

**CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**For Thursday, March 29th, 2012**

I. Call to Order.

Mr. Jardell called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers.

II. Roll Call.

The following members were present: Tom Donek, Don Etheridge, Eric Kueffner, Budd Simpson, Michael Williams, Wayne Wilson, and Kevin Jardell.

Via Telephone: John Bush (disconnected at 7:12)

Greg Bush was Absent.

Also present were the following: Carl Uchytel – Port Director, Gary Gillette – Port Engineer, Dwight Tajon – Harbormaster, and Mary Becker – Assembly Liaison

III. Approval of Agenda.

MOTION By MR.ETHERIDGE: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The motion passed without objection

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the February 23rd, 2012 Regular Board meeting minutes were approved.

V. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items- None

VI. Items for Action

1. Naming of Douglas Harbor

Mr. Jardell said the Douglas Island Advisory Committee recommended naming the Douglas Harbor after Mike Pusich. He said the recommendation will still need Assembly approval if the Board chooses to go with the Committees recommendation. He said he was going to let Sharon Pusich and Mark Whitman give a short background on Mike Pusich, and then the Board would take public comments.

Sharon Pusich, Douglas, AK

Ms Pusich read a prepared speech. She talked about other individuals who made contributions to the community and were honored after their passing. She said Mike Pusich died 60 years ago, and is very deserving to have the Douglas Harbor named after him. She said Mike worked in non-paid positions all of his life, and she talked about Mikes many accomplishments. She said Mike was not perfect, but his numerous good deeds overshadowed his earlier misgivings. Mike Pusich was loyal, would defend, and give the shirt off his back to help a friend in need. She talked about how generous Mike was to the community. Ms Pusich said Mike was known as the guy to get things done. She said that his dedication, no want for compensation and his recognition for his good deeds should not go forgotten.

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Mike Pusich story and accomplishments should be known and live on as an example to ours as well as future generations.

**Mark Whitman, Douglas, AK**

He said Alaskan history is his passion and wanted to share some history. He said he hopes the history he shares tonight will help people understand why the Douglas Harbor should be named after Mike Pusich. He said it was 132 years ago that the first pan full of gold was panned out of Paris Creek. Most of what came to be Douglas, burned down, washed away, or blew away long ago by the Taku winds. Names in Douglas are one of the few historical handles that Douglas has left to take a hold of. He showed slide show from the earlier days mill site and showed how the Harbor looks today. In 1912 Mike Pusich came to work at the mill and learned early on what the Taku winds can do with a fire. Mike Pusich learned every duty related to the fire department. He talked about Mike's dreams and accomplishments and how the fires several times over destroyed what he built. July of 1937 Mike opened Mike's Place which still persists today and is now known as The Island Pub. Mike Pusich didn't give up, he stayed, built homes, raised families, lived out their lives and found a way to give something back to this great land. Mr. Whitman said these people are called Alaskan's and they are our greatest treasure. To persist and thrive is easy when others show the way.

**Public Testimony**

**Louis Pusich, Douglas, AK**

He said he is the son of Mike Pusich. He said he was born and raised in Douglas and lived on the same street for 75 years. He said he would be real proud if Douglas Harbor was named after his dad.

**John Delgado, Douglas, AK**

He said he is the chair of the Douglas Advisory Board and it was through the Board's motion to the Docks and Harbors that set the naming of the Douglas Harbor to the Mike Pusich Harbor in motion. He said the Advisory Board has received nothing but positive comments both oral and written on naming the Harbor after Mike Pusich. The Douglas Advisory Board recommended to the Harbor Board to recommend to the Assembly the Douglas Harbor be named after Mike Pusich. As a citizen of Douglas himself, he said he strongly urges it also.

**Jim Carol, Douglas, AK**

He said he has known the Pusich family for 44 years and all that has been said by Sharon Pusich and Mark Whitman, makes it very appropriate that the Douglas Harbor be named after Mike Pusich.

**Mark Pusich, Douglas, AK**

He said he a Grandson of Mike Pusich. He said Mike Pusich was a man in our community that speaks volumes of being a real public servant. People today don't understand the good deeds that were done by such a great person. This is a recommendation that the Harbor Board can make to the Assembly that would have a wonderful impact on our community for years to come, and something the Board can be proud of.

