

CBJ DOCKS & HARBORS BOARD
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
For Tuesday, July 17th, 2012

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: Greg Busch, David Logan, Budd Simpson, John Bush and Kevin Jardell.

Also in attendance were: Dwight Tajon – Harbormaster, Carl Uchtyl – Port Director and Mary Becker.

III. Approval of Agenda.

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

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items.

Mr. Watson – Juneau, Alaska

I was at the Assembly meeting last night and the issue of the Fisherman's Memorial came up; the Planning Commission was mentioned as well. I just wanted to clarify what was being discussed at the Planning Commission meeting. Evidently there was some communication from the Fisherman's Memorial Board that they would consider another location for the Memorial. For some reason the Planning Commission took it upon themselves to call for a vote to send a letter back to the Assembly recommending that they reconsider their decision; this letter was how it got back to the Assembly; the decision to send the letter back to the Assembly was not unanimous. It shouldn't have been an issue seeing as what was being discussed was not related. At the Assembly meeting last night it was very apparent to me that Docks and Harbors is being brought into the lime-light in a negative way. It is very disturbing to me that this is happening and I disapprove of the way Mr. Uchtyl has been treated in the media. A lot of people feel the same way as I. Frankly, I am disappointed in some of the Assembly conduct; I hope that Ms. Becker can carry some of the public comments back to those that will listen. I think some of the conduct and communication is unethical and certainly non-professional.

V. Approval of June 19th, 2012 Operations committee Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the minutes from the June 19th, 2012 Operations Committee Meeting is approved with the small changes.

VI. Items for Action.

1. Draft Letter for DeHart's Patrons Transition to Statter Harbor

Presentation by Port Director

Mr. Uchtyl

I have been working with Dwight in the process of communicating with the DeHart's patrons to assure smooth transition to the new Statter facility. Just a quick reminder: I sent some regulation changes to City Law for review. After they have been reviewed they will come back to

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the full board for approval. There has been discussion with this body about parking and the sense is that DH wants to consolidate harbor regulations and ensure one free parking for the each permanent stall holder. That could be put into an ordinance but DH should be able to manage it without one. This is the third phase to communicate in the transition to the patrons. I have drafted a letter with Dwight; I just want to make sure it clearly communicates the will of the board as far as the commitment DH has and whether there needs to be anything added that might be pertinent. A little direction on whether DH should send out a draft moorage plan first or just have patrons come in and talk to Doug Unruh.

Committee Questions

Mr. Logan

When there are two people that want the same spot how would it be worked out?

Mr. Uchytel

What Doug has communicated to me is he will look at the moorage arrangements port side to starboard tie ups in DeHart's and try to accommodate those patrons and also look at where they are located relative to the main.

Mr. Jardell

There are two lists before 2005 and after 2005. This should allow some maneuver ability if you wanted a different spot.

Mr. Busch

There is also a swap list.

Mr. Uchytel

There was talk last year about a lottery system but Doug Unruh has a good rapport with the harbor patrons and thinks he can make something workable.

Mr. Busch

The reassignment is being handled similar to the way Harris was done.

Mr. Tajon

Yes, just to bring everyone up to speed: when Harris was reassigned, they didn't do the lottery system. They took a map and laid it over the top and reassigned them in a way that was similar to their old spaces. If there are any open spaces, Mr. Unruh will assign them off of the other lists.

Mr. Busch

On the bottom of page one there is a commitment of one free parking space per assigned slip. The understanding is that there will be one parking pass per assigned slip but there is no guarantee that there will be a parking spot.

Mr. Uchytel

Yes, there is no guarantee there will be parking.

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Mr. Logan

Is there going to be any increase in spaces over in the other side?

Mr. Uchytel

The DeHart's patrons will be able to park where they are currently parking now until the uplands are built. Once that is built that should free up a lot of parking. There shouldn't be any trailer parking in the Statter lot. DH hopes that will create ample parking but DH doesn't know that yet.

Mr. Logan

Is the Coast Guard boom deployment equipment going to stay in the same area?

