

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, May 17, 2011

I. Call to Order.

Greg Busch called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor Office.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Greg Busch, Don Etheridge, Cheryl Jebe, Jim Preston, Michael Williams, Tom Donek and Kevin Jardell.

The following members were absent: Wayne Wilson

Also in attendance were: John Stone – Port Director, Phil Benner – Harbor Master and Ruth Danner- Assembly Liaison.

III. Approval of Agenda.

John Stone added Statter Harbor Parking lot management to the agenda as an item for information/discussion.

MOTION by Jim Preston: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

The motion passed without objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

Rene Reiser-Douglas Harbor Live Aboard

Rene Reiser suggested adding land lines/DSL to the Douglas Harbor when it is rebuilt. She was under the impression that ACS thinks the harbor doesn't want their service there. The discussion followed about the cost and how it was done in Harris Harbor. GCI is the company that offers services in Harris. Rene wanted to bring it to the harbors attention that there are people interested in these types of services. John suggested that this issue be looked into and Phil agreed to be the person to contact.

V. Approval of April 19, 2011 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.

Customer appreciation picnic date should be changed from 5/27/2011 to 5/26/2011 in the minutes from April 19, 2011.

Hearing no objection, the minutes from the April 19, 2011 Operations Committee Meeting were approved as amended.

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VI. Items for Action.

1. Inactive Vessel Management

Mr. Stone included the inactive vessel management regulation in the packet and a copy of meeting minutes where the Board discussed and adopted the regulation. There is an issue with the M/V Seal as of right now all discussions must go to the City attorneys. By June 1, 2011, all vessels in the downtown harbors must clear the harbor. Some vessels have already demonstrated they can move under their own power under observation by Harbor Staff.

Mr. Benner said he felt most patrons would be able to comply with the regulation. Discussion followed about options for abandoned, inactive and derelict vessels that could not comply with the regulation. Inactive vessels that are under repair or non-operational could be moved to an inactive zone in the harbor. In June we will have a better idea of how many have not complied.

Mr. Preston said the Harbor master can grant an exception for maintenance or repairs. The Port Director can grant an exception provided they are diligently repairing in minimum time with a completion date that is reasonable.

Mr. Preston talked about how the Regulation Language compares to other communities.

Mr. Williams said we could tighten up the regulation; there are options. The harbor department is working with patrons and he commended the harbor department.

Ms. Jebe was concerned about patrons losing their slips once they have moved to an inactive area. This is not spelled out in the regulation and seems to be assumed.

The Committee discussed Float Houses with Grandfathered Clause that was set in place 12/28/04 with a size smaller than 30 feet in length over all by 12 feet in beam.

Mr. Benner said Harbors get less funding when there are more non-moving vessels in the harbor.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: TO RECOMMEND LEAVING THE REGULATION FOR NON-MOVING VESSELS AS THEY ARE AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The motion passed without objection.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Launch Ramp Enforcement.

Mr. Stone referenced a letter sent to Gray Mitchell about Launch Ramp Enforcement.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion (Continued).

Mr. Stone gave a brief history of how the Board arrived at the citation fee of \$85 for launching a vessel using the CBJ Launch Ramps without a permit. Before the new calendar year the harbor sends out a PSA (Public Service Announcements) to remind people to get the new permits.

Mr. Preston suggested staff look into selling the permits on-line and maybe consider issuing a fix-it ticket with a grace period of 10 days.

Mr. William suggested offering an early purchase discount.

Ms. Danner liked the Idea of an early purchase discount and said the staff needs a firm and fast rule with no exceptions when it comes to issuing the citations.

Public Testimony

Rene Reiser said consistency would be good and getting it on the web should be a priority. It would take 3 web pages and a Google check out or pay pal. She believes it wouldn't be hard to set up.

Mr. Busch said consistent enforcement, treating the customer with respect and making sure they understand the reason the regulations are being enforced is important. He was not in favor of the fix-it ticket but he did think the internet would be great to investigate. He did not feel we should offer a discount for something people are going to buy anyways.

Mr. Benner said we are currently looking in to selling Launch Permits online.

2. Harbor Operations Update.

Mr. Benner included a memorandum of 25 items completed or in progress in the harbors. DeHarts, top ten bad accounts, new waste oil heater working, cranes inspected, Taku Harbor clean up and repair, Troller festival, new Port Office, Maritime festival , dog poop tickets, security walk through with the Coast Guard, fire fighting training, hire staff, and new dock carts are the items he touched on.

3. Statter Parking Lot Update.

Mr. Stone said it is looking like we will get the 5 million for replacement floats for Dehart's. We should know more by July, 1 2011. PND was asked for a proposal for the design. He would like to add the work to the bid for the rehabilitation of the floats. We hope the new floats could be in by this time next year.

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion (Continued).

The committee deferred discussion on this item to the next Operations Meeting.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Benner said there will be a going away party for John Stone at the Aurora Harbor Office on June 10, 2011 from 11:00am. to 1:00pm.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. The next Operations Committee Meeting will be on June 21, 2011.

X. Adjournment.

MOTION by Mr. Etheridge: TO ADJOURN THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The motion passed without objection.

The meeting Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.