MINNETONKA BEACH - Dock Committee

Chair:
Jeff Steinke

Vice Chair:
Jim Knudsen

Members:
Jack Foss, Jim Knudsen, Lucian Panait, Todd Pottebaum, Jeff Steinke, Dan Van Handel, and John Whitaker

Staff/Other:
City Council Liaison Tracey Breazeale, City Administrator Heidi Honey & City Clerk Jane Burgess

Dock Committee Meeting Agenda
September 26, 2024 - 5:30 pm

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Approve Agenda**

3. **Approve Minutes**
   3.1. February 6, 2024 Dock Committee Meeting Minutes

4. **Certificate of Appreciation** – Chip Zawislak

5. **Old Business**
   5.1. 2023 Fall Dock Removal Feedback
   5.2. City Council Objective - Explore Improved Configurations at Beach Docks 12-16

   "*Consistent with the City Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan, the Dock Committee will explore and recommend to City Council opportunities to enhance the broader resident experiences at and around the swim beach to improve: Lake Views, Safety, and Water Quality."*

6. **Adjournment**

City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach
Dock Committee Meeting Minutes - UNAPPROVED
February 6, 2024 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Jeff Steinke, Vice Chair: Jim Knudsen; Committee Members: Jack Foss, Jim Knudsen, Dan Van Handel, Lucian Panait, and Chip Zawislak. Council Liaison Tracey Breazeale. Absent: Todd Pottebaum

Guests: None

Staff: City Administrator Heidi Honey, Public Works Superintendent Jason Hilgers, City Clerk Jane Burgess

1. Call to Order
   Chair Steinke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

(Foss motion, Van Handel second to approve the agenda of February 6, 2024. All ayes.). Motion passed.

3. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2022 Dock Committee meeting

(Panait motion, Foss second to approve the June 16, 2022 Dock Committee meeting minutes. All ayes.) Motion passed.

4. Old Business
   4.1. 2023 Fall Dock Removal Feedback
   Hilgers stated the removal went well even with the challenging weather. Each year is different and it is difficult to get the removal done in two weeks but it is doable. Berg's Barge does most of the dock install and removal and John Cody Jr. does Dock 15. Brock Ramaker hauled dock parts to homes last fall but is unable to do that work in the future. Wayne Ramaker will email the slip holders about the dock parts that were removed because each person will need to hire someone to get their parts to the beach or someone will have to coordinate the entire process before spring install. All parts need to be delivered within the same weekend. Berg's Barge was not willing to deliver to homes but offered their storage services. Zawislak asked if more time should be allotted to get parts on site. Higers stated they should try to have everything delivered to the beach the same weekend with the hope most parts will get there. If they give more time, the entire process will be spread out and it will get disorganized. Panait said he used a moving company and that may be a solution for everyone. They charged a two-hour minimum but took less time than that. Bob Melamed asked why the city couldn't hire a moving company and the residents pay for it. Honey stated the city does not want the liability for private property that they don't own but each dock could coordinate their own efforts. Dudley thought a mover was a good idea. He suggested that a consequence of not having parts on site by the set date could be the renter loses their dock. Wayne Ramaker has a list of all the slip renters at the swim beach and they could coordinate using a mover. Melameds were interested in using a mover also. The city could communicate this information as well. Steinke stated the success of this has been good communication and the people on the docks working together.

5. New Business
   5.1. Spring 2024 Dock Permit Process
   Burgess stated the 2024 permit applications were mailed today and are due March 1st. There is an extensive waiting list in many places and there are many new homeowners in the city wanting slips.

   5.2. Dock Fees for 2024
   Burgess stated dock fees were increased which is the first increase in 13 years to cover administrative costs and also a rip rap project along Crystal Bay. The shoreline is extremely eroded.

5.3. City Council Direction Explore Improved Configurations at Beach Docks 12 – 16
Steinke stated that City Council provided direction to the Committee and asked them to address the following: consistent with the City Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan, the Dock Committee will explore and recommend to City Council opportunities to enhance the broader resident experiences at and around the swim beach to improve: lake views, safety and water quality, while preserving non-riparian dock access.

