

City Council unanimously approves new pier

At a special City Council meeting last Thursday, January 15th, John Fellows of Dufffield Associates presented their suggested materials for the proposed pier at the foot of Delaware Street.

Decking, railings, lighting and wave attenuators covered the scope of his presentation. They are covered in brief on the other side.

The evening wasn't without discussion and questions from the citizenry and it ran the gamut. "What color do the wave attenuators come in?" was one question heard more than once. Fellows said that City Administrator Barthel had copies of the catalogs with all the technical specifications. The recommended decking and railings drew queries but the main concerned seem to be the wave attenuators. How far out of the water would they extend and how are they used? Fellows explained they would be removed and stored during the winter

months. "They're there for protection of high waves and during storms" he explained.

The annual maintenance cost was questioned and it was reported that the \$1500 estimate made in a hearing last year was still accurate but in reality may be less.

Council member Teal Petty was absent but sent a letter expressing her favor of the Resolution that was read by Mr. Barthel. Before reading the resolution, Council President Linda Ratchford noted the the City has held seven public meetings on the subject and it now time for a yay or nay decision. After a few more concerns from the floor (is it a pier or a dock?) and a reference to day slips to which Ratchford said there would be none. Council was polled and all voiced in the affirmative.

Grants and funding has been approved without any City monies or taxes involved.

Pending finalization of contracts and permits, construction is expected to begin after the first of July.

DECKING MATERIAL

Softwood Decking (Treated Yellow Pine)

Usable Life Span 8 - 10 years Cost \$2.00 - \$3.00 / Square

Synthetic / Composite Decking

Usable Life Span 10 - 12 years Cost \$4.50 - \$8.00 / Square

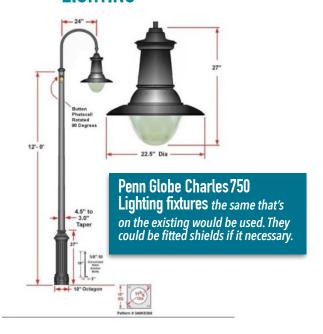
High Density Hardwood

Usable Life Span 25 - 35 years (Garapa)

30 - 50 years (IPE)

Cost \$6.00 - \$7.50 / Square

LIGHTING



RAILING





FLOATING WAVE ATTENUATORS

The wave attenuators concerned the audience the most. The color, size, placement were all aired. Some questioned the need.

Piers/docks that are not based in protective covers are often subject to the damaging wave and erosionary forces associated with violent storms. These storms cause damage. Waves, and wakes formed from passing boat traffic, can



violently rock harbored crafts. The recommended wave attenuator, WhisprWave® is designed to extract the energy from incoming waves. Anchored to the river bottom they would be used 9 months and removed and stored during the winter.

They're available in various colors, including blue, so the visual impact wouldn't be as glaring.

Check the video.

