

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
CIP/PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

For Tuesday, December 1, 2009

I. Call to Order.

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

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Mr. Williams, Mr. Mehrkens, Mr. Preston, and Mr. Fisk.

The following members were absent: Mr. Wostmann and Mr. Kueffner.

Also in attendance were: Mr. Stone – Port Director and Mr. Gillette – Port Engineer.

III. Approval of Agenda.

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

IV. Public Participation.

There was none at this time.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Mr. Williams: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO APPROVE THE PREVIOUS MINUTES OF November 3, 2009. The motion passed without objection.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2011.

Mr. Stone stated that as the committee member are aware every year we do a capital improvement plan that is submitted to the Engineering Department and the City Manager of which then the City Manager incorporates it into the Cities capital improvement plan which is required every year per the city charter.

Typically we list those projects that we know we are going to be doing next year or are actively pursuing funding.

The list is divided into Dock and Harbors. Mr. Stone went over the list of dock projects (See attached). First there is the Cruiseship dock repair project. Mr. Stone went over the amount of funding for this project with the committee members that would be requested.

MOTION by Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONCENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CIP COMMITTEE FORWARD THIS REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE CURISHIP DOCK IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FULL BOARD AND THEN FORWARD IT TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. The motion passed without objection.

Next Mr. Stone talked about the Statter Harbor launch ramp project and the requested funding that would be needed for it. He stated that there may be some State funding coming to us but at this time he is not sure.

Further discussion regarding the sales tax money took place among the committee members at this time.

MOTION BY Mr. Fisk: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CIP COMMITTEE FORWARD THIS REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE STATTER HARBOR LAUNCH RAMP PROJECT TO THE FULL BOARD AND THEN FORWARD IT TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. The motion passed without objection.

Mr. Stone stated this request for funding for the North Douglas launch ramp floats was based on what Mr. Gillette had gotten from Mr. Moeser and stated that it more expensive than the first one that we had received. With this in mind Mr. Stone stated that we may want to hold off and requesting funding until we receive funding from the Department of Fish and Game to help finance this.

Further discussion among the committee members and Mr. Stone took place at this time regarding the decision to do this project now or wait. The general consensus would be to forward this to the full board without a recommendation and let the full board make the final decision on it.

Mr. Fisk asked at this time to sit out of the next two items as he is involved with them in another aspect and has other interests in them. These items were the Downtown Fisheries Improvements and the Auke Bay Ice Plant.

Mr. Stone stated that each of the interested parties have submitted letters that are in the committee members packets (See attached). First Mr. Stone went over the Downtown Fisheries Improvement project and stated that the only change to the funding request is making each of these interested parties equal in the amount of funding being requested and also that this would also include the infrastructure. He stated at Auke Bay it would be an ice plant at Alaska Glacier Seafood's, and downtown it would generally be the same as their plant is fairly old and they also expressed expanding the dock space to handle two boats at one time provided it could be done in an economic way.

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

MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND BOTH OF THESE PROJECTS AS AMENDED BY THE PORT DIRECTOR AS 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS EACH AND FORWARD THIS ON TO THE FULL BOARD FOR THEIR APPROVAL AND THEN FORWARD IT ON TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. The motion passed without objection.

2. Comments to ADNDR regarding Preliminary Decision of land conveyance for the Auke Bay Loading Facility.

Mr. Stone stated that DNR has finally taken action on our application at the land at the ABLF and initially when we obtained the permits in 2007 it was agreed that DNR would convey us land basically all of Auke Nu Cove which would include a conservation easement of eel grass habitat there. He stated due to the staff changes at DNR they never took action on it and more recently they have figured out they will need to do something now that we are operating. They have taken it back up with the new group, and have take the position that they may not be able to issue us a conveyance for the conservation easement portion of the original conveyance request and that is what this preliminary decision reflects. Mr. Stone stated that they are getting a sense that they may deny this and this means we would have to go back and renegotiate all the permits.

Mr. Stone spoke with DNR this past week and stated that they are going to go back to the original agreement and review it. He stated he is not comfortable that they will agree to do what the original agreement was. By next week we should hear back from them whether they will deny the conservation easement or not and it is developing by the day.

He stated for the purpose of submitting comments since our original agreement states that we are going to get this conservation easement we basically have to stick to this and let them know that.

Further discussion followed with the committee members and Mr. Stone at this time.

MOTION by Mr. Preston: ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO RECOMMEND THAT THE HARBOR BOARD AUTHORIZE THE PORT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY DECISION ISSUED BY ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGARDING CONVEYANCE OF LANDS FOR THE AUKE BAY LOADING FACILITY. The motion passed without objection.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Project updates.

Mr. Gillette stated that he has included his report in the committee member's packets (See attached). He stated that there is a problem in the permit process with a jurisdiction issue with the Douglas harbor project. He stated that the public notice is still not out and went on to explain this to the committee.

Further discussion took place at this time.

VIII. Member & Staff Reports.

No reports at this time.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm in the City Chambers.

X. Adjournment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.