Steinke stated that over years the opening at the beach has been getting narrower. It is decreasing views at the beach, it may have an impact on water quality, but that is arguable, and may impact safety for beach users. He stated they will be looking at some possible ideas. Steinke stated that some people think water along CSAH 15 is deep but Richie Anderson did water depth measurements and found that water depths north to south are consistent so there could be an opportunity to reconfigure on the north or the south. Knudsen talked about median water depths but with the drought would it remain the same or not. Steinke reviewed site plans and photos in the packet and presented an idea Richie Anderson suggested for the swim beach. He envisioned a reconfiguration at the south end with a Planned Unit Development (PUD) from the LMCD where docks would go out further and ½ of the shore would have to be preserved. The proposed plan shows the docks to the north would be added to the docks to the south. Steinke showed a photo of Excelsior with a similar reconfiguration. Foss asked if there was any thought about adding additional slips. Honey stated the city is only allowed a certain number of slips so slips would have to be moved from other locations to that site. Van Handel stated Excelsior docks are permanent and probably owned by the city. Zawislak stated most of the houses you are trying to open views for are not getting more views. Panait stated they are talking about safety but as proposed, all the boats will need to swing wider and into the swim area. Steinke stated the docks would be in deeper water.

Steinke stated the PUD requires 232 ft of shoreline. Zawislak asked how the depth was measured and expressed concerns that the water may be deeper and there was a lot of muck that would likely not hold a pole unless it went down 20-30 ft. Van Handel asked if a barge could get the lifts in the proposed configuration. It would need to be staged and difficult but could be done.

Steinke stated that since the concept was drawn, they have found some issues with it. If this was done, the boats would block sunsets. There would be problems with wave action for boats not on lifts. Approximately 65% have lifts. Boats would have a difficult time navigating with the way the wind blows. Due to these and other things they discovered; they have now focused on a concept to the north of the beach. Richie Anderson was unable to attend tonight and provide that concept, which is basically a flip of this concept.

Zawislak stated there may be problems with the easement on the north and the docks would be in the easement. Halverson's dock is deeded to them and not able to be moved. Panait asked if it was possible to create a Christmas tree shape. Steinke suggested a work group of Dock Committee members meet with Richie Anderson to try out drawing various concepts. Zawislak talked about the expense of additional equipment with an increase in depth.

Steinke stated there may be a solution where everyone wins. Knudsen stated 21 ft poles are likely needed, which are an added expense. Mud plates would also be needed. Knudsen discussed eliminating the canopies to improve views. Breazeale stated the council objectives are to balance the use of the beach for the entire community with the desire to have docks in one of the easiest accessible areas. Additional docks have already been added to the beach. They would like to not reduce the number of slips and will not take any slips away from a current slip holder. The hope is a solution that opens the swimming beach and viewing area. Knudsen stated that the number of slips increased at the beach from being removed from other areas. There were slips removed from Lafayette Road when land was vacated. There was discussion about the shallow water impact on ability to use slips. Slips used to be open on CSAH 15 in the past but those have filled up.

Steinke received support of a work shop meeting with Richie Anderson. Steinke liked that they are empowered to find a solution. Panait asked the timeline. There is no deadline and there was discussion that it would not be reasonable to do this in 2024 but they may be able to come up with a solution in 2024 to have the design ready for 2025. Breazeale discussed getting input from surrounding community members. Zawislak talked about difficulty getting boats in and out of the configuration and determining who gets moved where.

Honey stated that two slips shown close to the firelane would not be allowed if they have canopies because there is a required double setback of 40 ft. The proposed configuration would affect views of sunsets from the beach. There was discussion about Excelsior docks being installed in a windless location, and this proposal is the windiest location on the bay. There was also discussion about who would be located where because an inboard boat would have difficulty getting in and out of its dock. There is a lot of wind and muck where this is proposed, and it would cause problems. If it is shallower to the north, it may work but the property lines may prohibit it. Steinke agreed due to these points and others which are why they are looking at the north. Dudley asked if this would be a nice thing to do but it may turn out there is really no benefit. Breazeale stated that this idea may not be possible, but they want to have them do the best they can to come up with a solution. The desire is better views at the beach since it is a city park and benefits everyone. In the comp plan and mindset is everyone in the city to enjoy the lake life regardless of if they are riparian or not. Additionally, as a community they want everyone to enjoy all of the parks. The beach is used for city activities and enjoyed by many community members, and they want to try to enhance it for the entire community's enjoyment. The hope is to benefit dock slip holders and the community. Dudley stated they may need to leave it as is.

Whitaker stated when there was talk about shutting down Lafayette Rd on 15 but a number of people elsewhere did not want increased traffic on their streets, so they didn't do it. He stated sometimes a few people shut down something for the good of many. He stated it is unfortunate that the beach area has narrowed. Breazeale stated they could possibly do the same concept on both the north and the south side.

Ramaker stated trying to make a reconfiguration as proposed would be a nightmare because each renter has their own parts and a lot of people would have to buy additional parts. Lisa Melamed suggested that it may be time for uniform docks. Whitaker said going out 100 ft is where to his dock is unstable and needs reinforcing.