Mr. Tajon

For now it will.

Public Comment

Mr. Watson (Juneau, AK)

I have talked to a few of the other patrons and there is a lot of confusion. The impression I got from talking to them is that they don't want to go to the Harbor office. Most of the patrons work and the office hours are about identical to their Monday through Friday offices. Getting out there at a convenient time is not user-friendly. I think it would be helpful if you sent out a letter with a map and then those with a concern can call or make a trip out to talk to someone about it.

Committee Discussion/Action

Mr. Jardell

I think the comments are well thought out. If there was some changes made.

Mr. Busch

I think the map that Doug provides should only include the assignments of the original pre city owned patrons. This will show how he currently has them laid out and the empty ones that are available. Then the second letter will have the pre-city owned patrons in place and then he can plug the post-city ones in. They will be able to decide for themselves and then the stalls that are left will be filled in from the swap and wait lists.

Discussion Continued

Mr. Jardell

There is a motion to have the letter changed with the suggestions and sent out to the pre city owned DeHart's patrons with a map.

MOTION: PASSED – Approved unanimously to move forward

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VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Harbormaster Operations Report

Presentation by Harbormaster

1. Repainted restrooms and shop doors at Auke Bay
2. Replaced old door signs at Auke Bay
3. Moved old North Douglas boarding floats to outside of breakwater at Auke Bay
4. Installed safety fence at Main and Breakwater at Auke Bay
5. Installed no parking signs at ABLF barrier access to AGS
6. Repaired old dock carts
7. Training on new hydraulic boat lift at ABLF **One boat has been pulled out that was 65' and weighted 30 tons. It was put back into the water without any incident. This had to be done to get certified.**
8. Installed more toilet paper holders at Echo Cove restrooms
9. Replaced auto-flusher in women's restroom at Statter
10. Replaced crane motor at ABLF #2 hoist **The bearing was going out in it. The electrician replaced the motors. The cost is coming out way under estimate.**
11. Repainted crosswalk at top of Statter entrance hill
12. Chalk lined Douglas launch ramp and parking area for the 4th of July festivities **I've seen this done up in Seward. There were some good comments.**
13. Assisted Parks & Recs field maintenance crew with transporting of large campsite at North Douglas False Outer Point **The Joe G was trailered out to North Douglas and picked up the debris so they could put it into a dump truck and haul it off.**
14. Re-stained oil dump stairs and hand railings at Aurora office
15. Brush removal Douglas Harbor
16. Aurora uplands cleaning
17. Replaced photo cell in Douglas
18. Log removal in all harbors
19. Assisted with fireworks, transporting JPD to/from Douglas
20. Repaired/replaced cleats on new Douglas gangway

2. No Wake Zone Policy for Auke Bay and Downtown

Presentation by Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon

One of the guys I work with over at Marine Exchange is working on a booklet for the zip line tour people. His concern was that sometimes the jet boats violate the speed zone area. They generate less of a wake when they are on step than when they are going the five knots. He was wondering if there was some kind of amendment that could be made to the speed zone in front of Douglas with the breakwater being in place.

Glacier Seafoods has been complaining about speed zone violators out at Auke Bay. I think they are mostly day-to-day users and charter boat operators, however, I can't say for sure. The way they have been approaching Statter Harbor has been creating a lot of wake, maybe two feet, and it is coming over to the ABLF and Glacier Seafoods. I know that there is a buoy marker in

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place out in front of the breakwater and two orange markers out for the Territorial Sportsman, on the east and west side of Auke Bay as well. Once they get past those markers they are safe to get up on step.

Mr. Jardell

The ABLF and Glacier Seafoods are not in a no wake zone. Did they have any recommendations? That area is well outside the no wake zone.

Mr. Simpson

They are probably going to ask for the no-wake zone to be extended because it isn't people violating the no-wake zone; it is just normal transit boaters.

Mr. Jardell

It isn't a no-wake zone in Auke Bay; it is a speed zone of five knots.

Mr. Uchytel

Four knots in the harbor.

