

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Tuesday, July 17, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Etheridge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Etheridge, Ms. Jebe, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Williams.

Also in attendance were the following: Mr. Stone – Port Director, and Mr. McCall – Harbormaster.

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT. The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda items.

There was none.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2007 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING. There were no objections.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Echo Cove Launch Ramp.

Mr. Robert Martin, Jr., VP-Goldbelt, Incorporated attended the meeting to address the board about ongoing trespass and damage to their land. He said that four-wheeler and ATV users are disturbing wildlife habitats, and are causing erosion. Mr. Martin said that Goldbelt, Inc. posted a no trespassing sign one weekend and the following weekend the sign had bullet holes. He also stated that they are concerned for public safety and would like to work with CBJ and DNR to resolve the issues presented.

Mr. Stone presented the board with a memo outlining the ongoing issues at Echo Cove. The memo states that the revenues from launch ramp sales are not enough to cover the maintenance of this facility. There is no longer a caretaker for this facility and CBJ has found no replacements. Mr. Stone met with Goldbelt, went through alternatives, and concluded to propose not allowing ATV usage and sharing the cost of Goldbelt's security company.

The Board discussed the alternatives. They have decided to schedule a public hearing as well as look into some security options.

VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT WE SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING THE ISSUE OF MANAGEMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE ECHO COVE LAUNCH RAMP FACILITY AND SURROUNDING AREA. The motion passed without objection.

2. Auke Bay Boat Yard Future Operations.

Jim Lesh of the Auke Bay Boat Yard informed Mr. Stone that he wants to give up his boat yard lease at the end of the summer. He said he would stay on until we can find a replacement operator. Mr. Stone said that there are two local businesses interested in applying for a lease.

The Board discussed and told Mr. Stone to bring a suggested request for proposal to the next Operations meeting.

3. Auke Bay Commercial Loading Facility Draft Regulations.

Mr. Stone said that he, the Harbormaster's Lou McCall and Robert Clauder drafted loading facility operating regulations and would like the Board to read them for approval. (See attached)

Mr. Simpson suggested that the draft be placed for public comment before amending.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE TO PUBLIC HEARING THE DRAFT USE REGULATIONS FOR THE NEXT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

4. Cruise Ship Dock Passengers Distribution Policy.

Mr. Stone said that the design of the new seawalk created the expectation of People's Wharf business owners are to be directed to their businesses. He said the Cruise Ship Terminal Deck had been enlarged to allow the use of several types of gangway devices as well as to allow on-site storage. He also said that it is not our policy to dictate either how the gangways are used or how the passengers are directed.

Mr. Stone told the Board that the Engineering Department developed a plan for the operation and storage of the gangways that would encourage passenger's to use the dock approach leading to the People's Wharf. They requested that the Docks and Harbors Dept. require the cruise ships to comply with it. Mr. Stone said that he, Mr. McCall and Robert Clauder have drafted regulations pertaining to the use of the gangways and would like the Board to consider them.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE TO PUBLIC HEARING THE DRAFT USE REGULATIONS FOR THE NEXT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Harbor Speed Limit Update.

Mr. Stone told the Board that PND had developed a chart outlining the speed limit zones. The charts are posted at the harbor offices and copies are available for the public. He also said that we are trying to purchase a custom-made speed gun that can sensor extremely slow speeds. Mr. Stone said that it may be next season before the signage task is complete.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

There were none.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

There were none.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. The motion passed without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.