**Board Discussion/Action**

Mr. Uchytel's recommendation to the Board is that the geographical location is left in the name, for example, the Mike Pusich Marina at Douglas Harbor.

Mr. Kueffner commented that he received an e-mail from Deb Pusich that stated the Pusich family wanted to use Mike instead of Michael because that was the name he liked to go by.

MOTION By MR. ETHERIDGE: TO FORWARD TO THE ASSEMBLY THE NAME TO BE PROPOSED IS THE MIKE PUSICH DOUGLAS HARBOR AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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Motion passed with no objection.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion

1. DeHart's Round-About Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) Construction Plan.

A presentation was given by Nathan Leigh, a consultant for ADOT from USKH. Greg Lockwood, project manager from ADOT was also there to answer questions.

Mr. Leigh said there was a public meeting on this project about a year ago. The project would include a round about, widening the road, and putting in shoulders and sidewalks on both sides of the road. This would provide safe pedestrian and bike traffic through this corridor. The proposed plan at the first meeting, developed a lot of public comment, Mr. Leigh said they went back to the drawing board and proposed another alternative to the proposed plan. He described a four leg round about and a three leg round about and discussed the impact it would have on the area. With the four leg round about, ADOT would have to purchase DeHart's and the Auke Bay Boatyard lot would be reduced by one. If the project goes like scheduled, ADOT will begin late this fall. It is unsure at this time which round about will be used.

Mr. Jardell said if the proposed four leg round about goes forward, would it be with the voluntary sale of DeHart's?

Mr. Leigh said it would be with the voluntary sale, because there is still another option without involving DeHart's sale.

Mr. Jardell asked the timeline for this project, and what impact it will have on Statter Harbor if the four leg is chosen?

Mr. Leigh said he is estimating if everything runs smoothly, construction would be done in April or May of 2013. He said the contractor has to run his sequencing of the project so there is access to the Harbor at all times.

Mr. Etheridge said where Docks and Harbor is proposing for the new parking lot at Statter Harbor, is ADOT going to put in an access.

Mr. Leigh said ADOT will be putting in a center turn lane for easier access to Statter Parking lot, and have coordinated with the Port Engineer for the driveway cut.

Mr. Kueffner wanted to know the size of the round about compared to the Douglas bridge round about.

Mr. Leigh said it was smaller than the Douglas bridge round about.

Mr. Kueffner asked if there was a minimum size for the round about?

Mr. Leigh said it is based on the traffic volume, truck traffic, speed of the round about, and the angle of the roads coming into the round about.

Mr. Kueffner said the round about choice versus traffic light was based on what?

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Mr. Leigh said roundabouts are becoming more desirable because it keeps traffic moving, less maintenance, and most important is they are safer.

Mr. Kueffner said if the three leg roundabout was chosen, there was discussion on a 12' wall, he wanted to know where that would be located?

Mr. Leigh said it would appear on the DeHart's side of the roundabout, and it would be as high as the lettering on the DeHart's store.

Mr. Kueffner asked why the 12' wall was needed?

Mr. Leigh said to be able to keep the roundabout flat.

Mr. Williams said at this location there is a lot of different user groups does it matter larger or smaller like compared to the Douglas bridge roundabout?

Mr. Leigh said it is designed for a semi truck to go through the roundabout.

VI. Items for Action (continued)

2. ADOT \$5 Million Grant for Statter Harbor

Mr. Gillette said ADOT gave Docks and Harbors a letter of award for the \$5 million grant for Statter Harbor. The grant contract won't be written until the bids are received, and the bids are due April 10<sup>th</sup>. In order to keep the project on schedule the grant award needs to be approved and forwarded to the Assembly. The grant award will be introduced at the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly meeting with the letter of award and April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Assembly meeting public hearing. At that time Docks and Harbors should have a bid and ADOT would have written a contract. This is an appropriation ordinance approved by the Assembly to award \$5 million dollars for the Statter Harbor Moorage project.