Steinke will check availability for a work shop one day in March at 5:30pm with Richie Anderson to try different ideas. There was discussion about making canopies uniform colors as they are replaced over time and putting out messaging regarding that.

6. Adjourn

(Zawislak motion, Van Handel second to adjourn; all ayes.) Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Minutes taken by City Administrator Heidi Honey.

Others present: Jim Dudley, Wayne Ramaker, Lisa and Bob Melamed

City of the Village of Minnetonka Beach
Dock Committee Workshop Minutes - UNAPPROVED
May 21, 2024 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chair: Jeff Steinke, Todd Pottebaum, and John Whitaker and Council Liaison Tracey Breazeale
Absent: Jack Foss, Jim Knudsen, Dan Van Handel, Lucian Panait, and Chip Zawislak.

Guests: Richie Anderson

Staff: City Administrator Heidi Honey, Public Works Superintendent Jason Hilgers, City Clerk Jane Burgess, LMCD Representative Dennis Klohs

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Restate the Dock Committee's Objective From City Council
Steinke stated the Dock Committee explored the idea of reconfiguring the Swim Beach docks at the last meeting. The City Council provided direction to the committee and asked that they address the following: consistent with the City Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan, the Dock Committee will explore and recommend to City Council opportunities to enhance the broader resident experiences at and around the swim beach to improve: lake views, safety and water quality, while preserving non-riparian dock access.

3. Presentation of Richie Anderson's Latest Swim Beach Dock Configuration Vision
Anderson expressed concerns about water quality at the swim beach and hypothesized: if the docks were arranged to provide better water flow and sunlight in the littoral zone, it may be possible that there would be less beach closures due to E.coli. He reviewed the current dock configuration. He initially suggested configuring all of the docks to the south side of the beach near the firelane as a PUD. Steinke stated the feedback on that configuration was that it impacts views of sunsets. Anderson then proposed a configuration with all docks on the north side of the swim beach. This configuration impacts the swim beach area, and the swim beach would need to be moved to the south. The configuration would put docks out 200 ft. Anderson then reviewed water depths along Shoreline Dr and stated that people who live on Shoreline are able to put docks in, but he does not know how deep the water is. There was discussion about the length of pole needed due to the muck on the bottom of the lake. Current docks are in about 6.5 ft of water and this proposal is approximately 11 ft. Anderson stated conceptually he is trying to provide a solution and the dock slip holders may need to incur some costs. His focus was on water quality and beach closures from elevated ecoli tests. There was a discussion about the configuration of docks in Excelsior. Whitaker said the city docks are different than Excelsior because the city dock faces southwest and is hit by much more wind and waves than the Excelsior docks. Whitaker asked about having the angle as proposed face northwest. Anderson stated this is the best design that could be proposed for the docks on the north. There was discussion about moving the swim beach, which would entail moving other things. There was discussion about splitting slips between the north and south ends. There was discussion about the possibility of reconfiguring not improving water quality.

Objectives were improving water quality and also opening views at the beach. The opening of the views would be a clearer objective to measure and hopefully the water quality would also improve. Anderson stated the first configuration he presented improves views of the sunset. He suggested moving that configuration to the north 20 ft, providing for a 40 setback. Both ends could be open to enter from either side. The dock would parallel 252 ft of the beach, and over 50% of the shoreline would remain open. There is 604 or 608 ft of shoreline. Anderson explained that a PUD is a special density license, and municipalities can go out 200 ft if they have a PUD but 50% of the shoreline must remain open.

There were comments that there is a view at the swim beach now. The view corridor has shrunk because slips have been moved there over the past 20 years. There was discussion about the canopies impacting views and they could be removed. Other organizations on the lake do not allow canopies. There was discussion about the difficulty of maneuvering in the proposed configuration, and instability with the strong winds. Steinke reviewed the proposed options:

all docks on the south, all docks on the north, modified all on south but moving 20 ft to the north, and there was a request to see docks split between the north and south.

There was discussion about other configurations, moving out further, and moving slips to the interior of the docks to widen the view. There was additional discussion on the causes of E.coli and suggestions about ways to increase water flow. Dudley stated every house has turned over across from the swim beach docks since the docks have been configured as they are today who enjoy the view and may not want to see a reconfiguration or have the view changed. To make the docks look better he suggested uniformity by requiring the docks to be the same. Ratzlaff suggested matching canopies. The city does ask that any new canopy be green for this reason. Dudley stated it would be difficult to go out further due to the muck on the bottom. Breazeale stated the swim beach park is one of the primary parks, and the City needs to consider neighbors views but also look at the views for all of the other residents who use the beach. She stated there has been creep over time with adding a few docks, mismatched canopies being added to all of the slips, and she suggested moving a few of the end slips would open up the views and help water circulate better which may help with E.coli levels. Ratzlaff suggested going out further and moving two current slips to the interior of the dock and see how that works before doing a larger reconfiguration.

