

Nyack Parks Commission Minutes December 2021

Meeting December 10, 2021

Minutes taken by Jim Willcox

Park Commissioners present:

Jim Willcox
Carolyn Cairns
Marie Lorenzini
Andrea DeVitto
Jordan Turner
Bert Hughes

7:00 PM Meeting

Issues in the marina. Following earlier discussion, the Parks Commission discussed convening two committees, one for kayakers and one for those renting slips in the marina. Jim has received lists of these who have rented kayak-rack storage, as well as a list of these who have rented slips in the past.

There are a few issues for kayakers, including whether or not the two current racks are sufficient for demand, and if the village should add one more rack. It was suggested that any new rack might also be able to accommodate smaller sailboats, such as a Sunfish or Laser. The group will consider what types of racks would be appropriate, designs and construction, and get an estimate on pricing.

There was also a discussion about moving the kayak racks from their current location near the inlet on the southeast side of the marina to a spot across the parking lot near the marina fence. One reason is that the current location is a prime viewing area for cars, and the racks are an obstruction. Also, even though parking is prohibited, cars often park there and block access to the racks.

Also discussed was an effort to provide a better launch area for kayaks canoes, paddleboards and other non-powered watercraft now that the eco dock has been removed. The committees will provide feedback on whether a new beach landing or a dock better suited for kayakers would be most appropriate. The idea of repurposing one of the launch ramps for exclusive use by non-powered watercraft was also suggested.

It was also suggested that the committee be expanded beyond just current slip renters to engage members of the community in the decision. The Parks Commission will consider the best means for outreach, including local social media, posts on the Nyack Village website, etc.

The slip-renters committee will address any issues that they're having in the marina, including parking (and parking passes), signage, safety and security (including cameras and lighting), and after-hours noise.

Earlier, Commissioner Andrea DeVitto and several neighbors on Burd Street had met with Village official and the Orangetown police to address several issues, including racing up and down Burd Street and into the marina at unsafe speeds, and excessive noise and partying. It was agreed that the situation has gotten better, with a more pronounced police presence. The village has also since passed an ordinance that sets the marina hours from 6am to 12pm (midnight), which should help with very late-night/early morning activities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15.