

Public Hearing via Zoom
Annapolis Adaptive Boating Center
Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2021

Presenters: Paul Bollinger, Executive Director, Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB)
Carl R. Corse, P.E. Project Permitting Engineer, under contract to CRAB

Participants: Anne Weathersby, Rick and Jenny Nelson, Phil Shannon, David Hankey, and Matt Schaaf.

Zoom Meeting: Started at 7:05 pm

Presentation: Paul Bollinger introduced Carl Corse and Carl provided a briefing on the current Port Williams Marina property and the work that will be required to build the CRAB Annapolis Adaptive Boating Center. Mr. Corse showed the site plan for the property and described the major modifications to the property from grading, the docks, the ABC building, pavilion, boathouse, and parking lot. He explained the environmental constraints and required setbacks. He introduced the proposed storm water management and described how runoff would flow to and from the site. He presented the required utilities for the development and where they would tie into City and BGE services.

Paul Bollinger explained what the improvements to the property would look like and what programs they would support at the ABC. The environmental focus of the design and construction was reviewed with specific mention of the solar panels on the roof of the ABC, the pervious concrete parking lot and paths, the plantings, and the two water retention areas between the parking lot and the retaining wall. In addition, he addressed the set-backs between the neighbors and the ABC buildings.

Question & Answer Period: Anne Weathersby said that she did not want trees to be planted on the ABC that would block the view of Back Creek from her property. Weathersby asked when construction work would start. Carl Corse said construction on the property would likely start in late Summer or early Fall of 2021. Bollinger added that the marina construction could start sooner if the permits were approved in the next 45 days.

Rick Nelson asked what the size of the pavilion will be? Bollinger stated it is currently designed to be 20'x12' or slightly larger, but not by much since it would not block the view from the ABC of Back Creek. The pavilion will provide shade or shelter for guests in wheelchairs and it will have fans to create a breeze in the summer for guests.

Rick Nelson said that Brendan Sailing at one time had expressed interest in having office space in the ABC building. Can they be accommodated? Paul Bollinger said that Brendan Sailing had expressed interest over a year ago, but had not expressed any interest lately. In addition, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resource's Assistant Attorney General had stated that CRAB could not sublease space in the building (although Brendan Sailing could have been accommodated as a nonprofit providing recreational activities to the disabled). After this ruling, CRAB made the decision to eliminate the second floor of the ABC and only have a single-story structure.

Jenny Nelson asked how the Boathouse was allowed to be built in the 100' critical area? Carl Corse answered that the City representatives stated that the Boathouse could be built in that area as long as it

was outside of the 30' waterfront setback and that the Critical Areas Commission may have more comments on that structure in the future review.

There being no further questions, Paul Bollinger thanked the participants for their interest and support for the CRAB Annapolis Adaptive Boating Center and he concluded the Zoom public hearing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.