

**CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**For Wednesday, July 22, 2009**

I. Call to Order

Chair Ms. Jebe called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Aurora Harbor Office.

II. Roll Call

The following Committee members were present: Mrs. Jebe, and Mr. Williams.

The following Committee members were absent: Mr. Etheridge, and Mr. Jardell.

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

III. Approval of Agenda.

Mr. Stone said that all Items for Action would be changed to Items for Information.

**MOTION by Mr. Williams: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMMENDED.**

**The motion passed without objection.**

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

1. Mr. Paul Weltzin                      Owner of the Liteweight Sea-Transport Vessel.  
P.O. Box 210253  
Auke Bay, AK 99821

Mr. Weltzin said that he is concerned about the wind and the surface of the ramp at the new Auke Bay Commercial Loading facility. There is no way to control the boats without putting in pilings, so that they may tie up to them while loading their landing crafts.

The other issue is the surface of the ramp. The surface with the rock will damage the tires of the equipment being used, and the surface may not hold up to the every day usage of the heavy equipment. The rock surface in the past has damaged the tries on the equipment.

Mr. Weltzin suggested that we use a concrete surface for the ramp instead of heavy rock. The new facility is not usable the way it is now set up with out the proper installation of ramps and pilings.

Mr. Stone said that Mr. Gillette and Mr. Trucano are working on a price agreement for the pilings to see if we have the money to install everything that is needed for the accommodations.

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IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items (Continued)

1. Mr. Greg O'Claray                      Owner of the Aluminum Recycling Business.  
1632 Harbor Way  
Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. O'Claray said that the public who have boats in the harbors either dump their aluminum cans into the garbage containers or over the side of their boats. He said that the public uses roughly 100,000 pounds of aluminum and metals. Instead of putting these items into our landfills we should be recycling them and this is why he had recently purchased this business.

Mr. O'Claray said that he has researched the other states like Oregon and Washington on their recycling habits. He found that Alaska is way behind the other states on this recycling matter.

In addition, Oregon and Washington have the best system set up for their communities for recycling paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and other metals.

He has proposed that he will put various containers at each of the harbors in a specific location and that he will be responsible for disposing of the aluminum canisters when they are full.

Mr. Williams said that he agrees that Alaska is way behind on recycling. This is a great way to get the public to recycle their cans instead of having them dump them into the ocean and the landfills.

Mr. Stone said that Mr. Benner and Mr. Clauder would find a good location to put the canisters that Mr. O'Claray will be providing for each of the harbor locations.

Mr. O'Claray said that Mr. Doug Dobyns has talked to local Commercial fishermen about disposing of their fishing nets that they normally just throw away when they are worn out.

2. Mr. Doug Dobyns                      Commercial Fisherman  
Douglas Harbor Float D-028  
Douglas Harbor

Mr. Dobyns said that he agrees with Mr. O'Claray. If we can recycle the fishing nets this would be a great idea. He also said that he has talked with some of the fisherman and they would like to see something set up to help them dispose of their worn out nets.

Mr. Dobyns said that he has bins for the nets for each of the harbors and he will be responsible for emptying the bins.

Both Mrs. Jebe and Mr. Williams agreed that this is a great idea and it should be passed on.

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V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE JUNE 17, 2009 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

**The motion passed without objection.**

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Auke Bay Boatyard Rate Complaint.

**Public Comment:**

1. Mr. Bruce White Harbor Patron  
8121 Gladstone St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

Mr. White said that he wrote a letter on June 6, 2009, which is included in the packet.

He said that now that Juneau Marine Services is the new operator of the Auke Bay Boatyard they have increased the prices over the last year. It is making it very difficult for patrons to afford to have their boats worked on in the yard.

The Auke Bay Boat Yard is closed during the weekend so there is no way to take your boat out even if the work is done on it. Juneau Marine Services is charging to keep the boats in over the weekend at a higher rate even if the boat has been in the yard for over a certain time frame. Juneau Marine is charging an additional \$100.00 for the weekend even though they are closed.

Juneau Marine Services has increased their rates from \$5.00 per day to \$50.00 per day depending on the size of the boat overall length. This does not include the cost for hauling out the boat, which can cost up to \$400.00 or more depending on the size of the boat. Therefore, by the time the work is done the bill is outrageous and people just can not afford these prices anymore. The patrons are looking at other places to take their boats.

The Juneau Marine Services based our rate on a 42' boat in the boat yard for one month from 5/25/09-6/22/09. The bill came to \$1,869.00 or the equivalent of 12 month's moorage in one of the downtown harbors.

He said that this is really excessive! These rates and the service hours should be re-evaluated to accommodate the harbor patrons who pay for moorage at all of the harbors.