Pottebaum suggested that when there is turnover at the beach, two slips are eliminated over time at the swim beach and relocated. Klohs said this is about not taking away something from non-riparians and there are no locations in the city that are comparable. There is no place to move the slips that compares with the swim beach. There was discussion about eliminating canopies over time to improve the view.

There was discussion about E.coli testing done by Hennepin County which is paid by the city and some cities do not test the beach water any longer because they want to remain open, and some cities test with high levels of E.coli and chose to stay open. The city chooses to have the water tested and chooses to close the beach when levels are elevated about recommended levels. There was the question about if anyone has ever been sick from the E.coli. Burgess explained that this year will be a test for correct sampling procedures because last year Hilgers watched the person take a sample incorrectly. All of the testers are being educated on correct sampling procedures.

Breazeale asked what locations would be available to move slips to. Slips had been moved to the swim beach over time because other locations were difficult to use, the water depth is too shallow, there is no parking, it is too difficult to navigate the slip, or it is dangerous to cross a busy road or use steep stairs to access the dock. There was discussion about removing 2 slips over time to somewhere else. Steinke stated the slips have to go somewhere and cannot go away. Klohs stated all the lawsuits over the past 20 years deal with non-riparian access. James J Hill gave preference to non-lakeshore owners with the way the city was platted. The lawsuits were settled by relocating a slip to a comparable location. Historically, the city has not been run in a manner to negatively impact a future dock slip holder at the swim beach so moving a slip to a less desirable location would negatively impact a future dock slip holder. To make the views better, something needs to be eliminated. Rosendahl would hate to lose his view and hate to have the docks unsafe by moving out further. Ramaker again discussed moving a slip once someone gives up their slip, the one closest to the swim area would be moved and everyone would move over one to widen the swim area/view corridor. Pottebaum stated it is not ideal but people would just have to be on the wait list to get to the swim beach. Klohs stated they would have settled lawsuits 20 years ago if there were other comparable locations to move docks to. Anderson prefers the configuration with the docks to the south modified a bit and he does not think geese are the reason for the E.coli because many beaches have geese and do not have high levels of E.coli. Anderson left the meeting. He was thanked for his work on these reconfigurations.

Whitaker stated that the proposed configuration would not be stable being out further with the muck and the impact of the wind. It would be very difficult to maneuver into the slips and boats will be hit. His dock goes out 100 ft and with multiple poles and mud plates, it is still unstable with the muck. He does not think there is a safety issue because of the E.coli and nobody has reported being sick. He recommended that the city no longer tests the water and leave the beach open. Klohs mentioned wake boats water columns stirring up the sludge at the bottom of the lake what is residual from years ago prior to lake cities having city sewer systems.

Klohs stated that Anderson did a really good job on the configuration. He has been part of every lawsuit regarding non-riparian lake access. The only way the city ever agreed was if it could relocate slips to a comparable location. If slips are

removed from the swim beach, that impacts future slip holders. He thinks all slips need to remain there. E.coli will not be solved. Focus on view and safety and the proposed configuration is less safe to navigate than the present docks. The only thing left is the view. He suggested removing the canopies to open the view because it is better to lose canopies than to lose slips. He suggested a test with some of the slips not having a canopy. People have no legal right to a canopy. To ease the transition, it can happen over time. When someone moves, everyone shifts down and the new person is not allowed a canopy. The original ordinance that approved this existing configuration allows for canopies. Honey found evidence that people used to have to apply for a variance for a canopy ten to fifteen years ago and prior.

Rosendahl lives across from the swim beach and canopies of different colors do not bother his view. The views are only enjoyed 4 months over the year by most residents.

Breazeale stated that there has been a migration of docks and canopies added at the swim beach. The long-term impact may not have been discussed and, had the city known the impact, they may have made different decisions. The city does not want to relocate people and it wants people to have desirable locations but if they did not allow a boat house at the beach, but did allow them in other locations, those other locations may become more desirable. Staff explained that canopies are not allowed where there firelanes, so most of the docks do not have canopies.

Ratzlaff liked the idea of moving one slip to the interior part of the dock and he also suggested asking if anyone is interested in eliminating their boathouse.

