

Public Dock Committee Meeting
Sunday November 28, 2021 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom

PRESENT

Mary Ross, Dave Perry, Lane Coury. (Notes taken by Lane Coury.)

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- [Look at this page](#) to find a link to recording of the Nov 28 Zoom meeting (recording is approx 90 mins)
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to [OurLummilsland.org](#) > Community > Committees & Research > Public Doc Committee)
- Committee document on Google docs (*check for an email invitation from Alan K*). This is a dynamic file that allows us to maintain a running dialog for internal committee discussion, capture suggestions and input from committee members, and helps us keep up with committee progress and task status.

AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

1. Quantifying the impact of an unplanned ferry outage

Suggested next steps – the committee should:

1. Poll islanders to collect more accurate and realistic impact statements with compelling stories.
2. Research ways to educate the community about:
 - a. Potential ferry disruptions that are reasonably short term, weather related. Acknowledge that if weather is that bad, helicopters cannot fly either, and small boats cannot deploy.
 - b. Add a slide to the presentation acknowledging these limitations – which cannot be solved with a public dock.
 - c. Remind islanders that a NEW ferry does not eliminate the possibility of unplanned ferry outages.

2. Coordination of response to an unplanned ferry outage

The committee agreed that current priorities are (1) gathering community input and (2) preparing for public presentations. Working on a detailed response plan will become a higher priority after these tasks are complete. In the meantime, we discussed high level points.

To prepare a good plan, the committee needs to define the **scope** of response. This means that we should outline details such as: expected time frame, number of volunteers who would deploy, how many boats/passengers can be handled, etc.

Committee should make a clear set of use cases for which a response could be launched:

- Describe/clarify cases of medical *urgency* (medical appointments, outpatient surgery, etc.)
- Discuss additional cases where an urgent medical situation can move to an emergency medical situation if not resolved in a timely manner

Committee should make a clear set of non-medical use cases justifying urgent access requiring a response:

- Scheduled medical appointments where delay is inconvenient (at a minimum) and potentially could become an emergency situation
- Time-sensitive reservations like flights, sports tickets, concerts, etc.
- For service techs who are stuck on the island, getting them back to the mainland (even if their truck is stuck)

3. Discuss benefits of proposed public dock

Public safety benefits:

- Urgent access on/off island
- Provide additional egress in case of evacuation
- Alternative site for emergency egress

Limitations to current access – committee should get pictures to illustrate:

- Someone climbing down the rip rap next to the ferry dock
- The realities of clambering up off of a dinghy into a boat – requires a level of physical mobility*
* This is also true for recreational access. Just because a person has a boat does not mean that they have ability climb into/out of a dinghy. A fixed dock may still be required for access.

4. Review alternatives for boat access on the island

Committee reviewed other points on the island that have been proposed for access. For details, refer to the committee's Google doc, section titled *Current Situation - Existing Boat Access Options on Lummi Island*.

There is no permanent dock on any of these:

- Aiston Preserve for emergency access only
- Scenic Estates private boat dock (seasonal)
- Village Point Marina public boat launch, fee-based
- Legoe Bay Road private boat launch

A landing craft can land on public land, assuming that tidal levels are right:

- Sunset Beach
- Lummi Island Access Beach
- Aiston Preserve

Note – there are different sizes of landing craft that can move vehicles. These might be rented, but not currently available on Lummi Island.

5. Progress on other committee tasks

Mary, Dave P, Lane, and Alan - research other island docks. Goal is to get good pictures, diagrams and design alternatives. Group to meet next week.

All - build out survey questions. High priority to generate questions for a public survey on opinions about a public dock. Topic for next full committee meeting.

All – work on presentation to build out content. May schedule a separate meeting or work on this 12/12 committee meeting.