Mr. White said that he is asking for someone to take another look at the rates to see if they can be adjusted to work with the patrons instead of working against them.

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**VI. Items for Information/Discussion. (continued).**

**2. Visitor Complaint Review.**

Mr. Stone said that he wanted to let the Committee see what types of complaints that we have been receiving.

Mrs. Jebe mentioned that she did not understand one complaint about a broker. Mr. Stone said that this complaint was about one of the tour buses that had been late in finishing one of his tours and he was seen weaving in and out of traffic. He was going over the speed limit just to make it back in time to pick up his next tour.

Mr. Stone said that he would be speaking to the tour bus company that was responsible for this situation.

Mrs. Jebe added that she will be more careful about whom she recommends for tours.

**3. Two Hour Parking at Statter Harbor.**

Mr. Benner submitted a memo in the packet pertaining to the parking situation at the Auke Bay Harbor, and he added that he has not had any complaints due to the parking situation at the Auke Bay Harbor.

He said that the pay station has made the situation better than it was before. Mr. Benner said that the only change in the parking went from a two hour parking limit down to a 30 minute parking limit, and if the customers go over their parking time limit then they will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour ticket for the additional time that they are parked.

Mr. Williams said that he agrees that this new parking method is working much better than how it was operated in the past.

Mr. Stone said that it has helped the staff to have more time to do other duties that are more important during their shifts.

**4. Water Pressure Problems in the Juneau Harbors.**

Mr. Benner went over the memo that he included in the packet which stated that the water pressure is reading different in each harbor. He said that we can monitor the system but when it is time to improve the water system the estimated cost of each harbor is around \$30,000 for a new water system.

He suggested that each of the harbors will need to be improved individually because of the cost and this could mean up to 10 years or more before all of the Juneau Harbors are completed.

In addition, he suggested that it should be the responsibility of the water department to fix the PSI water issue in the harbors and that it should be the City's responsibility to pay for some of the repairs.

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VI. Items for Information/Discussion (continued).

Mr. Stone said that there is 200 PSI of pressure going through the water lines. This is why the water lines keep breaking down do to the fact that they were not installed to hold up to this kind of pressure.

Mr. Benner added that every time we call the Public Works Department to shut off a valve they charge us \$30-\$40 dollars per hour to shut it off until we can fix it.

Mr. Stone suggested that the City pay for the correct PSI installation in each of the harbors.

5. Harris Harbor Dumpster Location with Arrow Refuse.

Mr. Stone said that the reason for relocating the dumpster is for better management of the solid waste container.

6. Purchase of Additional Loader.

Mr. Stone said that our Administrative Officer thinks that we should hold off on purchasing a loader at this time. We need to see how the revenues turn out so that we do not end up in a deficit situation.

7. Proposed Regulations- Noise Nuisance Prohibited.

Mr. Stone said that he would like to enforce the City Ordinance for noise disturbance. This would allow us the authority to go down and try to distrubt any disturbances going on in the harbors after hours.

Mr. Benner said that the Harbor Department staff does not have any authority after hours to help the patrons out when there is a disturbance. Patrons do need to contact JPD and hopefully they will deal with the situation at hand.

Mr. Benner added that when we have the problem calls about the Echo Cove camping area, our staff is not equipped to handle the domestic situations. When we call JPD to go out there for a disturbance JPD are either not available at the time, or they do not have enough officer's on staff to go out there. If there is a problem during the daytime JPD will help out if they have enough staff available.

Further discussion followed with the Committee members.

8. Operations Committee Meeting Day Change.

Mrs. Jebe said that we would be changing the Operations Meetings back to Tuesdays starting on August 18, 2009.

VII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mrs. Jebe said that she will be out of town from August 18, 2009 to August 27, 2009.

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**VII. Staff & Member Reports (continued).**

Mr. Benner stated that it has been very busy at the Aurora Harbor office. There has been a lot of phone calls from harbor patrons. Many transients were paying for their short stay moorage while in Juneau. We also had a lot of out-of-town gillnet fishermen come into the office this last couple of weeks.

In addition, he said that they are starting to assign certain stall sizes for some of the patrons who have been on the waitlists.

Mr. Benner said that both he and Heidi have been in the process of working on getting together a list of impound vessels to be processed soon.

He added that the Auke Bay Harbor has been very busy this season since the Haines Harbor has been shut down.

He also said that our staff has been working on painting the parking lot lines and posting all of the signs that need to be put in place.

**VIII. Committee Administrative Matters.**

There were none.

**IX. Adjournment**

**MOTION by Mr. Williams: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO ADJOURN THE JULY 22, 2009 OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING.**

**The motion passed without objection.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.