4. Input from Dock Committee - There was no quorum of dock committee members.

5. Input form Visitors – Provided in item #3.

6. Q& A – Provided in item #3.

7. Consensus, Action Plan and Timing

Steinke stated they asked for fresh ideas and discussion about them. They cannot make any recommendations without a quorum. They would like to review the meeting notes and meet again later in summer before making a recommendation to Council. Burgess stated they will have some E.coli test results then also. Breazeale thought improving and opening up the view was very important. Hilgers agreed with Whitaker that the City should not close the beach based on E.coli levels. E.coli is always in water everywhere. Whitaker stated they swim every day in the same water and nobody get sick. It is a shame that Monday Funday gets cancelled from test results.

8. Adjourn – 7:07 pm

Minutes taken by City Administrator Heidi Honey.

Others present: Jim Dudley, Wayne Ramaker, John Rosendahl, Curt Ratzlaff, Jeff Melin

August 2024 Dock Committee report out to City Council - Beach Dock Solution Progress

Objective: *Consistent with the City Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan, the Dock Committee will explore and recommend to City Council opportunities to enhance the broader resident experiences at and around the swim beach to improve: Lake Views, Safety, and Water Quality, while preserving non-riparian dock access.*

Dock Change Opportunities(3)	Pros	Cons
1 - Reconfiguration of docks from linear to rectangular configuration and to south side of beach	Improves north side and beach views Shoreline less consumed by docks	Worsens views for homes to the south with 2 layers of boats vs. current 1x More difficult navigation manuvering and wind challenges creating potential safety issues Deeper water challenges with boat lifts and need for longer pipes Possible increased costs due to deeper water installation/removal work
2 - Move interior slips to other locations	Improves beach views Decreases # of slips at the Beach	Difficulty finding other comparable dock slips to move slips within the Beach (shallow water, HWY 15) Limited opportunity to noticably improve beach views by relocating a small number of slips Punishes those who are required to move to inferior locations
3 - Remove boathouses & canvases, but allow lift canopies	Least disruptive of options Annual cost savings with less labor to install and remove boat houses and canopies Improved views Faster install and removal shortening the time parts are staged on shore Allows for future reconfigurations if deemed not impactful enough Current boat renters spaces are preserved Continued ease of boat navigation relative to common wind direction Additional sunlight may improve ecoli levels at the beach	Boat house storage would be lost (although not allowed) Less wind and rain protection with boat house canvasas removed

APPROVED 5/8/19

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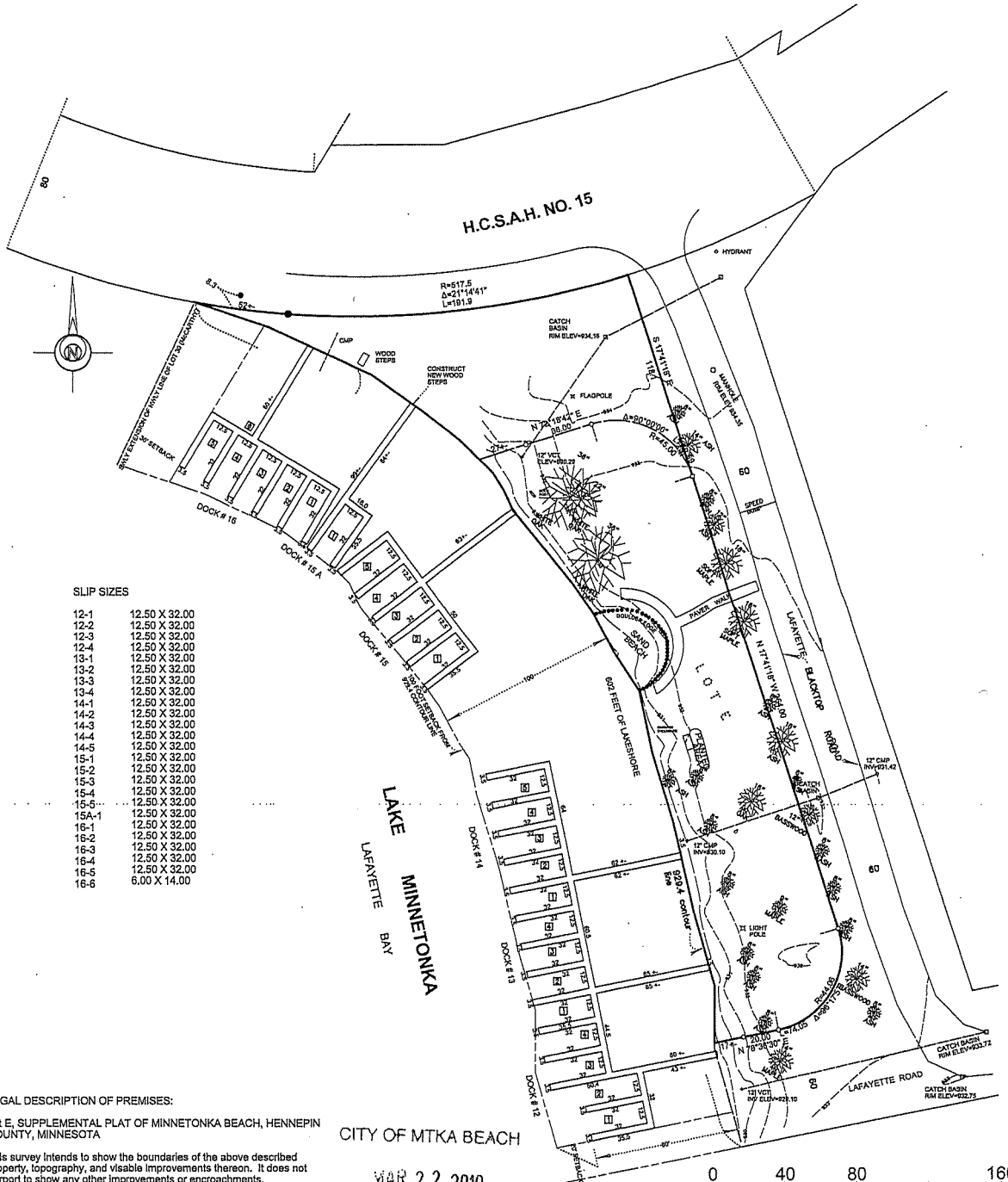
BOUNDARY AND TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR
THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF MINNETONKA BEACH
OF LOT E, SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT OF MINNETONKA BEACH
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA
DOCK SITES 12 - 16



LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES:

Lot E, SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT OF MINNETONKA BEACH, HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

This survey intends to show the boundaries of the above described property, topography, and visable improvements thereon. It does not purport to show any other improvements or encroachments.

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Bearings are based on an assumed datum.

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Village of Minnetonka Beach
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City Dock #17 - 23
City Dock #24
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Westwood Rd
Woodbridge Rd
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Co Rd 15
Shoreline Dr
Lafayette Rd
Beach Ln
Crescent St
Cross Point Rd
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Lake Rd
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County Rd 15
Lafayette Ridge Rd
Huntington Point Rd E
Huntington Pt Rd W
Woodbirds Ln
City Hall
St. Martin's Church
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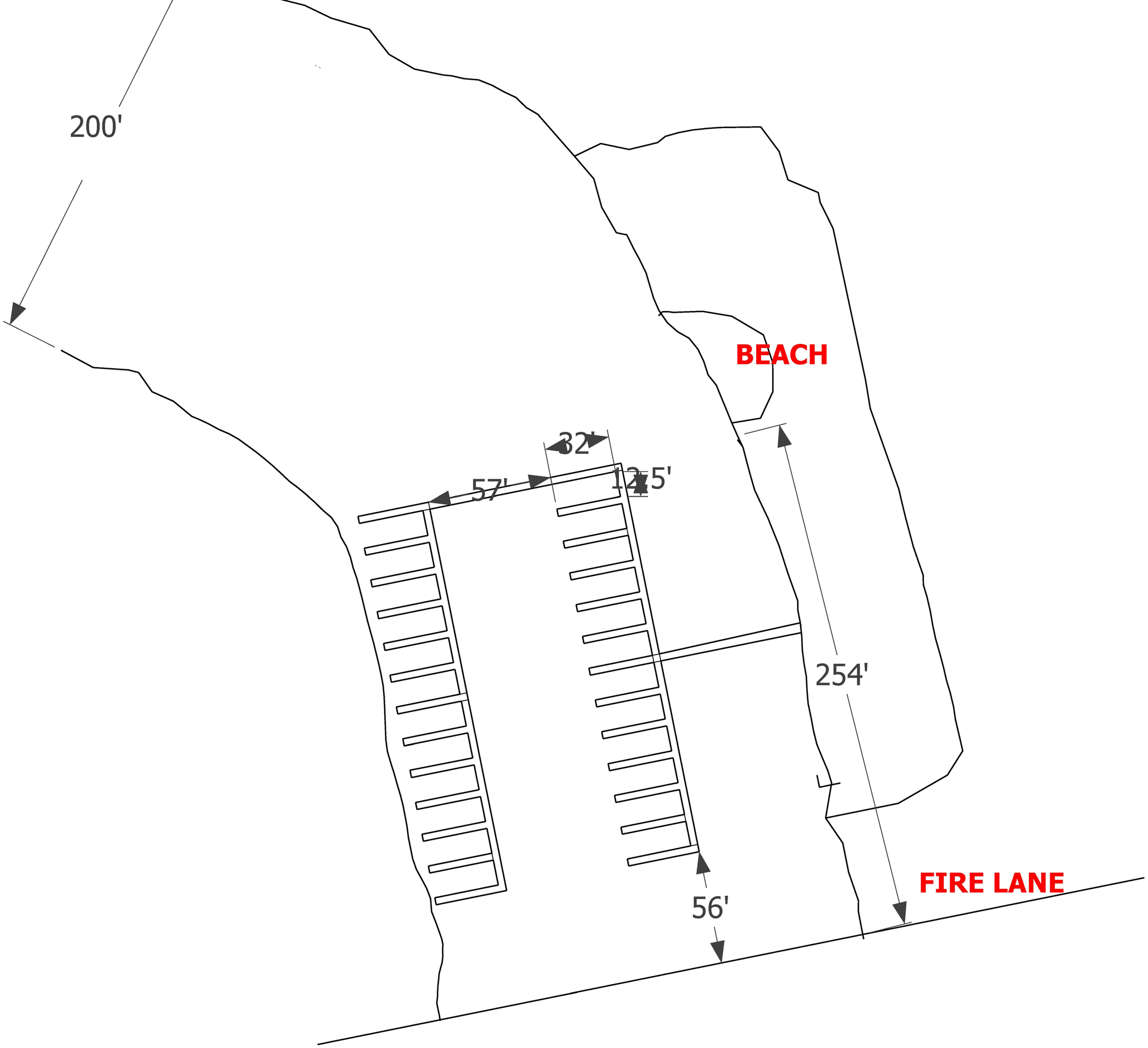
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City Admin