Board Questions - None

Public Comments - None

Board Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR.ETHERIDGE: TO REQUEST THE ASSEMBLY ACCEPT THE \$5 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FOR THE STATTER HARBOR PROJECT AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection

3. Cruise Ship Terminal Parking Plan

Mr. Gillette said he handed out a separate drawing with comments from the public that use the parking area. This parking lot is the overall reorganization of the cruise ship terminal site and will begin construction the fall of 2012. This is a plan for the assignment of parking spaces because of the need for identified assigned spaces for the IVF, US Customs and Border Protection, visitor center, and taxi spaces. This plan is an attempt to show how various spaces would be assigned. The area in red on the hand out are parking spaces for the Taku Fisheries building, because the two lots are being combined and they get 24 spaces. The numbered spaces are the Harbor spaces. He said he received comments and

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one was from US Customs and Border Protection. He met with them and their concern is the spaces assigned for the US Customs and Border Protection is not visible to their building, and not the most convenient when they have to bring people to the building from other ships. Their preference is to be up front. There is one cruise line agencies space for going to the US Customs and Border Protection. Kirby Day recommended to assign that as a shared space for customs business only. Mr. Gillette said this parking plan is presented at this time because Docks and Harbors is getting ready to bid this project and needs this plan finalized.

Mr. Jardell said these are signs that can be moved if this plan does not work.

Board Questions - None

Public Comments

Ken Koelsch, Juneau, AK

He said he is here representing the US Customs and Border Protection as port director. He noticed in the parking plan that the US Customs and Border Protection parking spaces were located next to a dumpster. This is concerning because the dumpster will block the visibility from the office to the vehicles and because things could be put in the dumpsters that can blow up. Federal Enforcement vehicles are at high profile. The Port of Juneau has not had any explosive devises, but has had several hundred dollars in damage to their vehicles at the Port. He said he suggested to move their spaces to the front. With being in the front it would give better visibility to the building and easier access for sensitive issues. He would like the consideration to be moved to the front and he said he likes the available space for US Customs and Border Protection business.

Mr. Kueffner wanted to know what spaces he was describing as down front.

Mr. Koelsch said any in the front would be fine.

Board Discussion/Action

Mr. Simpson said the overall plan looks good and does not think the Board should be micro managing this site. He said he is convinced that US Customs and Border Protection should be moved to the front, and that should happen.

Mr. Jardell asked if there was a reason why the Board needed to designate the parking spaces and if the Board can just approve the plan and let staff designate the specific spaces.

MOTION By MR. KUEFFNER: TO ACCEPT THE PARKING PLAN AND THE SPACE ALLOCATION BY QUANTITY AND ASK THE STAFF, WITH TAKING SUGGETIONS INTO ACCOUNT, TO MOVE THE SPACES AROUND AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection.

4. Establishment of a Parking Rate Structure at the Cruise Ship Terminal Lot

Mr. Uchytel said next year when this is completed, there will be a kiosk for paid parking. Docks and Harbors has been given the opportunity this year to manage 17 spaces along people's wharf pier. Mr. Uchytel said he is asking the Board to establish a rate structure for the cruise terminal of \$1 per hour,

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with the plan being in a year from now when the uplands project is complete to move the kiosk to the other parking area.

Board Questions

Mr. Etheridge asked why \$1.

Mr. Uchytel said Docks and Harbors wanted to encourage turn over of the parking area.

Mr. Simpson asked if the Kiosk was the same as the CBJ's.

Mr. Uchytel said the Kiosk will be like the one at Statter Harbor, and that is different from CBJ's.

Mr. Gillette said to clarify, this is a pay and display type kiosk.

Mr. Williams asked if workers abused the one hour parking in that area?

Mr. Uchytel said yes and it was hard to enforce. With the pay and display concept, it will encourage more turn over.

Mr. Donek wanted to know the time limit?

Mr. Uchytel said if they pay \$24 dollars, they can stay there all day. This is to discourage workers and encourage people needing to come down town for different reasons.

Mr. Wilson asked if it would be a Harbor employee tasked with the enforcement.

Mr. Uchytel said yes, it will be the summer Port workers.

Mr. Simpson said he thinks \$1 per hour is too cheap to keep the workers from taking up all the spaces. He suggested a \$2 an hour rate.

Mr. Williams asked what the cost of the kiosk is?

Mr. Uchytel said roughly \$13,000 and additional monthly expenses.

Public Comments- None

Board Discussion/Action

Mr. Etheridge said he agrees with Mr. Simpson that \$1 is not enough. He said he suggests \$2 per hour.

