



February 20, 2018

Dear Members and Friends,

Since my last message, our committee composed of Clark Robeson, Steve D'Amico and myself met with Sherry Jones from the Historic Society, Scott McQuade executive director of the Visitor's Bureau, and Jim Broadwell a member of their master planning committee to discuss the Surf Sailors part and position in their proposed master plan for the Coast Guard Beach and parking area.

We brought with us to the meeting a plan showing a revised footprint for the sailboat area. The plan presented to them indicated that we would remove approximately 80 feet of the northern end sailboat area adjacent to the main beach access and extend a smaller area at the southern end of the sailboat area toward the parking lot to be used for short term (daily, weekly, monthly) boat stays and also for boat and beach rental equipment. << [click here to see the plan](#) >>. The plan would eliminate as many as 30 permanent boat slips from the yard. We thought this plan would go a long way towards freeing up some space for their plans. This also would mean that we would have to reorganize the way we are currently operating.

No progress was made towards an agreement on the position of the Surf Sailors at this meeting. They took our plan as merely a suggestion of what we would like to have in the way of the sail area and agreed to forward this information to their land planner for review.

There is no mistaking that their position is that we should not have any of the area adjacent to the beach and even suggested that we look into other areas to store the boats off site. It is important to remember that their first desire was to eliminate the boat park entirely in favor of an extensive rework of the area we now occupy, in favor of event lawns, lifeguard towers, picnic areas and such. After attending all of their pre-planning meetings, we don't believe that this was brought up by the public in attendance and is only the desire of the assembled master plan committee. On the positive side, they at least agreed that sailing activities would now be a part of their plan.

Our committee is now reaching out to public officials to find out if any commitments have been made to the master plan committee in way of accepting their plans.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for February 28, at 7:00pm Room 108 at the Casino. We will discuss actions the members may be able to take to help with our plans.

Happy Sailing,

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