

Memo

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Joe Kohlmann, City Administrator
Date: April 9, 2013
Re: Municipal Dock Gates

In 2012, the City budgeted \$7,500 for three new gates on the Municipal Docks. Staff contacted Victoria Repair and budgeted the \$7,500 based on conversations with them. However, when Staff started to order the gates, they notified Staff that we would need to design our own gates. The City did not budget for design work on the gates.

Also, during the 2012 Dock renewal, City Staff conducted a survey on the need for municipal dock gates and locks. People who did not respond to the survey could be considered not in support of the new gates. Below is the question and responses to the survey.

Would you prefer the City issue a single gate key to municipal boat slip renters to access the dock use area? Yes _____ No _____

Security Survey results:

Received 24 responses out of 49

Yes – 17

No – 5

No response one way or the other – 2

Comments received:

1. Wants better lighting instead
2. I'm not in favor of putting locks on the gates (but I haven't had any problems with non-boat-slip renters messing with my boat, either). The gates would have to be fitted with automatic closers in addition to the locks (without those the gates will never get closed, locks or not). This is all extra cost up front, and then the city staff will have to deal with lost keys, forgotten keys, etc. I would be even less in favor (read as 'absolutely against') this if it involves raising the slip rental rates again to pay for it.
3. We like the idea of extra security around the docks. Does that mean extra cost to the boat slip renters? Would we like a single gate key solution as compared to what? ...doing nothing at all...adding more lights...a key and more lights...other?

Council Action Requested:

Discuss the survey results and replacement of the municipal dock gates, if any.