

Minutes Des Moines City Council Municipal Facilities Committee – 05/27/2021

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Guests: Councilmembers Traci Buxton, JC Harris, and Anthony Martinelli;

Members of the Public: Bill Linscott, Jayme Wagner

Meeting called to order: 3:00 pm on May 27, 2021 via Zoom

Agenda

1. Approval of 04.22.2021 Minutes
2. Review Status of Marina Redevelopment
3. Marina Master Plan – Policy Questions

Meeting:

1. The 04.22.2021 Municipal Facilities Minutes were approved as submitted.
2. A brief review of the Marina Redevelopment was presented. The land side of the Marina is closing in on completion of the RFQ. Staff will continue working with City consultants. Future plans include finding the right developer.
3. COO Dan Brewer stated the City received about fifty Marina Master Plan questions and responses have been organized into categories. Additionally, staff have created a Glossary of terminology that may be helpful as stakeholders discuss future Marina plans. These documents can be found at: <http://www.desmoinesmarina.com/marina-master-plan-updates.html> . Staff are researching easements on the Marina floor which will allow public access to the waterfront. Details will be provided as this process continues. Dock design and replacement present permitting challenges. COO Brewer discussed three issues:
 - Marina rates should be market driven.
 - Should the seasonal lease rate option be eliminated?
 - The guest moorage and dry storage rates are significantly under the market rate.

The Marina Master Plan rough draft should be ready by late July and feedback on the draft will be received. Harbor Code changes are under consideration. These changes may include items such as performance targets and rate studies.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for a thorough presentation and are excited for the future of the Marina.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jodi Grager, Public Works Admin Asst