

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE (SPECIAL) MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, August 16, 2011

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Busch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor Office.

II. Roll.

The following members were present: Tom Donek, Kevin Jardell, John Bush, Budd Simpson, Eric Kueffner, Greg Busch, Michael Williams, and Wayne Wilson.

The following members were absent: Don Etheridge

Also in attendance were: Phil Benner – Harbor Master, Ruth Danner-Assembly Liaison, Gary Gillette-Port Engineer/Architect, and Carl Uchytel-Port Director.

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION by Mr. Simpson: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

Mr. Froehlich said he appreciates what the Board has done especially the sea walk. He uses it almost daily.

IVF dock was closed off to the public for a time and he was told Drew Green from cruise line agencies closed the dock. Then a dock employee said it was okay for him to go down. He is concerned that less accretive people were turned away from going down there that day and it should be open to the public. Multiple usages is great but when there is a conflict the public should trump the convenience of cruise passengers.

V. Approval of July 19, 2011 Operations committee Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the minutes from the July 19, 2011 Operations Committee Meeting are approved as presented.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Nordic Tug Land Lease Proposal
Presentation by the Acting Port Director

Mr. Benner said Docks & Harbors are leasing uplands to Nordic Tug Charters for \$.50 per square foot and he proposed they write up a tideland lease agreement between Docks & Harbors and Nordic Tug Charters. This will be a relatively small tideland lease for the areas they are building two conex boxes on and Docks & Harbors are running electricity. The agreement would include the float they are using also. Nordic Tug Charters would like a little security to run a business.

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Items for Action (continuation)

Committee Questions

Mr. Kueffner asked what the term would be on the Nordic Tug Float.

Mr. Benner said the term would be 5 years.

Mr. Williams asked what the dollar amount for the lease would be.

Mr. Benner said he did not know yet.

Mr. Williams said he had some concerns about the lease.

Mr. Bush said he understood that Docks & Harbors use the Nordic Tug slips during the summer and then some move back into their slips for the winter.

Mr. Danner said from the assembly point of view leases are not allowed to go for less than market rate.

Mr. Jardell said this would go to Finance and then the regular board.

Mr. Benner said he did not want to see another business leave Juneau and Nordic Tugs could go to Ketchikan.

Public Comment

NONE

Committee Discussion/Action

Mr. Jardell wants to make sure there is a lease but also that it is fair and not to run off the customer.

Mr. Bush asked if Docks & Harbors had considered separating the tideland lease from the docks lease.

Mr. Benner said that he will work on it for not this finance meeting but maybe the next one.

MOTION: No Motion

2. Net Float/Use of ABLF by Gillnetters

Presentation by the Acting Port Director

Mr. Benner said this has been a concern since Docks & Harbors opened up the ABLF and it is a nice float to do net work. He proposed that Docks & Harbors deck an extra float to put out at the ABLF for net repairs. It could be anchor out seasonally. It would cost about \$50,000 to deck another float or it could be included as an added alternative to Statter when that goes out to bid.

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Items for Action (continuation)

Mr. Busch said what action do you desire from the committee for this item.

Mr. Benner said would you like for me to look for an additional \$50,000 to provide the float for gillnetters.

Ms. Danner said you are just looking for concept approval?

Mr. Donek said wouldn't you need a core permit to anchor that float out near the ABLF?

Public Comment
NONE

Committee Questions

Mr. Williams said recently there was a little bit of a head butting regarding nets on the float. Juneau is starting to be a bit of a hub for gillnetting and he felt a float out at the ABLF is something to look at.

Mr. Wilson said he would support this item. He suggested mooring the float at the pilings next to the ABLF.

Mr. Benner said he did not believe you could do that because that area belongs to DNR.

Mr. Busch said his only concern was that the float will end up being used for a storage area for other items. Docks & Harbors may want to look at that in the future.

Mr. Kueffner said we should tell the Fisheries advisory committee about this item.

Committee Discussion/Action
MOTION: NONE

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Harbormaster Operations Report
Presentation by Harbormaster

Mr. Benner gave a brief recap of the Report--See Memorandum Dated: 12 August, 2011

Ms. Danner wanted to know when the Douglas Breakwater will be installed.