From: Dennis Klohs <dennis.klohs@me.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2024 1:59 PM
To: City Admin
Cc: Joe Pagano; Jeff Steinke
Subject: Swimming Beach docks

Heidi,

Non-riparian lake access has been an integral part of the history of Minnetonka Beach starting from the original Plat of the City in 1883. Sharing the public waters of Lake Minnetonka by riparian/non-riparian home owners has helped create the community we love and appreciate. Shared access has worked very well.

Change does happen - in 1979 the City vacated a long stretch of lake frontage it controlled on the east side of Huntington Point. This right-of-way extended from the extension of Cross Point Road (dock 10 on the south) to the north end of Lafayette Road (docks8/9) where it bends west away from the lake. For decades the City provided lake access to non-riparian owners with a cluster of docks at the north and south ends of the city controlled land. This worked very well for two decades.

Disputes over lake access in this vacated area by riparian home owner's (docks 8/9/10/11) started after this quiet period. The City and the LMCD have successfully defended non-riparian access during multiple lawsuits. In order to settle these lawsuits the city chose to relocate several boat slips from the contested area to the City's swimming beach. This was the only area in the City that had similar lake access.

This relocation of docks was a way to settle lawsuits - however, an unintended consequence of this decision was it blocked the view corridor to Lafayette Bay from the land at the swimming beach. How can this be corrected with the least harm that benefits the residents using the swimming beach?

Removing canopies from "all" city permitted docks is the best answer to solve this issue and restore the beautiful view of Lafayette Bay. All city permitted docks should be treated the same - no canopies. Boat lifts with covers could be allowed.

Lake access is protected - canopies are not. Reconfiguration of the swimming beach docks would not be necessary if the view to Lafayette Bay was restored. This is the easiest way to correct the unintended problems created by relocating docks to the swimming beach to settle disputes.

Dennis Klohs

Sent from my iPad

City Admin

From: jimdudleyhouse@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 6:57 AM
To: City Admin
Subject: FW: Swim Beach Dock Configuration

Heidi,

Good morning. I sent the below to Jeff Steinke for this Thursday's dock committee meeting. Could you please distribute to the rest of the committee members at the meeting? I did not know if it was appropriate to do a broader email to all of the committee members. Thank you in advance for your efforts. Enjoy the day!

Jim Dudley

From: jimdudleyhouse@gmail.com <jimdudleyhouse@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2024 6:55 AM
To: 'Jeff Steinke' <Jeff.Steinke@RyanCcompanies.com>
Subject: Swim Beach Dock Configuration

Jeff,

I understand that there is a Dock Committee meeting this Thursday. I would really like to be there, but I am out of town through the beginning of next week. Reviewing the Dock Committee agenda published by the city, it stated the following:

> The City Council provided direction to the committee and asked that they address the following: consistent with the City Mission Statement and Comprehensive Plan, the Dock Committee will explore and recommend to City Council opportunities to enhance the broader resident experiences at and around the swim beach to improve: lake views, safety and water quality, while preserving non-riparian dock access.

