

Public Dock Committee Meeting
Sunday June 12, 2022 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom

PRESENT

Mary Ross, Alan Krum, Lane Coury. (Notes by Lane Coury.)

NOTE: Mary off line for most of July; may be available to meet on July 10th.

LINKS TO RESOURCES

- Town Meeting (Feb 6, 2022) – The 90 minute meeting was recorded and available for replay (check OurLummiIsland.org > PDAC webpage > Public / Town Hall Meetings list).
- [Look at this page](#) to find links to recordings of the Zoom PDAC committee meetings.
- [The Public Dock Committee web page](#) with links to documents and related references. (To find this page, go to OurLummiIsland.org > Community > Committees & Research > Public Dock Committee)
- **Shoreline Master Program Handbook** - [has good definitions and very clear guidelines in Chapter 12](#) - “Piers, Docks, and Overwater Structures”.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS SUGGESTED (most recent first)

- **June** – check other projects with similar type or scope. *Cornet Bay dock replacement at Deception Pass State Park* (See [page 4](#) of these minutes for high-level overview).
- **May** – Whatcom County [Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Open Space Plan for 2016](#). Read through this plan to gain familiarity. Especially look at section **Assistance with Local and Community Park Initiatives** (pg. 58-59).
- **May** – [Appendix - Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Open Space Plan for 2016](#). Start on page 169 to see previous input and questions raised during 2013 meetings with Lummi Islanders. Also see [this annotated extract from the plan](#) that highlights any reference to Lummi Island or Lummi Bay. This provides a context for community interest over the last decade.
- April – [LIFAC Survey from 2018](#) (starting on page 173). Interesting review of data collected during a community study to make a case for the replacement ferry.
- April – [2009 Subarea Plan for Lummi Island](#). Prepared by the Lummi Island Planning Committee (2001-2003) after a series of public meetings and surveys.
- March and April – building public consensus about the dock and its design is important. We should all start researching guides and project examples. Here are two docs: (1) [Recreation and Conservation Office Planning Manual > Element 3: Public Involvement \(pages 10-11\)](#) (2) [Birch Bay Community Park – Public Involvement Statement \(pages 1-2 and 8-11\)](#).

AGENDA ITEMS AND RELATED DISCUSSION

1. Set high priority discussion items

- a. Provide an update at the LICA general meeting on Wednesday, June 22. Lane/Mary will do this.
- b. Draft PDAC priorities and objectives for remainder of 2022. Use 2022 objectives to schedule PDAC meeting topics and specific member actions to work toward goals (see *item #2*).

2. Discussed committee goals for 2022 and outlined next actions with due dates.

JUNE-SEPTEMBER

GOAL 1: Engage more community members and broaden outreach/distribution of information

- A. Finish and publish the first set of FAQ's for OurLummilIsland (3rd week of June)
 - Focus on approximately 20 questions which are closest to being ready AND for which we have reasonable answers. (Some questions will raise considerable community debate for which we do not have answers yet. Save these until after we have more community meetings and discussion.)
 - Lane will finish a draft of the webpage by June 19th and send a request to committee members for help reviewing these before publishing.
 - We can then continue building the webpage through the summer.
- B. Host information session(s) at Saturday Market (mid to late July; August if feasible):
 - Need at least 3 people in addition to the photographer. Also ask for 1 or 2 attendees from LIFAC also because many questions will be related to the ferry.
 - **Prepare:** materials to hand out; display boards (Alan has) with pictures; tables, chairs, and pop-up (Alan has); collect input for FAQs, etc.
 - Recruit more active committee member(s) to bring some energy on board
 - Be sure to keep track of questions asked, interests, etc. Take pictures.
 - Schedule a special logistics meeting for a subset of committee (**June 19th**)
- C. Host a Town Hall via hybrid Zoom + in-person at the Grange (August)
 - Consider August to capture the part timers before they leave for the season
 - Decide date, agenda items, and communication plan at PDAC meeting on July 10th
- D. Get input from island business people, vendors, artists, etc. (begin July/August)
 - Begin to draft ideas and reach out to key individuals
 - Follow up in July with Nick, etc.
- E. Hold community workshops to discuss and brainstorm starting in September
 - Propose starting these in September to keep the momentum going
 - Discuss best way to hold workshops, topics, ideas, etc. at meeting on **July 10th**
 - Talk about use of a facilitator and/or moderator to help manage discussion, ensure equal opportunity to speak, etc.
- F. Start creating a plan to engage island and local youth (end Summer/start school year)
 - Contact Beach School to discuss ways to engage students in discussion about their ideas and input. Particularly need to have an integrated approach that involves youth and focuses on outdoor activities
 - Lane will reach out in late August and also contact Julie Hunter re: mainland elementary; Lummi Nation school (ask Terry Terry)

