

**CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**For Thursday, January 25, 2007**

I. Call to Order.

Chair Mr. Simpson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call.

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Preston, Mr. White, and Mr. Simpson.

The following member was absent: Mr. Fisk.

Also present were the following: Mr. Stone -- Port Director, Ms. Linden – Port Engineer, and Mr. Dybdahl – CBJ Assembly Liaison.

Mr. McCall—Harbormaster was absent.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Etheridge requested to add an additional Item for Action. Action Item #6 would be called the Leasing of Pontoon Floats and in addition, he requested to move Item #3 under Items for Action to Item #1 and then moved the others down accordingly.

Mr. Stone requested to add an Item #1, under Items for Information/Discussion and it would be called the Downtown Marine Support Facility Update.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.** The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

1. Mark Rorick – 1055 Mendenhall Penn. Road, Juneau, AK 99801 – 789-5472

Mr. Rorick said he was concerned with pollution from the upland grid in Harris Harbor and any future grids that we may develop in our new Marine facility.

He added that he feels that there should be some type of control of the pollution in all our Harbors here in Juneau. He said that the Seward Shipyards has no pollution controls and he does not want us to end up like them. It is quite a mess.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2007 AS PRESENTED.** The motion passed without objection.

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VI. Items for Action.

1. Proposed Regulations for Speed Limits within the Small Boat Harbors and Portions of Gastineau Channel and Auke Bay.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic and used the projector screen to show the boundary areas in question.

Discussion followed with Mr. Knapp, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Kueffner.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Larry Dupler – 8500 Evergreen Park Road, Juneau, AK 99801 – 723-9253

Mr. Dupler said he would like to have the 8-knot zone deleted at Auke Bay. He said that he runs a Whale Watching business out of Auke Bay and this slower speed will affect his business as to the length of time he can present tours to his customers. He said that he would get together with 4 Seasons Marine and Allen Marine and bring back suggestions regarding this topic.

2. Michael Williams – 5846 Lemon Street, Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. Williams said that the Harbor Board should be looking at areas outside these zones to put in an alternative launch ramp and get the congestion away from the Auke Bay Harbor.

He added that he definitely was not in favor of these zones as presented. He questions how these new regulations would be enforced and if it would require hiring more personnel to enforce these regulations.

3. Skip Lundstrom – 4316 Conifer Lane, Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. Lundstrom said that if these new regulations are approved it would take him 28 minutes longer to get out fishing. It also would increase the cost of his gas due to more gas usage.

He added that he is not in favor of the Auke Bay Wake Zone limits and he also does not think that it would be enforceable.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston. Mr. Preston said he would like to have Item #3 removed from the proposed regulation.

Still more discussion followed with Mr. White, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Kueffner, and Mr. Simpson.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

**MOTION by Mr. Knapp: MOVE TO FOLLOW THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR SPEED LIMITS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE FEBRUARY 13, 2007 AND MARCH 13, 2007 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE MARCH 29, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND TO TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE REGULATIONS AT THE MARCH 29, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING AND TO CONSIDER ALL PUBLIC COMMENTS BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION.**

Mr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

**MOTION by Mr. Preston: MOVE TO AMMEND THE MOTION TO DELETE ITEM #3 – THE 8-KNOT ZONE LIMIT AS PRESENTED IN THE REGULATION.**

Mr. Kueffner seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, and Mr. Etheridge.

Chair Simpson called for a vote on the main motion. The main motion failed with 4-Yes votes and 3- No votes.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: TO MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE MAIN MOTION TO FOLLOW THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR SPEED LIMITS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS AS LISTED IN THE PREVIOUS MAIN MOTION.** Mr. Knapp seconded the motion.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Kueffner, and Mr. Knapp.

Chair Simpson called for a vote on the reconsidered main motion. The motion passed with 6-Yes votes and 1- No vote by Mr. Kueffner.

**MOTION by Mr. Preston: TO APPROVE THE MAIN MOTION UNDER RECONSIDERATION, WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE 8-KNOT SPEED LIMIT ZONE.**

Mr. Kueffner seconded the motion.

Chair Simpson called for a vote on the reconsidered amended motion with the removal of the 8-knot speed limit zone.

The motion passed with 6-Yes votes and 1- No vote by Mr. Kueffner.

2. Proposed Amendments to Fee Regulations.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Knapp.

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**MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROPOSE FOUR AMENDMENTS TO THE FEE REGULATIONS AS APPROVED BY THE BORAD, TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE FEBRUARY 15, 2007 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE FEBRUARY 22, 2007 REGULAT BOARD MEETING, AND TO TAKE FINAL ACTION AT THE FEBRUARY 22, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.** The motion passed without objection.

3. GCI Cable Easement.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Etheridge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Howard Lockwood – Manager, Juneau Port Development, LLC  
#28 Thunderbird Terrace, Juneau, AK 99801 – 209-4250

Mr. Lockwood said that he had concerns about this location and the jog shown on the property line proposed for this easement. He said that he felt this proposed property line easement would affect further upland development of this area and would affect his proposed development of this area.

He added he will be installing a containment wall and has concerns about whether this proposed cable easement will affect his proposed upland development area.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Etheridge.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE AN EASEMENT TO GCI FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING A FIBER OPTIC CABLE ACROSS THE GASTINEAU CHANNEL FROM THE GCI CABLE STATION TO THE DOUGLAS SMALL BOAT HARBOR WITH A CAVEAT TO FOLLOW THE ATS #201 PROPERTY LINES AND NOT HINDER ANY FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

The motion passed without objection.

