CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Thursday, October 16, 2008

I. Call to Order.

Chair Mr. Preston called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call.

The following members were present: Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jardell, Ms. Jebe, and Mr. Preston.

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

Also in attendance were the following: Mr. Stone-Port Director, Mr. Green – Manager/Cruise Line Agencies, and Mr. Habeger – Manager/Celebrity Cruises.

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone requested to add an additional Item for Action. It would be #3. Pending Lease Rent Adjustments.

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

The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

There was no public testifying.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Ms. Jebe: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES AS CORRECTED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY.

The motion passed without objection.

- VI. Items for Action.
 - 1. Docks and Harbors Fees and Charges.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

He referred to two memos, one dated on 9/30/08 submitted by Ms. Johansen, and the current memo dated 10/15/08, which he wrote.

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jardell, and Mr. Preston.

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VI. Items for Action (cont'd).

PUBLIC HEARING:

 Don Habeger - 9300 View Drive, Juneau, Alaska 99801 Manager – Celebrity Cruises

Mr. Habeger said that he was still hoping that the Docks and Harbors Board would work with the Cruise Ship Industry's requests and not raise the dockage fees for the 2009 Cruise season.

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jardell, and Mr. Preston.

2. Ralph Samuels - 8220 Frank Street, Anchorage, Alaska Representative for Holland America Lines

Mr. Samuels said that he was in agreement with Mr. Habeger in requesting that the Docks and Harbors board not raise the dockage fees for the 2009 Cruise season.

He added that the greatest impact by this increase in dockage fees would be to their Holland America cruise ships since they mainly use both of the City owned docks. This occurs because their ships are shorter in length and can allow two ships to tie up end to end at the City owned docks. This fee would not greatly affect the larger vessels that mainly use the private docks. They choose to use the City owned docks when the private docks are being used.

Further discussion followed with Mr. Fisk.

3. Andrew Green - 8183 Thunder Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801 Operations Manager of the AJ Dock and Manager of Cruise Line Agencies

Mr. Green said that he also agreed with both Mr. Habeger and Mr. Samuels. He too is against the Docks and Harbors board raising the dockage fees for the 2009 Cruise season.

He added that he and Mr. Habeger are willing to go with Mr. Stone and Board Members to talk with Mr. Swope and also to the Assembly Members if necessary, for help in obtaining the necessary funds for the projected 2009 budget short-fall of funds in the Docks and Harbors Department provided that the requested raise in dockage fees does not take place.

Further discussion followed with Mr. Preston, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jardell, Ms. Jebe, and Mr. Stone.

- VII. Items for Information/Discussion.
 - 1. Reduced Winter Moorage Rates at Statter Harbor.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic and referred to the letter in the packet.

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

Discussion followed with Mr. Fisk, Mr. Jardell, and Mr. Preston.

No action will be taken at this time regarding reduced winter moorage rates at Statter Harbor. The rates will remain as stated in the Fee Regulations.

4. Pending Lease Rent Adjustments.

Mr. Stone gave a short presentation on this topic.

He referred to a handout page showing a list of current tideland leases that are pending for appraisals and fee adjustments.

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

VIII. Staff and Member Reports.

There were no reports.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

Chair Mr. Preston said that the next Finance Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Jardell: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.