Mr. Benner said that is happening now and should be done in six weeks to two months. Trucano has the contract to install that.

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Items for Information/Discussion (continuation)

Ms. Danner asked if Docks & Harbors would be removing more fingers from the Aurora Harbor.

Mr. Benner said he would like to wait to remove more fingers until the Douglas Harbor rebuild is complete.

2. Port Security – Access to the IVF & Lightering Dock

Mr. Benner said he would ask Joe Nava why people are not being allowed on the IVF. The public access should be for only half the dock.

Mr. Jardell said just to clarify there should not be times when access to the IVF dock is completely off limits and only half the dock should be blocked off.

Ms. Danner said she received photos of the whole area roped off.

Mr. Benner said he did not know what was going on but he would find out. There could have been a drill going on at the time.

3. Tell it to Docks & Harbors Board Forms

Mr. Benner said Johanna & Leah have gotten quite a bit of praise out at the Auke Bay Office. He said he has not seen kayaks blocking the ramp. He is not sure which kayaking group this was. He received another dog poop complaint which is the number one complaint. Ms. Danner has been walking the docks and has been impressed about how clean they are.

4. Non-Moving Vessel Areas/Update on Non-Moving Vessels

Mr. Benner said the non-moving letters have been sent out and there are some responses. There now can be some vessels moved to non-moving zones

Mr. Kueffner said he had a call from one of his friends who received a letter and he did see Mr. Monkman sailing this summer.

Mr. Benner said there was some letters sent out in error when they are only day sailors.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Harbor Masters Report

1. Painted lines of entrance hill double yellow and crosswalk
2. Changed out Echo Cove Toilet Riser
3. Waterline repairs to the breakwater and B-float

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Staff & Member Reports (continuation)

4. Changed out parking meter modem borrowed from Community Development for testing purposes
5. Change out burned out electrical outlets
6. Changed out lock mechanism on new spare coin box for parking meter
7. Problem with hoist & card reader system pinpointed to network issue-MIS problem now
8. Cleaned Amalga Harbor launch ramp boarding float & fish table after complaints
9. Adjusted parking meter coin anti-pin system
10. 8/5/11 – Called in boating DUI, operator was charged and on 8/11/11 the State impounded the vessel under State Statue
11. Retrieved power pedestal out of water in DeHarts, Stall owner didn't unplug from pedestal before getting under way
12. Alcan installed new replacement
13. Pulled Icy Strait and blocked up for time being next to work on connex
14. Waterline repairs again on the breakwater and then again on DeHarts D-float
15. Moved sportsmen's float out to A-Float for derby
16. Towed one non-moving vessel for impound in 3 days
17. Towed another vessel to B-Float
18. New dock signage made
19. Painted cement barriers, turn arrows, parking lots restricted area on the dock
20. Joe G antenna repair
21. Marsec II and Marsec III exercises
22. Cleaned bloom born pathogens after large bawl between intoxicated people at Marine Park
23. Continual dealing with intoxicated individuals in Marine Park and Library Stairways
24. Properly disposed of used hypodermic needles and "cooker" spoons in Marine Park
25. Repaired 2 pedestals on IVF
26. Golden North Salmon Derby support

Mr. Benner said the ABLF is coming along but they are behind schedule and Docks & Harbors want to have some kind of a grand opening and invite our legislators. It would be held on September, 24th.

Mr. Williams said take a look at craigslist and you will see that people are trying to rent out their boats in the harbor. He printed some out but will bring it to the regular board.

Mr. Benner said that an hour before the meeting legal gave their response and now those questions need to be answered so it will be on the agenda at the next Ops meeting.

Mr. Jardell asked where Docks & Harbors are with the Tiger Grant to purchase the lift.

Mr. Benner said John Hartle, City Attourney is looking at that.

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IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. The next Operations Committee Meeting will be on September 20, 2011.

X. Adjournment.

The meeting Adjourned at 6:10 P.M.