



City of Annapolis City Council
Committee & Commission Referral Action Report

Date: April 20, 2022

To: Jacqueline Lee,
City of Annapolis Office of Law,
Legislative and Policy Analyst

The Maritime Advisory Board has reviewed R-17-22, The Annapolis Waterfront & Sailing Center, and has taken the following action:

Favorable

Favorable with amendments (7-1)

Unfavorable

No Action

Other

Comments:

The MAB received a number of comments and concerns from its members regarding the historical and current relationship between the Annapolis Waterfront & Sailing Center and the City. These comments and concerns included:

- The percentage of expenditures for salary/fundraising (69.54%) compared to the percentage of expenditures for charitable programs.
- That the limited dockage facilities at City Dock remain available to a variety of maritime uses including more than visits by tall ships and historic vessels.
- That the visitation of tall ships and historic vessels is not limited to those proposed by AWSC.
- That there should be a more formal working relationship between the City and AWSC in the form of a contract or consultant arrangement.

- That previous and current problems with the lack of coordination by AWSC with the Harbormaster's Office and compliance with City rules and regulations regarding the use of City dockage facilities.

Ald. Arnett was present for the meeting and addressed the purpose and intent of the resolution and responded to the comments from the Board.

Ald. Arnett confirmed that the intention of the Resolution was to recognize AWSC for the on-going programs utilizing tall ships and historic vessels to support STEM Sailing and History of Sailing Programs, to provide access to a variety of community-based sailing programs through the Department of Recreation and Parks, through the Mayor's Office of Hispanic Community Affairs, through the Wounded Warrior Sailing Program, and through the Classic Wooden Boat Rendezvous, among other programs. The Resolution is further intended to continue the work of AWSC in orchestrating and administering the visitation of historic ships and related educational outreach.

Ald. Arnett, and two members of the AWSC Board (Scott Allan and Lex Birney), also confirmed that all dockage reservations for visiting tall ships and historic vessels orchestrated by AWSC must follow current City rules and regulations including the requirement that dockage reservations be made by the individual captains of visiting vessels or the vessel's authorized agent directly through the Harbormaster's Office utilizing the approved Charter Dock Reservation Application forms.

The MAB voted to recommend approval the Resolution R-17-22 with the following two amendments.

- In the "FOR" paragraph on Page 1, at the end of the second line, delete "as the" and insert "as an".
- After the third "BE IT RESOLVED" paragraph on Page 3, add the following new resolution:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the booking of reservations for dockage shall be made by the vessel's captain or its authorized agent directly with the Harbormaster's Office in accordance with the applicable City rules and regulations then in effect.

Meeting Date: April 19, 2022

Signature of Chair

