

Long Wharf Advisory Committee

The Long Wharf Advisory Committee (LWAC) was established by City Council resolution in October 2012. The LWAC consists of 11 members representing groups with interests in Long Wharf. (see attached list). Its purpose and responsibilities were listed as follows:

The purpose and responsibilities of this advisory committee will be to assist the City of Cambridge with the planning, promoting and development of Long Wharf, Long Wharf Park, and the Municipal Marina. The Committee's activities shall include assisting with the development of marketing and business plans, public relations plans, master plans, and strategic development plans. The Committee shall also assist the City with the development of guidelines for future changes and improvements.

LWAC Accomplishments

2012 – In the summer of 2012, the University of Maryland, School of Landscape Architecture did a field project to develop concepts for the development of Long Wharf Park. They held a series of public workshops, called “charrettes”, to gather public ideas for the park. The LWAC was developed as a result of this project, to implement the ideas generated.

2013 – LWAC developed a list of design elements for a Long Wharf Park Master Plan from the UMD study to begin the planning process. LWAC developed an administrative Standard Operating Procedure for controlling events, signs and permanent structures on Long Wharf and the park. (Approved, August, 2013). LWAC began working with the Cambridge Rotary Club with their enhancement of the Long Wharf fountain and circle area.

2013-2014 – LWAC developed a proposal for a new restroom facility at the Long Wharf Marina. They worked with a local architect and Cambridge DPW, to develop a design. After funding was granted by Maryland DNR, LWAC did public outreach about the plan, and coordinated the development of the project.

2013-2014 – LWAC participated in a detailed discussion concerning a monument for the Distinguished Service Cross recipients from Dorchester County. LWAC served as the focus for the discussion on placing the monument and its style. They developed a series of concepts and ideas for the City Council to review to help them make an informed choice.

2014 – LWAC developed a review of the physical needs of the marina and presented it to the city for further action. The project was put on hold waiting for funding.

2014-2015 – LWAC worked with the Marina staff to begin development of a marketing plan for the Marina to increase rentals of marina slips. LWAC provided input on several occasions to the staff, with limited action by the city, mostly due to a lack of funding.

2015 – LWAC worked with the City and Lane Engineering to develop a proposal for the renovation of Long Wharf Parking Lot. The project was to add green infrastructure to the area, and to make it more user-friendly for citizens to use the wharf for fishing or local events.

2016 – LWAC coordinated with the city DPW on the implementation of the project to replace the bulkheads and install green infrastructure at the Long Wharf parking areas. This project finished in October 2016.

2016 – LWAC developed with Lane Engineering a Long Wharf Master Plan to cover Long Wharf and Long Wharf Park. This plan has been presented to the City Council for consideration.

2016 – LWAC gave strong input to the City Economic Development Office on a marketing plan for the City Marina, which is in early stages of implementation.

Continuing Projects

1. Improve marketing of Long Wharf Marina for increased transient use and slip rentals.
2. Develop proposals to update facilities at Long Wharf Parking Area
3. Develop proposals to update facilities at Marina
 - a. Safety equipment (ladders, lights, electric, water lines)
 - b. Breakwater (Now floating wave attenuator. Issue: waves from boat wakes pass under the float and rock boats in marina. Need bottom break or replacement of system)
 - c. Boat Lifts (to allow boats to be stored out of wave action)
4. Develop proposals to update Park facilities to meet Master Plan

The Long Wharf Advisory Committee is facing Committee member burn-out. Of the 11 persons appointed to the LWAC, only 4 to 5 attend meetings on a regular basis. The Committee is restricted from soliciting new members due to a formula for membership set out in the original Long Wharf resolution. We ask that the Mayor and Council change the membership quotas and appoint new members to the committee.

The core group of the committee feels that the work of LWAC needs to continue and there is a need for a citizens advisory group for Long Wharf and the waterfront area. The Choptank River is an under-appreciated resource for this city with tremendous potential to enhance tourism and the quality of life for our citizens.

We would like to express our appreciation for the strong relationship LWAC has with Cambridge DPW. Many of our suggestions and comments were accepted and implementation begun, as funds became available. We especially express our gratitude to Odie Wheeler for his support.

Submitted:
Lou Hyman
Chair, Long Wharf Advisory Committee

Organization of Long Wharf Advisory Committee (Resolution 12-013)

The membership will be formed as follows:

Two marina slip holders, one being a working waterman;

General: originally Kay Jones, Replaced by Roger Worthington

(rogerworthington@verizon.net) (britxpri@verizon.net)

Waterman: { Empty }

Two members from two different maritime organizations;

Richardson Museum – David Singelstad (singelstad@comcast.net)

Nathan of Dorchester – Lou Hyman (lou.hyman@gmail.com)

Two members representing the business community;

Chamber of Commerce – originally Allen Nelson, now Bill Christopher

(bill@dorchesterchamber.org)

Main Street Cambridge – originally Mari Stanley, now Katie Clendaniel

(office@cambridgemainstreet.com)

One member from the public at large;

Originally Joe T Lewis Jr., now { Empty }

One member with landscaping expertise;

Originally { Empty }, now Garden Club – Gloria Warner

(wswarner@comcast.net)

One member from a non-profit public service organization;

Rotary Club – Jeff Hubbard

(jeffhub@comcast.net)

One member from a neighborhood citizens association;

WECA – Originally Marion Thomas, now Tony Thomas

(canvasback1@verizon.net)

One member being adjoining property owner.

David Tomey , High Street

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City Council Rep

Originally Jackie Vickers, Now

Cambridge DPW – Odie Wheeler

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