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

GOAL 2: Engage positively with Whatcom County departments and other organizations/agencies

A. Parks & Recreation

- Watch for announcement of the choice for new Parks & Rec director.
- Suggest inviting new director for an island visit in Sept-Oct timeframe.
* Consider coordination with LIHT to co-host an island visit that includes the Aiston Preserve project.

B. County Executive and County Council

- Satpal Sidhu – Terry says that he does have the presentation. Wait to hear more.

C. Department of Public Works

- Roland Middleton (Project Manager) and Jon Hutchins (Director): schedule time in September/October time frame to build more understanding and discuss joint goals.

G. Maritime Washington National Heritage Area (MWNHA)

- June 8th – the [Washington Historical Trust](#) presented the Management Plan for the MWNHA. It's important to stay updated as this initiative gets finalized.
- [Check this link for the slide show](#)
- [Refer to this list of partner organizations](#) – several of which are potential resources for the Lummi Island public dock
- Follow up – Lane has signed up for newsletter and plans to attend future meetings

GOAL 3: Build more formalized plans for how islanders can respond to unplanned ferry outages and other unexpected events requiring coordination.

A. Create a list of resources who could offer:

- volunteer transportation for urgent access to the mainland
- overnight accommodations to people who are caught on the island during an outage
- meal(s) for people who are caught on the island during an outage

B. How to use OLI for quickly matching boats with passengers

- Begin building a list of boat owners who could only help if there was a public dock available
- **Need to communicate clearly the distinction and requirements for Good Samaritan volunteers versus commercial carrier**

C. Build awareness of commercial transportation options, including resources such as Outer Island Excursions

D. Coordinate with LIFD Emergency Preparedness team to share ideas

Similar Project – [Cornet Bay dock replacement at Deception Pass State Park](#)

Just completed in 2022, the project has similar requirements in terms of pier and gangway length to reach the docks. But Cornet Bay is a marina and has 6 floating docks with overnight moorage.

There are extensive, recent documents about the process, design, permitting, construction and price.



Notes and Links

[Recreation and Conservation Funding Board](#) awarded a \$1,664,000 grant to the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission to help fund the pier replacement project. The project included demolition of the old structure and docks plus new construction and some shoreline stabilization with rip rap.

[The bid announcement](#) for demolition, removal of all the old material, and construction of the new structure was \$1.1M which seems considerably underestimated.

Boating Facilities Program (BFP) [application and reference documents](#)

[Project manual with budget breakdown](#) of pier and dock components (not including costs for planning, design, or permitting).

- This is a 552 page document with environmental checklists, building department review, biological site assessment, etc.
- Rather sobering to see statements such as “The project was in review with the Army Corps of Engineers for approximately 4 years
- Construction materials totaled approximately \$2.25M, not including planning, design, permitting, etc.

According to [Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office \(WSRCO\) documents](#), the project was completed on the February 2022, about 3.5 years behind schedule. Most of that delay appears to be the very long time required to get the Army Corps of Engineers sign off.