Mr. Williams said he would like to see more. He suggest \$3 or more per hour.

Mr. Uchytel said just for information a monthly pass at the library is \$50.00.

MOTION By MR. ETHERIDGE: TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH AN HOURLY PARKING RATE OF \$2 AN HOUR AT THE CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL LOT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH 05 CBJAC 20.180 AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

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Motion passed with no objection

5. 2012 Summer Moorage Rate Promotion

Mr. Uchtyl said this is the same summer promotion that has been done in 2010 and 2011. The Operations Committee recommended to offer this same promotion for the 2012 season and is asking the Board's approval.

Mr. Jardell asked what the promotion was?

Mr. Uchtyl said buy two months and get one month free. Get a 5% discount promotion for buying three months of moorage during May or June and get a 5% discount on published moorage plus two one day permits to use CBJ's launch ramp. This is limited to vessels less than 27'.

Mr. Jardell said the staff believed people did take advantage of this and promoted more Harbor use.

Board Questions- None

Public Comments - None

Board Discussion/Action

Mr. Kueffner asked how this promotion is promoted?

Mr. Uchtyl said it is posted at the Harbors, on the Website and could be put in the Newsletter.

MOTION By MR. ETHERIDGE: TO AUTHORIZE THE SPECIAL MOORAGE PROMOTION FOR 2012 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE AND AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD FOR 2010 AND 2011 AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection.

6. Seasonal Administrative Position

Mr. Uchtyl said Docks and Harbors has a vacant Harbor Officer position. This has been kept vacant over the winter as a cost savings measure. This full time position would be split into two seasonal positions, one is an administrative assistant I and the other Harbor officer. The seasonal administrative assistant would allow Docks and Harbors to keep the Aurora Harbor Office open on the weekends, and the Harbor officer would be the additional help needed at Statter Harbor.

Board Questions

Mr. Etheridge asked about the cost.

Mr. Uchtyl said this would be a little less than the full time Harbor Officer position.

Mr. Jardell asked if the Board needed to take action on this?

Mr. Uchtyl said it is a personnel matter and employee schedules and work changes will be affected.

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Mr. Williams said he supports this.

Mr. Wilson said this would allow the public to get launch ramp permits, or do any other business with the Harbor on the weekend easier.

Mr. Kueffner wanted to know when the Seasonal employees start?

Mr. Uchytel said most seasonal employees start April 9<sup>th</sup>, but these positions will still need to be posted. The seasonal employees usually go back on leave October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Public Comments

Board Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR. WILLIAMS: TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT DIRECTOR TO REPROGRAM ONE (VACANT) FULL TIME HARBOR OFFICER INTO ONE SEASONAL HARBOR OFFICER AND ONE SEASONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection.

7. Termination and Eviction of Lease ADL 29281

Mr. Uchytel said this is a lease with Mr. Mike Donohue at Tee Harbor. It was recommended from the Finance Committee that Docks and Harbors moves forward with termination and eviction. He is three years in arrears of payments. His last partial payment was in June of 2011. He has not been responsive to written correspondence. Mr. Uchytel said Mr. Donohue was informed that his lease was going to be discussed at the Finance meeting and at tonight's Board meeting and there has been no reply to the process moving forward.

Board Questions- None

Public Comments

Dennis Watson, Juneau, AK

He said he supports the Port Director's recommendation. Letting this go this far is an embarrassment to CBJ. This is unfair to those that pay religiously, to allow those that don't pay to get away with it. This is costing us money. Mr. Watson said he encourages to move forward with termination and this will be setting the future tone for the Harbor Board.

Board Discussion/Action

Mr. Kueffner said this did come up at the Finance Committee and this has gone too long and some action needs to be taken.

MOTION By MR. ETHERIDGE: TO AUTHORIZE THE PORT DIRECTOR TO PROCEED WITH THE TERMINATION AND EVICTION AS PRESENTED AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed no objection.



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8. Docks and Harbors Logo

Mr. Uchytel said this is a proposed logo to keep the uniqueness of Docks and Harbors Enterprise but also acknowledging that Docks and Harbors is part of the CBJ family. Mr. Hartle has agreed that this meets the intent of the ordinance on a logo. He is asking the Board to approve this as Docks and Harbors logo.

