

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
For Thursday, September 27, 2007

I. Call to Order.

Chair Mr. Etheridge called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call.

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

The following members were absent: Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Mehrkens, and Mr. Simpson.

Also present were the following: Mr. Stone – Port Director and Mr. Dybdahl – CBJ Assembly Liaison.

Mr. McCall – Harbormaster was absent.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone asked to add 2 Items under Items for Information/Discussion. They would be the following:

1. Sea Walk
2. IVF Float Regulations.

MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

1. Randy Held – 5004 Steelhead, Juneau, AK 99801 – 789-2180

Mr. Held said he would like to have the parking payment boxes at Statter Harbor removed. He does not like to pay to park out at Auke Bay Harbor and that we are illegally charging for parking out at Statter Harbor.

He added that he makes several trips with his children in various activities and has to pay each time he vacates a parking space and then returns to a new space. He would like to have a monthly permit to display in the vehicle and then remove the parking boxes all together.

Discussion followed with Mr. Knapp and Mr. Fisk.

2. Aaron Brakel – 309 D Street, Douglas, AK 99824 – 364-3694

Mr. Brakel complained that our Harbor Board Minutes, Committee Minutes and Agendas have not been updated on the web site since last Spring. He felt we were not letting the public know what we are doing and that seemed very shady to him.

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IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items (cont'd).

He mentioned that he was quite concerned about the new proposed Cruise Ship docks that are different from what the Waterfront Plan had approved. He wanted to know why the public had not been informed of these new plans.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 30, 2007 AS PRESENTED.

The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Proposed Use Regulations for Auke Bay Loading Facility.

Ms. Jebe gave a short presentation on this topic. Mr. Stone added further comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No public testified.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Stone, Mr. Williams, and Ms. Jebe.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADOPT THE USE REGULATIONS FOR THE AUKE BAY LOADING FACILITY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND TO FORWARD TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY.

The motion passed without objection.

2. Proposed Amendments to the Speed Limit Regulations for WIG Craft.

Ms. Jebe gave a short presentation on this topic.

Public Comment:

1. Wendall F. Bishop – 8128 Dogwood Lane, Juneau, AK 99801 – 790-4559

Mr. Bishop said that they were asking for this speed limit exemption in order to keep their flying time reduced for each trip in and out of Juneau. This would fall in line with the exemption that the local floatplanes already receive.

He added that he was here to answer any questions that the Board Members may have.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROPOSE REGULATIONS AMENDING THE SPEED LIMIT REGULATION TO EXEMPT THE WIG CRAFT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE OCTOBER 16, 2007 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 25, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND TO TAKE FINAL ACTION ON THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS AT THE OCTOBER 25, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

The motion passed without objection.

3. Proposed Amendments to Dock Fees and Charges.

Mr. Preston gave a short presentation on this topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Andrew Green – 8183 Thunder Street, Juneau, AK 99801 – 586-1282
Port Agent – Cruise Line Agencies

Mr. Green said that he is not in favor of the higher tonnage tax being proposed. He said he knows that funds already received by the City from the Cruise Line Companies are being put in the City Seawalk account and have not been used. These funds could be spent for the new City docks rather than asking for higher fees from the Cruise Line Companies at this time.

He added at least these funds would help to reduce the amount being needed to construct these 2 new docks.

Also, he said he realized that the Docks and Harbors Department are not able to get access to these funds but he thought with joint support along with going to the Assembly might be a way to approach this situation.

He agreed that the other Cruise Line Companies who do not use the City docks should not have to pay money to build these 2 new docks.

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

2. Aaron Brakel – 309 D Street, Douglas, AK 99824 – 364-3694

Mr. Brakel said that he does not want the Marine Passenger Fee (head tax) money to be used for the new docks. He said that this money already is divided between different City Departments to help defray the expenses and impacts associated with the ever-increasing number of passengers coming to Juneau.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

He added that he is concerned that we are not following the Long-Range Waterfront Plan with this new proposal of 2 floating cruise ship docks. He said that we have not gone through the proper process to make this new change and the public has not been informed of this new change.

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

MOTION by Mr. Williams: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO DOCK FEES AND CHARGES REPEALING THE PORT MAINTENANCE FEE AND TO ADOPT A PORT IMPROVEMENT FEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE OCTOBER 11, 2007 AND NOVEMBER 15, 2007 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND FINAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AT THE NOVEMBER 29, 2007 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

Mr. Preston added to change the name of the Port Maintenance Fee to the Port Improvement Fee.

Further discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Knapp, and Ms. Jebe.

The motion passed without objection.

4. Establishing the Yankee Cove Lease Rate and Lease Area.

Mr. Preston gave a short presentation on this topic.

MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO SET THE INITIAL ANNUAL LEASE RATE AT 5 CENTS PER SQUARE FOOT AND TO SET THE LEASE AREA AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TO FORWARD THE RATE AND AREA TO THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ASSEMBLY.

