

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
CIP/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, March 25, 2008

I. Call to Order.

Committee Chair Mr. Fisk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Williams, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Mehrkens, Mr. Kueffner, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Fisk.

The following members were absent: Mr. Knapp, and Mr. Preston.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Stone – Port Director, Mr. McCall – Harbormaster and Ms. Johansen – Administrative Officer.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone stated that action item #3 Transfer Request – Serial T-875 has been pulled per the CBJ accountant because he is still reviewing it at this time. Also Mr. Stone distributed a handout Dock Maintenance Report, which will be an additional information item #2.

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

IV. Public Participation.

Mr. Daniel Glidmann who is representing Merchants Warf wanted to briefly revisit the relocation of the cruise ship dock with the difference between the down town city dock rebuild and the Gold Creek location. He stated sometime in 2002/2003 Merchants Warf spent a fair amount of time and resources to investigate what it would cost to put a float on the corner of the property line between the Seadrome building and the Warf. The plans that had been drawn up by PN&D placed a 960 foot dock which would accommodate 2 cruise ships. Mr. Glidmann met with Goldbelt a week ago and they had talked about a lot of potentials in the site and they agreed that they would be open to a joint project possibly merging the properties if it would be beneficial to all concerned to revisit putting a dock at that location. He is requesting that the 4 person task force to revisit this.

Further discussion took place at this time.

Mr. Joe Geldohf was there to inform the committee members of a couple items that are going on from his perspective in the Legislature. First is Senate Bill 168, which was a proposal that was to change the 2006 cruise ship initiative and appears that it is not going anywhere very fast and while there may be some need to look at how the passenger fees are collected, there has been a commitment by various sponsors and people to revisit this issue and talk about a cap in dealing with an allocation, which Mr. Geldohf stated is not likely going to happen and appears to be dead. He did state that what is going on here and is

urging the committee to coordinated with other aspects of the City and Borough is the Legislature this week is allocating the funds that have been

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coming in to the cruise ship funds. He stated that there are some restrictions involved with the allocation of these funds and explained that to the committee.

He stated to the committee that it has been obvious by numerous observers that City and Borough in general, Docks and Harbors is uncoordinated and does not have a unified front seeking to get what is our fair share of the money. He stated that this is an opportunity for Docks and Harbors to come up with a comprehensive plan to have a chance to get some of these funds.

Further discussion took place among the committee members and Mr. Geldohf at this time.

It was the decision of the committee chair to revisit this under items for action.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 2008. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Contract Approval – Professional Services During Construction of Auke Bay Loading Facility.

Mr. Stone stated that there is a rather lengthy memo in the committee member's packets with attachments. He went over the memo and the attachment with the committee members at this time. He stated that one of the major chores of the construction of the this facility is making sure that the facility gets built according to the plans and specifications and with respect to that he spoke with the designer PN&D and over a period of a month they have come up with a list of tasks that need to be done of special importance so that the facility can be built properly.

Mr. Stone stated that the proposal comes out to be \$301,870.00 for these services and since it is greater than \$100,000.00 it needs to go to the Assembly for authorization to spend this money, which is under Title 85.

Further discussion among the committee members and Mr. Stone took place at this time.

Mr. Stone went on to explain that there may be certain services that would possibly go outside the original RFP, and in the event that this procurement is outside these services we could still procure them under CBJ purchasing code by making a written finding. He went over the 5 written findings (See Attached) at this time with the committee members.

MOTIONS by Mr. Simpson: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THE COMMITTEE MAKE A FINDING THAT THE APPROACH RECOMMENDED MR. STONES MATERIALS IS ADOPTED AND APPROVED AND PRESENT TO THE FULL BOARD TO

RECOMMEND THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVE A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF #301,870.00 TO PN& D FOR PROVIDING ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AUKE BAY LOADING FACILITY.

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The motion passed without objection.

2. The Manager's Passenger Fee Project List.

Mr. Stone stated that there is a memo in the committee member's packet from Mr. Swope regarding the passenger fee proceeds (See Attached). He stated this is Mr. Swopes draft list that will be submitted to the Assembly and believes that it is consistent with the ordinance that is in the process of being adopted. Mr. Swope is required to make it available to the Docks and Harbors Board to look at and provide comments.

Mr. Stone went over the spread sheet that has been compiled by Mr. Swope. He stated that this list consists of five projects and went over them with the committee (See Attached). Mr. Stone stated that the only item on this list that was approved was the cruise ship dock maintenance and improvements in the amount of \$964,200.00 of marine passenger's fees, which is about half of the amount that we had asked for.

He stated that from what Mr. Geldohf reported it would seem that the rest of these items could fall under that category.

Further discussion among the committee members and the Port Director took place at this time.

Public participation took place at this time.

Mr. Tomma stated that he is looking at a memo from Mr. Swope that was dated February 21, 2008 on the passenger fee proceeds committee and stated that on page 5 there is the cruise dock improvements regarding the dock vacuum sweeper and the downtown parking garage and the transit center and stated he is all in favor of the sweeper and stated the parking garage is problematic and doesn't pass the test if this is for the passengers and their safety of moving them around. It is his understanding that these fees are for that purpose, not for the private parking of vehicles. He is recommending that the committee perhaps consider redirecting the 1.5 million either lowered or dedicated to the hydro static testing for the purpose of sinking pilings. He stated that way next year you would be prepared to present this for funding requests.

Additional discussion among the committee members took place at this time. The general consensus of the committee would be to convey to the Manager that there is an insufficient connectivity between the parking garage and the waterfront and that we could think of several other projects that could be done. Mr. Fisk also recommended that this be brought in front of the Assembly as well.

It was requested by the committee chair that Mr. Stone draft up a memo regarding this and have it ready for the Full Board review at Thursday's meeting.

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The committee chair at this time reopened the topic regarding the earlier testimony given by Mr. Geldohf in regards to approaching the Legislature and requesting some of the funds that are currently being distributed.

Discussion among the committee members took place at this time.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Project Updates.

IVF Repairs. Mr. Stone stated that the repairs have started this week.

Cruise Ship Dock Improvements. There are a few items to review. The committee was giving a handout and Mr. Stone went over the list at this time (See attached).

Douglas Sewer Pump-out. This project has started this week.

Douglas Breakwater. Mr. Stone reported that there are two things going on with this. First the Corp of Engineers is in the process of accepting bids for the rubble mounds and closes in a few weeks. There is still an issue of the Corp of Engineers not knowing if they will be able to complete the floating breakwater because of no funding and they have made a recommendation to Mr. Stone on possibilities of other funding.

The second part of this project is the removal of the old city dock as part of the breakwater project. This will go out to bid this next week.

Douglas Harbor Replacement. We are still working on trying to get testing data from the old AJ Mine permit application and try to use that to help get a permit to put the dredge spoils in Gastineau Channel.

Downtown Fisheries Dock Crane Upgrade. Mr. McCall was working on this and stated the term contractor submit input on costs to redo all this and he also asked the current owner of Maritime Hydraulics to submit an estimate on the costs to repair the motors.

Statter Harbor Improvements. Mr. Stone stated that within a couple weeks we will start the public process with some board members involved.

Auke Bay Loading Facility. This project has started. There was a preconstruction meeting this past week. Everything is moving along.

Amalga Harbor Improvements. There are two parts to this project and PN&D will be present at the Thursday meeting for questions or any comments.

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VIII. Member & Staff Reports.

Mr. Fisk briefly discussed the swap of lands at the Marine Tech Center.

Mr. Simpson reported to the committee on the meeting they had regarding docks.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2008 at 5:00 pm in the Assembly Chambers.

X. Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.