

**Gig Harbor Peninsula Advisory Commission (PAC)
October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Peterson
Garth Jackson
Lucinda Wingard
Gordon Ballantyne

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Conway (Excused)

Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

**Shoreline Substantial Development Permit: Iverson
Application 892671**

Applicant: Robert & Sherlyn Iverson

Request: Revision to shoreline permit (606521) to install a concrete anchor, rope, mid-line float, and mooring buoy 300 feet from end of dock in Hales Passage, accessory to a single-family residence located at 523 7th Ave, Fox Island, in the Rural 10 zone classification within the Gig Harbor Peninsula Community Plan area in Council District #7.

Lucinda Wingard was the case reviewer.

Staff presented the case.

Robert Perez, Assistant Planner, gave a presentation of the proposal and summarized the Initial Project Review.

APPLICANT TESTIMONY

Robert Iverson, Applicant, spoke about the history of the dock and buoy and stated the following:

- At 0' tide, there is 1 foot of water at end of dock, which is why he is requesting a buoy
- With the original dock permit, the unpermitted buoy was required to be removed.
- A second buoy was installed without permits
- A new application has been submitted to legalize the buoy and move it to a new location
- The anchor has been replaced
- Did not realize there was a permit process required
- Buoy is needed due to the shallow nature of the water
- The boatlift is no longer on-site. If buoy does not get approved he may request a boatlift
- Would only put the boat on the buoy
- There previously were items attached to the end of the dock, but are no longer there

PULIC COMMENT

Michael Murphy, stated that as a former member of this commission, he recalls the PAC would recommend denial of a buoy if recommending approval of a dock. He wondered if the new buoy is set up, so the chain does not drag along bottom.

COMMISSION QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

- The depth at the end of the dock is unknown
- Inquired as to whether a buoy is allowed in addition to a dock
- Staff Report had recommended prohibiting buoy at the time the dock was applied for
- When dock was applied for, buoy was denied; that decision should be upheld
- Some commissioners had concerns about the number of water intrusions
- In the past, PAC has recommended a dock and buoy if water level is too low
- Original recommendation for no buoy is logical to reduce impacts to navigation
- Chair Peterson raised concerns over the buoy not being removed as instructed
- Chair Peterson does not understand why an original condition can be removed

- The applicant could have appealed the buoy denial, but did not
- Commissioner Ballantyne was pleased that the buoy was professionally installed
- Commissioner Ballantyne stated that the buoy appears to be outside main navigation area and is in line with other obstructions
- Kayakers and other water users should be able to easily navigate around the buoy
- Although the buoy was placed prior to permits, retribution is not a role of the commission
- Original request for buoy was ten years ago, so this should receive a new review

Motion made (Wingard/Peterson) to recommend denial of the proposal as presented.

Vote:

Wingard – Yes, with comment that she is concerned about the cumulative impacts.

Peterson – Yes, with comment that there was rationale requiring the buoy be removed and applicant disregarded those instructions and installed unpermitted boatlift. Regulations are there for a purpose. Her vote is not retribution; the applicant should have applied for buoy prior to installation.

Jackson – No, with comment that if this were a fresh application without the history, it would have been approved.

Ballantyne – No, with comment that common sense says the buoy is warranted.

Motion failed; therefore, PAC is not recommending approval or denial, but requests commissioner comments be forwarded to the Hearing Examiner for consideration.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Tacoma Narrows Airport Advisory Commission (TNAAC) is needing to fill a seat specifically reserved for an active member of the Gig Harbor Peninsula Advisory Commission (PAC). Chair Peterson asked that if any PAC members are interested, to apply.

Robert Perez stated that Dave Risvold will hold an overview of the new shoreline regulations at the Key Peninsula Advisory Commission meeting on October 17. Staff will send reminder to commissioners of the training.

OLD BUSINESS

- Commissioner Wingard briefly discussed docks, boatlifts, and buoys and the PAC recommendations as to whether an applicant should have one or more of those things...and wants to know science of having one or the other and cumulative impacts. Wonders if they are being too picky or not in their recommendations to the Examiner. Looking for guidance from County.
- Chair Peterson recommended an informational document that may address these issues.

Minutes

(September 26, 2018)

Motion made (Peterson/Jackson) to approve the September 26, 2018 minutes as presented. *Motion carries.*

Motion made to adjourn at 7:21 PM.