The motion passed without objection.

5. CIP Transfers for IVF and Downtown Dock Project.

Mr. Fisk gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, and Ms. Jebe.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDING FROM THREE DOCK CIP'S TO THE IVF REPAIR CIP AND THE DOCK REPLACEMENT CIP SO THE PROJECTS CAN MOVE FORWARD.

The motion passed without objection.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

6. Intermediate Vessel Float Repair Bid Award.

Mr. Fisk gave a short presentation on this topic.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH TRUCANO CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,460 FOR REPAIR TO THE INTERMEDIATE VESSEL FLOAT.

The motion passed without objection.

7. Engineering Services Contract Award for Downtown Dock Project.

Mr. Fisk gave a short presentation on this topic.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Aaron Brakel – 309 D Street, Douglas, AK 99824 – 364-3694

Mr. Brakel said that he thought that we need to go back to the approved Long-Range Waterfront Development Plan and use the original Cruise Ship Dock plan and not use the new proposed 2 floating docks Cruise Ship plan being now presented.

He said that he strongly felt that we are changing the original intent of the approved Long-Term Waterfront Development Plan and he is very much against the 2 new floating Cruise Ship docks that we are proposing.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Fisk, and Ms. Jebe.

Motion BY Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH PN&D, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,209,720 FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DOWNTOWN DOCK REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Jebe and Mr. Stone added additional comments.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Sea Walk.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion (cont'd).

Mr. Stone pointed out that requested current changes to the Columbia Lot by Taku Smokeries has raised some conflicting issues. Taku Smokeries is proposing to have a driveway entrance into the Columbia Lot and this could cause congestion in the Columbia Lot plus there can be some safety and liability issues.

Mr. Fisk added some additional information.

Mr. Stone and Mr. Fisk were directed to draft a letter together regarding the situation and the seawalk problems and to send it to the Seawalk Project Manager.

2. IVF Float Regulations.

Mr. Etheridge gave a short presentation on this topic.

Discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Knapp, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Williams.

Chair Mr. Etheridge referred this topic to the next Operations Committee Meeting for further discussion.

VIII. Committee and Board Member Reports.

1. Operations Committee Meeting – September 18, 2007

Ms. Jebe gave a short report of her last Operations Committee Meeting.

She mentioned that the City Manager wants to use the Steamship Brickyard for winter parking.

Also, she said that the public has requested to have lighting at the North Douglas Launch Ramp.

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Etheridge, and Ms. Jebe.

Chair Mr. Etheridge asked Mr. Stone to make up a priority list of projects needed to be completed and to present it to the Board Members for consideration and discussion.

2. Finance Committee Meeting – September 20, 2007

Mr. Preston gave a short report of his last Finance Committee Meeting. He said that he had nothing further to add at this time.

3. CIP/Planning Committee Meeting – August 29, 2007

Mr. Fisk gave a short report of his last CIP/Planning Committee Meeting

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VIII. Committee and Board Member Reports (cont'd).

He said that Mr. Becker a local commercial fisherman would like the Board to look at extending the Taku Fisheries Dock so they can accommodate more than one boat loading and unloading at a time.

He said that everything else that they discussed has already been covered tonight so he had nothing further to add.

IX. Harbormaster's Report.

There was none as Mr. McCall was absent.

X. Port Director's Report.

Mr. Stone invited the Board Members to attend the annual Port Director and Harbormaster's Conference to be held here in Juneau from October 22, 2007 to October 25, 2007.

He added that the RFP for the Auke Bay Boatyard has been prepared and is currently out to the public for bid.

Also, he said he has prepared the RFP for Planning and Permitting for the Statter Harbor Improvements Project and it will be going out to the public shortly.

Mr. Stone emphasized that the Board needs to prioritize the projects needing to be done as we only have limited funding available.

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

Assembly Liaison – Mr. Dybdahl said that the Assembly is concerned about the expense of lengthening the docks and there is no confirmation or guarantee that these “floating hotels” will continue to come to Juneau. He felt that we need more support from the Cruise Line Companies before undertaking this huge expense.

Mr. Preston added further comments regarding the security camera issue.

XI. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. Meeting Calendar for October 2007.

Chair Mr. Etheridge called the Board Members attention to the scheduled Committee and Regular Board Meetings for the month of October 2007.

He noted that the Finance Committee meeting would be earlier this month – October 11, 2007.

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XI. Committee Administrative Matters (cont'd).

Also, the CIP/Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for October 23, 2007 has been cancelled due to conflicts of the Port Director and Harbormaster's Conference being held at the same time.

Mr. Fisk mentioned that he has been working with the NOAA Department and they would like to home berth their ships here in Juneau as they no longer have berthing available in Seattle.

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Ms. Jebe, and Mr. Williams.

XII. Adjournment.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

The motion passed without objection.

The Regular Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.