

Gig Harbor Peninsula Advisory Commission (PAC)

April 10, 2019, Meeting Minutes

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garth Jackson
Patricia Peterson
Jack Conway
Lucinda Wingard
Peter Clement
James Peschek

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gordon Ballantyne (unexcused)

Commissioner Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Peterson

Applications 897719, 897723

Applicant: Richard and Jill Peterson

Planner: Mojgan Carlson

Request: The proposed project is to construct a 152-foot long (150 feet over water) by 8-foot wide single-use dock and to install a mooring buoy 250 feet off shore at a depth of -12 feet as accessory use to a single-family residence, on a 1.30-acre parcel, located on the north shore of Hale Passage. The project site is located at 7518 Ford Drive NW, Gig Harbor, WA, in a Rural Residential Shoreline Environment, Rural 10 (R10) zone classification, and the Gig Harbor Community Plan area, in the SE ¼ of Section 26, T21N, R1E, W.M., in Council District #7.

Staff presented the case to the commission and answered their questions. Ms. Carlson stated that she was not able to find any permits for the retaining wall and the bulkhead. Neighbor to the east believes the dock should be shorter. Need letter from the adjoining neighbors regarding possibility of a joint-use dock.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Lorrie Chase and Randy Popp, *Marine Floats Corporation – 1208 East D Street*, applicant's agents, were present at the meeting and spoke on behalf of the applicant who was not present. The final length of the dock will be determined by the dive survey.

Letters will be provided from the adjoining neighbors, as they are not interested on a joint-use dock.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

Commissioner Peterson was assigned to this case and visited the site. She liked the environment the applicant created with plantings and does not think buoy is needed for this site.

Commission comments included the following:

- Site has large mature fir trees and huckleberries
- Is buoy necessary in this location
- Only one other dock is located on this area
- Attention to native plants near the beach is appreciated
- Remove Pampas grass as they are not native

Motion made (Wingard/Peterson) to recommend approval of the dock with the length being subject to results of the dive survey and add the condition that the pampas grasses and invasive non-native vegetation be removed and also improve the retaining wall with native plantings.

Motion passed 5-0 with one abstention (Commissioner Conway) and one comment (Commissioner Peschek) that if the applicant gets 8 feet of depth at the end of the dock there would be no need for the buoy.

**Barneson
Applications 897677, 898025**

Applicant: John and Julie Barneson TTEE
Planner: Mojgan Carlson
Request: Place a 288-square foot (10-foot x 20-foot) boatlift onto the northwest end of the existing 187-foot long by 8-foot wide joint-use dock (Case No. SD11-10), accessory to a single-family residence on a 0.72-acre parcel. The project site is located on the southwest shore of Hale Passage, in a Rural Residential Shoreline Environment, a Rural 10 (R10) zone classification, and the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan area. The project site is located at 729 Chinook Drive FI, Fox Island, WA, within the NW ¼ of Section 36, T21N, R1E, W.M., in Council District #7.

Staff presented the case to the commission and answered their questions. Ms. Carlson stated that the size of the boatlift was changed to slightly large (12-foot x 24-foot) to accommodate the size of the applicant's boat.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Terri Schultz, *Permit Granted – 5709 34th Ave NW*, applicant's agent, was present at the meeting and spoke on behalf of the applicant who was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Wingard was assigned to this case and was not able to visit the site. She does not think buoy is needed for this site.
- Commissioner Peschek is one of the neighbors and stated boatlifts have less impact on the environment than a boat.
- Commissioner Peterson is concerned about abuse of the shoreline by having too many uses on the shoreline (dock, ramp, buoy, boatlift).
- Commissioner Wingard believes a boatlift will eliminate shading, contributing to public benefit.

Motion made (Peterson/Conway) to recommend approval of the dock subject to all conditions in the Staff Report. *Motion passed 5-0 with one abstention.*

**OLD BUSINESS
Minutes**

- Minutes were not available to review/ approved

OTHER BUSINESS

- Minutes should be done prior to going to the hearing

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.