While I always strive to improve our community through the actions I take with my own property and support meaningful improvements to our small community, I strongly believe that making changes to the beach and/or beach docks is catering to the few and ignoring the many. With all due respect for the City Council, the ask to explore opportunities for improvement can end with a recommendation from the Dock Committee to leave the beach and/or beach docks unchanged. Living across from the swimming beach, Cathy and I have a full-time view of the city's wonderful beach area, and below are our thoughts on change:

Lake Views – 1) It is important to keep in mind that all houses facing the docks and beach on Lafayette Road have turned over since the last dock reconfiguration. Therefore, all residents on that road purchased their houses understanding what their views would be. If views are negatively impacted, I suspect there will be significant pushback from some residents. 5 of those 6 residents house their boats at the beach, and I am confident that none of them would prefer to have boat canopies removed for a different view – they would rather protect their assets from the elements with a canopy. Also, the changes proposed in dock configuration do not seem feasible to me because of depth, lake floor consistency, and wind. 2) Docks are in the water for just over one-half of the year. The other half of the year offers 100% unobstructed views. 3) Uniformity and a cleaner look can be established through standardizing dock canopy colors. I recommend mandating that all replaced dock canopies must be a specific green color and that there should be a full conversion by the end of the 2027 season. 4) There is consistently one couple who uses benches at the beach, and they most times choose to sit on one of the beach benches that offer the broadest views. There is no issue with views when sitting at the beach. For all of the above reasons, I believe there is no need to change the dock configuration at the swim beach.

Safety and Water Quality – I do not believe there are any safety issues with the current dock configuration, and water quality certainly was not a problem this year. I believe there is no need for improvement in either of these areas.

Non-Riparian Dock Access – The easiest way to preserve non-riparian dock access is to leave the dock configuration unchanged.

I will gladly discuss the above over the phone in advance of the meeting if you wish. Also, if there are any openings coming up on the Dock Committee, I will gladly put my name in the hat to be a committee member. I feel that I can give a unique perspective being so involved with the docks already. Thank you for your consideration. Enjoy the day!

Jim Dudley

Minnetonka Beach Dock History

1997 – 12 dock locations – 25 separate dock structures – license for 92 boats

Renumbered docks

Reduce sq ft at 12, 13, 14 by 584'. Reduce to 86 slips if necessary

2006 – 16 slips at the swim beach

2007 – LMCD (dock 10 site) now approved 4 slips instead of 5. The 5th was moved to swim Beach site 15.

2008 – Now have 86 licenses at 25 dock slips. Proposed changes to all dock sites.

Dock site #2 - extended 4'. Reduced 2 BSU

Dock site #3 - Reduced 1 BSU

Dock site #4 - Reduced 2 BSU

Dock sites #5-7A – length docks from 70' to 100'. Decrease BSUs at 5-1, 5-2, 6-1, 6-2, 7-1, 7-1A & 7-A2. Increase size of BSUs at 6-A1& 7-2. Add 3 slips at BSUs 6-A1, 6-A2 & 7-2. Add platform at dock 7.

Dock sites #8 &9 – Reduce size of all 6 BSUs

Dock sites #10-1 & 10-2 – Decrease size, extend out farther from shoreline.

Dock sites #12-16- City discovered ownership of additional shoreline 184'. Length docks. Widen BSUs 12-1 to 14-4. Decrease BSUs at 14-5. Increase size of BSUs 15-1 to 15-3. Relocate 6 BSUs from dock sites 16-23.

Dock sites #17 – 23. Relocate 6 BSUs to beach site. Lengthen docks. Increase sizes of 6 BSUs 19-1, 19-2, 20-1, 20-2, 21-1, 21-2, 22-1, 22-2, 23-1, 23-2. Decrease sizes at 10 BSUs 19-3, 19-4, 20-3, 20-4, 21-3, 21-4, 22-3, 22-4.

Dock sites #24 & 25 – Reduce size of all 6 BSUs and remove middle dock finger.

2009 - Made #16 all full size. Moved dock #4 spots to beach area (full size 15-5 & PWC 16 -5. Create sailboat option at 17-1. Reduced PWC size mostly docks 17 – 25. Maintained 86 slips.

2010 – Canopy variance no longer required. LMCD approved multiple licenses and 7 full Size spaces were able to be added to swim beach by removing small dock spaces, from other areas for a total of 23 docks at swim beach.