

Boston Harbor Association

Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2020 – 6:30 pm via remote Zoom video conference/telephone

Members Present: Richard Thompson, Susan Lund, Chris Hamilton, Michael Deford, Larry Seale, Dan Doty, Kate Foster-Keddie and Joyce Herschberger.

Agenda:

- Chair Announcements
- Budget Brief
- July 3rd Fireworks
- Covid-19 outreach

Chair Announcements: The record of meeting minutes for BAH Board Meetings for 2019 are incomplete. If board members have notes from past meetings, please send them to Nancy Brown for posting on our webpage.

Budget Brief: May 2020 report reflects an overall total of \$14,200.49 in the account.

ACTION: None taken.

July 3rd Fireworks: (*History*) Action was taken by The Board at the May 2020 meeting to cancel the July 3rd 2020 fireworks display and postpone the decision on whether to hold the July 3rd 2020 bike parade.

Upon the request of several Board members, the decision to cancel the July 3rd celebration was revisited for discussion and further consideration. The board considered the possibility of having a display later in the year.

Updates and new considerations:

- Thurston County is currently in Phase 2 of the CV19 reopening. For the event to be consistent with the Governor's Order, specifically the allowance of crowds larger than 50 people, the County would need to be in Phase 4 to hold the event. The probability of reaching Phase 4 by July 3rd appears to be close to impossible.
 - The marina will not jeopardize their business license and cannot hold the event unless Thurston Co is in Phase 4. The event usually draws up to a few thousand people.
 - The marina is interested in holding an event later in the year and recommended planning for an event over the Labor Day Holiday weekend.
- A permit from the county could still be obtained in time for the event, up to a week before the event.
- It is unclear if a barge could be obtained in time for the event.
- Risk to community health seem to outweigh the benefits
- Concerns were raised around the firework display company going out of business. R.T. checked in with the company over the past 2 weeks and they communicated that this should not be an issue. The BHA \$5K down payment should be safe and our new contract with the company should apply to the next event regardless if we decide to hold one on an alternate date or if we wait until July 3rd 2021.

- The bike parade was considered to be safer and still a possibility due to: drawing a smaller crowd; people not standing around and interacting as much; participants are mostly people from the neighborhood and a lot of the children are already playing together.
 - The start of the parade would have everyone in a big group and placing people at risk. The board does not want to be out of compliance with the Governor's Order.

ACTION: Yes. The Board voted to cancel the July 3rd 2020 fireworks display, again. Consider holding an event over the Labor Day holiday, but this will not be decided until a later date. The board also decided that the bike parade will be cancelled unless Phase 4 is instated by the July 3rd event. If Phase 4 is instated for Thurston County, the BHA Board will hold an emergency meeting to discuss and take action on the bike parade at that time.

CV19 Outreach to the community: The agenda item was tabled until next meeting due to technical difficulties on the conference/Zoom call.

Next Board Meeting is Monday July 6.