4. FY 08 Amended Docks and Harbors Budgets.

Mr. Preston gave a short presentation on this topic and then Mr. Stone added further details.

Mr. Stone said that he and Mr. Etheridge have been up to the Legislature trying to get more money appropriated for the Docks and Harbors Department.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston.

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**MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADOPT THE FY 08 AMENDED DOCKS AND HARBORS BUDGETS AS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TO SUBMIT IT TO THE CBJ MANAGER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE CBJ ASSEMBLY FOR APPROVAL.** The motion passed without objection.

5. CBJ Ordinance Serial No. 2007-06, an Ordinance Creating a Cruise Ship Berthing and Lightering Zoning Overlay District in Juneau.

Mr. Simpson gave a short presentation on this topic.

He gave the Board Members some time to read and look over the new information submitted by the Port Director.

Discussion followed with Mr. Knapp, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Dybdahl, Mr. Stone, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Etheridge.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LIST OF THE HARBOR BOARD'S CONCERNS AND TO SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND TO FORWARD MR. STONE'S DRAFT LETTER TO THE ASSEMBLY AND TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH CDD TO SEE IF WE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING EASIER FOR ALL TO UNDERSTAND.**

Mr. Knapp seconded the motion.

More discussion followed with Mr. Simpson, Mr. Etheridge, and Mr. Knapp.

The motion passed without objection.

6. Leasing of the Pontoon Floats.

Mr. Etheridge gave a short presentation on this topic.

**MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE TO ALLOW THE STAFF TO PREPARE AN ANNUAL LEASE DOCUMENT AND TO MOVE FORWARD TO LEASE OUT THE PONTOON FLOATS AS LONG AS THE LEASE FALLS WITHIN THE PERAMETERS OF THE CITY GUIDELINES FOR LEASING.**

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston.

The motion passed without objection.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Downtown Marine Support Facility.

Ms. Linden gave a short presentation on this topic and then introduced Mr. Shawn McFarland from Tryck, Nyman & Hayes.

Mr. McFarland said he was very excited about doing this project. He added that there was a lot of enthusiasm for this facility shown at the public meeting that they held last night.

He added that he would keep the Board members informed as things progress. In April, the study is scheduled to wrap-up with their recommendation for sites for this project.

He said that they are on schedule and that they intend to remain on schedule through out this project.

Discussion followed with Mr. Kueffner, Ms. Linden, Mr. McFarland, and Mr. Etheridge.

VIII. Committee and Board Members Reports.

1. Operations Committee Meeting – January 16, 2007

Mr. Etheridge said that the Committee decided not to sell the pontoon floats as they are looking at possibly using them for decking over for work floats. They want to lease them out until the Harbors Department has a permanent use for them.

He also added that Mr. McCall was able to get all his requests approved for the Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC) program. They will be setting up the operations training program here in Juneau so we do not have to send our employees out of town for this required training.

2. Finance Committee Meeting – January 18, 2007.

Mr. Preston said that the Fee Schedule change letter to patrons is scheduled to be sent out at the end of this month. These changes will be effective on July 1, 2007.

He added that the Committee also discussed the live-aboard surcharge. There had been a question as to whether Patrons would be exempt from live-aboard fees if they own property upland and already pay CBJ taxes. It was decided that Patrons who own property upland and also live-aboard will still pay the live-aboard fees. If they own property upland and live permanently on this property then they would not have to pay this live-aboard fee.

3. CIP/Planning Committee Meeting – January 23, 2007.

Mr. Etheridge said that everything that had been discussed at the meeting has already been discussed at tonight's meeting so he had nothing further to add.

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IX. Port Engineer's Report.

Ms. Linden said that she had nothing further to add. She directed the Board Members to call her if they had any questions concerning her Status Report of Projects included in tonight's Packet.

X. Harbormaster's Report.

There was no report due to Mr. McCall's absence tonight.

XI. Port Director's Report.

Mr. Stone said on February 5, 2007 there would be a Committee of the Whole Meeting for the Assembly on which he will be presenting alternatives concerning the Cruise Ship Dock Alternatives. This will be an important meeting and all Board Members are invited to attend.

He added that the City Treasurer – Craig Duncan is working on our Revenue Bond and should have it ready in a month.

He mentioned on the Douglas Breakwater that he has met with the Corps of Engineers 2 weeks ago and they are looking at doing some sort of Breakwater project using the 4.6 million dollars that we have. We are still looking at alternatives for revenue to do this project.

Discussion followed with Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Simpson.

XII. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. Meeting Calendar for February 2007.

Chair Simpson drew the Board Member's attention to the February 2007 Meeting Schedule listed in the Packet.

The CBJ Chambers will be closed during the month of February due to construction so all of our Chamber scheduled meetings will be held in Room #224, CBJ Conference Room.

A. **Operations Committee Meeting** – February 13, 2007  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Aurora Harbor Office

B. **Finance Committee Meeting** – February 15, 2007  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – CBJ City Hall Room #224

C. **CIP/Planning Committee Meeting** – February 20, 2007  
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – CBJ City Hall Room #224

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XII. Committee Administrative Matters (cont'd).

D. **Regular Board Meeting** – February 22, 2007  
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – CBJ City Hall Room #224

XIII. Adjournment.

**MOTION BY Mr. Kueffner: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING.** The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.