuel Spills in the Harbor  
Notifications from Harbors (ex. water shut off) email would work  
Work being done on floats by boat owners should not block access for people to walk on the float.  
Safety - if someone fell off the dock there needs to be safety ladders for people to be able to get out of the water.

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Seaworthy vessel test - main propulsion  
Pet Waste - Does this need to be treated?

**Voting Exercise**

Each person was given three sticky notes to vote on the following topics of common concern. The one with the most votes will be the item that will be discussed first.

**Topics of Common Concern:**

Crime - 26 votes  
Zoning - 6 votes  
Fees - 3 votes  
Sewage Regs - 13 votes  
Right of Way/Dock Storage - 4 votes  
Water Safety - 12 votes  
Seaworthy testing - main propulsion - 12 votes  
Pet Waste - 6 votes  
Insurance - 2 votes  
Fuel Spills - 4 votes  
Notifications - 4 votes

**Priority results:**

- 1- Crime & Security
- 2- Sewage Regulations
- 3- Water Safety
- 4- Seaworthy test

**Discussion on Crime & Safety**

Mr. Barr said Docks & Harbors wants to get ideas from this group and have general consensus on the issues of the cause and/or solutions. Provide ideas on what Docks & Harbors can do and what can be done as a group effort to solve this problem.

**Discussion -**

Fix the camera's that Docks & Harbors already has. All the criminals in town know the cameras don't work, they need to be upgraded or fixed. If they are aimed right they will also show who is throwing stuff in the dumpster at night and who is vandalizing cars and etc.

If the cameras were tuned to a specific channel which is a community channel, people could go to that channel and we could have the community policing this area. When someone was looking at the camera and saw something that was not right they could call the police or the Harbor. Criminals would know the community is watching.

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A lot of the cameras are aimed at the boats, but none of them are aimed at the cars. This person recommended better lighting and cameras in the car parking areas.

Recommendation for more camera's in the Harbor. If someone were to break into my boat they could take everything I own. She did agree that there is also a need for cameras in the parking lot also. When someone checks into the Petersburg Harbor, they have a camera system with cameras throughout the harbor that can be accessed by harbor patrons.

**Mr. Barr went over the discussion items -**

- Fix the Camera's that exist
- Add more camera's
- Community policing through cameras
- Address the aiming of cameras including harbors boats and vehicles
- Better parking lot lighting

**Discussion -**

To get every angle needed to see every boat there needs to be a camera on every boat.

This boat owner has a camera system called Arlo that is hooked to the internet and he receives notifications on his cell phone if there is a motion on certain zones on his boat. With his camera, he can actually watch three boats that are by his boat. The camera is pretty inexpensive and you can see what is happening on your boat at all times. You are also able to talk to someone through your phone if they are on the boat.

Install cameras at all access points into the Harbor so you can see everyone.

If they are wearing a hoody you won't get a good identification on them. They know how to steel. Things need to change so the criminal don't know what is going on so we can start catching them. This person suggested having gates on the access points and all the boat owners are given a key card for access and have an identification card with their picture on it on a badge. If you see someone on the dock that doesn't have an identification card that person should be confronted. Guest passes could be given out at the Harbor office or escorted by the people they are visiting. There are people wandering on the docks that shouldn't be there.

**Mr. Barr asked for more thoughts on gates, key cards, locks, and access control.**

**Discussion -**

This individual had a problem with gates and such because she used to walk the docks a lot looking for a boat prior to her owning one.

A guest pass could be given out.

The individual said she was just looking at boats and how would she get a pass if she wasn't visiting a specific boat. She disagrees with not having public access to the docks.

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The concern this individual hears is there isn't a concern with the crime inside the harbor but the crime coming in from outside the harbor. He recommended to have more security in the parking lots and be able to see license plates.

This individual comments that the parking lot needs number one priority for more cameras. Everyone should be able to put cameras on their own boats. I have cameras on my boat and everyone knows it is very dangerous to come by my boat.

This person agreed that it is nice to be able to walk the Harbor, but suggested to maybe have some harbors gated and others not gated. She would be willing to pay extra to live in a gated harbor.

This person suggested to have gates that lock at 9pm and open at 5am to keep the people that are coming in at night out.

Mr. Barr wanted the consensus on the gates locking at night - secure at night.

One individual said the gates make this a private club and it is no longer public. It would be more practical to put the cameras in the parking lots. He would like a vote on this item.

This person asked who is wandering around the harbor at night looking at boats? He said he would not be wandering around at 9pm just to look at boats.

Have a key access but also have a way to show your driver's license to get in. She liked the idea of having the harbor gates locked at night. This way you would be able to identify people. If something happened you would be able to narrow it down to a certain individual.

This individual said he is a night owl and is up at different time of the night. He doesn't like to think he has to have a key card to get in and out of the gate. He doesn't want to feel like he is living in LA in a gated community. However, he does want security. He likes the idea of some security gate thing but with that, there would need to be a chain link fence around the whole harbor.

This individual said the cameras will work for the security problems. Gates and locks will keep people out to some degree but they will still find a way to get in. If you have a camera and something is missing in the morning, you can see the individual on the camera. He said he doesn't like the gates and they are annoying.

This individual said he had a lot of theft until he put up cameras on his boat. If you do locked gates they are just going to get trashed. The cameras will work. The other thing is if you see something that is not right, call the police.

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This individual said they had to call the police before and they came and intercepted the person. The police were there for a short time and let him go. Recommendation to have more police officers patrolling the harbor parking lots.

**Mr. Barr asked for a show of hands for;**

**Support some kind of improved camera system - all hands were raised.**

**Support some kind of access controlled system (gate or key card) - Don't have consensus (7 hands raised)**

**Mr. Barr asked for more discussion -**

This individual commented that the boat owners have a big investment and take care of themselves, but the individuals that rent the boats and don't own the boats are the problem. If you don't own a boat you shouldn't be in the Harbor.

This individual said in a harbor they were in previously, they needed a back ground check, provide a financial statement, and had a reference check before they could get a slip.

This individual said the Coast Guard has rules you have to be a licensed captain to rent out a boat and the boat has to pass all boat requirements for renting.

This individual said some of the people live on the boats are not registered with the harbor and the harbor staff doesn't even know they are living on the boat because they come in after the staff leaves and leaves before the staff is back in the morning.

Comment - it is cheaper to live on a boat than housing.

The insurance surcharge charged by Docks & Harbors is not insurance.

Comment - depending on the type of boat you have, some people can't get insurance for under \$7,000 to \$8,000 annually. Another problem is when you try to get insurance when you are a live - aboard.

**Insurance is a topic that will need to be addressed at the next meeting.**

**Mr. Barr summarized the meeting -**

There is a lot of consensus for the camera for the crime and security issue. The insurance and renter issue is more complex and there isn't a consensus on that topic and we are out of time to further discuss this.

There is more to this that hasn't been talked about also like neighborhood watch, and this could be another topic. The show of people tonight shows this is a community that cares.

He asked for a show of hands for another meeting - It was unanimous

**Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.