Mr. Bush

For the downtown wake issue, are there going to be proposals to have it changed and will it become an action item down the road?

Mr. Tajon

The guy was just throwing it out there.

Mr. Simpson

The problem with making an exemption is that a Sea Sport is going to see the jet boats zipping through the zone and they will start doing it. You can not have a speed zone for one and not the other. Maybe once the breakwater is in place at Douglas it can be looked at again.

Discussion Followed

3. Web Form

Presentation by Port Director

Mr. Uchytel

One of the matrixes DH has is the number of complaints. There are both complaints and complements that are received. So what I have been doing since November is collecting all these web forum questions. They range from wanting to put a hot dog cart in the Brick Yard to questions such as: "where is the US Juneau Memorial?". I want to let the Board and Committee know that they are being collected. If there is interest in reading them I can make them available.

Mr. Jardell

Just to let everyone know I do get the major ones.

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Mr. Busch

I think they should be available at your office for the Board and/or Committee to read them.

Mr. Uchytel

The biggest complaint is Statter and the launch ramp.

4. Dumpster

Presentation by Harbormaster

Mr. Tajon

There have been two more accidents involving the dumpsters. The most recent one was down at the Mt. Roberts Tram parking lot. One of the workers of a small ship docked at the IVF tried to open the lid with the crank and the back hinges worked their way out and the lid came down on the lady's face. I forwarded off the report to Risk Management. This picture is from when I was up in Seward. The top of the lid is an octagon shape with three doors on each side that slide. I checked with Arrow Refuse and they said DH would have to buy the dumpster if any modifications were going to be made. Also, there is an estimate of what the Seward Harbor Department paid for one of them: \$14,850. I am still working on finding a better solution. Carl brought up one of contacting the Vo-Tec Center with the University; they might be able to weld up something similar to it. Also I will talk with the other metal fabrication place in town. I need to talk to the waste management to see if modifying the current dumpster(s) would be allowed or go the route of buying new ones. When I called up Arrow Refuse and asked what the prices are, the rental is \$356.91 per dumpster, the pick up/drop off is \$114.21 per month per 20 yard dumpster. That doesn't include the weight of what is in the dumpster. This is just an estimate, but if DH owned their own there would be no monthly rental fee.

Mr. Logan

Does this design keep the water out?

Mr. Tajon

There might be some water that gets in, but I am looking at it more as a safety issue. Being able to slide the doors open and keeping the snow load off would be more secure.

Mr. Jardell

There have been some public comments that if DH would keep the water out then that would cut some of the costs down.

Mr. Busch

DH has talked about putting some type of cover over it to cut the cost down.

Ms. Becker

Did the lady who got hurt file a claim?

Mr. Tajon

Yes she did and I sent it over to Risk Management.

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Ms. Becker

Who will be responsible for that claim?

Mr. Tajon

I am not sure at this time.

Mr. Busch

How many dumpsters would possibly need to be replaced?

Mr. Tajon

I believe it would be five. I will do my best to have more information and numbers at the next meeting. This is three injuries in six months and that is too many.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports.

Mr. Uchytel

I did get the Mt. Roberts Tram appraisal back from Reliant Advisory Services in Anchorage and I can't read it. I think it is saying that it is an un-economic parcel. I don't know if they are saying it is worth zero or what. I have taken a copy to Legal for review and so they can tell me what it means. Mr. Duncan, the CEO of Goldbelt, delivered it to me personally. I asked him what the bottom line was, he couldn't tell me. There is a legal interpretation from Robert Spitzfaden. I have legal looking at it and when I get that back I will send it to Horan and Company for them to review it; they are the ones that did the appraisal for DH.

DH has gotten the conditional use permit for 16B. I had a meeting on the request of Representative Mr. Munoz and some concerned citizens. I suspect there will be an appeal of the permit filed in the next couple of days.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. The next Operations Committee meeting – August 21st, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Aurora Harbor Office.

X. Adjournment.

The meeting Adjourned at 5:54PM.