Board Questions

There was some Board discussion.

Public Comments- None

Board Discussion/Action

MOTION By MR. ETHERIDGE: TO APPROVE THE LOGO AS PRESENTED FOR DOCKS AND HARBORS AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed with no objection.

VIII. Committee and Board Member Reports.

1. Operations Committee Meeting- March 20th

Mr. Etheridge said the Committee discussed the safety ladders and ways to keep them from falling overboard. Docks and Harbor can't afford the ladders at this time and will look at other options at another time.

2. CIP/Planning Committee Meeting – March 22nd

Mr. Williams said the Committee approved the \$5 million ADOT grant.

The Douglas Harbor breakwater is proceeding in a positive way.

Douglas Harbor dredging is having a more positive tone from the agencies. There may be help with funding also.

3. Finance Committee Meeting- March 27th

Mr. Wilson said the following items were discussed.

1. The Port Director recommended moving forward with Mr. Donohue's lease to give an eviction notice, and the Committee agreed.
2. Rate increase for potable water for the cruise ships. (No action made, Mr. Wilson said he thought this was going to be discussed at tonight's meeting).
3. The additional 17 parking spaces that Docks and Harbors will manage this summer.
4. Continued talking about Auke Bay's fuel dock lease. The Committee is discussing a built in fee escalator. (No action made)
5. There was more discussion on the Mt. Robert's Tram lease rent. (No action made)

Mr. Jardell said he spoke to the Port Director on the potable water rate increase and asked for more information before bringing to the Board.

Mr. Kueffner clarified that the Mt. Robert's Tram lease rent was an informational item. The Committee is waiting for the Mt. Robert's Tram appraiser to come back with their appraisal.

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4. Member Reports -

Mr. Williams said he received a call from Sea Level Transport, Paul Weltzin. Mr. Weltzin is concerned about traffic flow into the Commercial Loading Facility. Mr. Williams said he told Mr. Weltzin that Alaska Glacier Seafood fully understands the gate will have to be locked 24/7, and only the commercial truck/traffic will be pulling the refers out of there. Mr. Weltzin was good with that.

Mr. Simpson said Senator Murkowski's office has taken a direct personal interest in the Douglas dredging, and they have let the Corps of Engineers know that. That may be the relationship to the sense that they may be being more helpful.

Mr. Jardell said our local delegation has taken an interest in the Docks and Harbor challenges and asked what they can do to help.

IX. PRAC Representative Report - None

X. Port Engineer's Report.

Mr. Gillette said Statter Harbor bids are due April 10<sup>th</sup>. Right now there are seven prime contractors looking at this.

XI. Harbormaster's Report - None

XII. Port Director's Report.

Mr. Uchytel said he will be attending the PCC Conference in Nanaimo, BC on April 10<sup>th</sup> – April 13.

There is a hearing tomorrow for an abandoned vessel that was left at Statter Harbor last May. Docks and Harbors is trying to hold the responsible party responsible for charges we incurred. The hearing will determine if Docks and Harbors acted appropriately to impound the vessel at that time. After that impound hearing, Docks and Harbors will move forward with trying to recover all costs associated with that transaction.

Update on Douglas Harbor, the Corps of Engineers in Anchorage is helping Dock and Harbors and is arranging for a meeting scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25. This meeting is to move the Tier IV study into the approval stage.

The ILWU is petitioning the Assembly members to take action on a labor dispute regarding who can tie up the boats that lighter. The Assembly did not appear to want to get involved with the labor dispute. Mr. Uchytel said he was directed to ensure that the operations as presented by the local president of the ILWU is a safe process, he said he is working with industry on this.

XIII. Assembly Liaison Report

Ms. Becker said there is an Assembly meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>. She reported the Archipelago property purchase is going along in a positive manner and she said she is optimistic.

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XIV. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. Operations Committee Meeting – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor Office
2. Special Meeting (Bid Award/Statter Harbor) – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:00 p.m. in the CBJ room 224
3. CIP/Planning Committee Meeting – April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:00 p.m. in the CBJ room 224
4. Finance Committee Meeting – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
5:00 p.m. in CBJ room 224.
5. Regular Board Meeting – April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
7.00 p.m. in the CBJ Assembly Chambers

XV. Adjournment.

The Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.