

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Tuesday, September 18, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Ms. Jebe called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Roll.

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

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

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone added an executive session on personnel matters after agenda item IX.

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.

There were none.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Jebe had the following amendment: that the word affective in paragraph three under items for action number two is changed to effective.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2007 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Proposed Use Regulations for the Auke Bay Loading Facility.

Mr. Stone discussed the proposed regulation, the fine schedule and a map of the facility with the board members. He said that these regulations have been available to the public for comment since July, and has not received any comments from the public.

The Board discussed the proposed regulations.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE AUKE BAY LOADING FACILITY GET FORWARDED TO THE FULL BOARD FOR ADOPTION AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT. There were no objections.

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VII. Items for Action (continued)

2. Pacific Seaflight Speed Limit Exemption Request.

Mr. Stone said that Pacific Seaflight is in the process of implementing a high-speed ferry and is asking the board to amend the speed limit regulations to exempt this type of vessel.

Mr. Linus Romey president of Pacific Seaflight attended the meeting to ask the board for a speed limit exemption for the wing-in-ground (WIG) vessels, as they do not fall under any of the current exemptions. He said that in normal operation these vessels throw no wake.

A discussion followed.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: ASK UNANIMIOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE SPEED LIMIT REGULATION EXEMPTING THE WIG VESSELS. There were no objections.

3. Winter Parking at the Steamship Brickyard.

Mr. Stone received an e-mail from the city manager Rod Swope asking if the harbor department can keep the Steamship Wharf Brickyard (Brickyard) open for public parking during the winter. The mental health support parking area will be closed to the public. Mr. Stone said that the Brickyard has been open before but there were the following concerns:

1. Snow removal – snow builds up and becomes slushy, and is hard to move around Mr. Stone said that the harbor department isn't staffed to handle the snow removal.
2. Process of snow removal – causes damage and wear to the bricks
3. General wear – grease and oil stains.

Mr. Stone said that opening the Steamship Wharf Brickyard would not be a problem if the streets department helped with snow removal and clean up.

The Board discussed the issue and came up with the following stipulations for the opening of the brickyard for public parking:

1. That CBJ pays for damages
2. That CBJ pays for snow removal
3. That there is no overnight parking

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY ALLOW VEHICLE PARKING AT THE STEAMSHIP WHARF BRICKYARD DURING THE OFF SEASON DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE SUBPORT PARKING LOT WITH THE EXECPTIONS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. There were no objections.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. North Douglas Launch Ramp Safety and Security Enhancements.

Mr. Stone presented the board with e-mails asking the board to consider purchasing a video camera arrangement to help prevent vandalism at the North Douglas Launch Ramp. Mr. Stone spoke with Ben Haight and he said that there are a couple of issues, one being there is no power, there is no communications, and there are no lights. He said it would cost about \$1500 for a report describing what can be done and how much. Mr. Stone said that AEL&P quoted \$21,000 for the installation of poles for parking lot lighting.

Scott Spickler of North Douglas attended the meeting to tell the board that he feels the North Douglas ramp is lacking improvements from the Harbor Department. He feels that the installation of the poles for parking lot lighting is a good investment as a good first step towards ramp security.

A discussion followed.

MOTION by Mr. Knapp: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROCEED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE LIGHTING FOR \$21,000 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING. TO COMMISSION BEN HAIGHT TO TAKE A LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE FOR NORTH DOUGLAS AND/OR OTHER PLACES. There were no objections.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

There were none.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

The next meeting will be October 16, 2007 at 5:00 pm.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS. There were no objections

The board went into an executive session at 5:40 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Knapp: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. There were no objections

The board returned from executive session at 5:58 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Williams: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO HAVE THE BOARD SEND LOU MCCALL A LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS JOB PERFORMANCE AND HAVE THE LETTER PLACED IN HIS PERSONNEL FILE. There were no objections.

X. Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.