

CBJ Docks and Harbors Committee
Operations Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, February 19th, 2013

I. Call to Order

Mr. Busch called the Operations Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Aurora Harbor.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: John Bush, Tom Donek, David Logan, Budd Simpson, and Greg Busch.

Absent: Kevin Jardell and Scott Spickler.

Also in attendance were the following: Dwight Tajon – Harbormaster, and Matt Dull - Operations Manager with Arrow Refuse.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

Motion passed with no objection.

IV. Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

Bob Janes, Juneau, AK

Mr. Janes asked if the Board has considered putting port-a-potties in the Statter Harbor area in the peak season because of the inadequate restroom facilities?

Paul Swanson, Juneau, AK

Mr. Swanson said he still has a problem with not installing the same number of slips that was previously in DeHarts. He also said that he was at Auke bay and noticed the new cement floats are listing and is wondering if there is a problem.

Mr. Busch said he would pass that on to Mr. Gillette.

V. Approval of the Operations Committee Meeting Minutes.

Hearing no objection, the January 22nd, 2013 Operations Committee Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

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VI. Items for Action.

1. Harbor Vehicle

Mr. Tajon said the downtown division has five pickup trucks. Two of the trucks are in poor condition with estimated repair costs to be \$5,000 for both. Both trucks have Meier plows that have become inoperable and the estimated cost to replace is \$7,500. Both trucks are ok for summer use, but not safe for winter and should be sold at surplus. The estimated cost to replace one of the trucks is \$30,000, and that would be plow package ready. Docks & Harbor has a Boss plow that could go on this truck. This truck estimate is from the State procurement website that Docks & Harbors uses for purchasing of department vehicles. Mr. Tajon recommended to replace the other vehicle with a smaller vehicle that would be able to be operated on the Seawalk for garbage pickup . On the States procurement website there was a 2 wheel drive Chevy Colorado for \$18,500, but this vehicle would not work in the winter, and is too large for the Seawalk. With 3 working trucks, and a van, another option would be to purchase an electric utility vehicle for \$16,500. Mr. Tajon described the pro's and con's of having an electric vehicle. Currently we do have a John Deere tractor with a trailer, but staff has determined that it may not be practical for turning around by the Miner's Cove building. Mr. Tajon said he recommends to approve the \$30,000 full size plow ready pickup truck and the \$16,500 electric utility vehicle.

Committee Questions

Mr. Donek asked when was the last time a truck was replaced?

Mr. Tajon said Auke Bay replaced a flat bed truck in 2011.

Mr. Donek asked when was the last time for the downtown trucks?

Mr. Tajon said 2001 or 2002.

Mr. Logan asked what would be the use for the electric vehicle other than the Seawalk?

Mr. Tajon said it would be used just for summer on the Seawalk, picking up garbage and transporting materials.

Mr. Donek asked if a standard size vehicle was purchased, would there be a use for it in the winter?

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Mr. Tajon said there could be a use for it, but the standard size vehicle can't be used on the Seawalk.

Mr. Logan asked if a golf cart size could be used?

Mr. Tajon said he looked into what the Police Department was researching. Something like that won't work for Docks & Harbors, and it is expensive.

Mr. Logan asked how often does the electric vehicle need to be charged and what is the longevity?

Mr. Tajon said it has eight batteries and can get 40 miles out of one charge.

Mr. Bush asked if a small gas pickup would do the required duty?

Mr. Tajon said a small pickup wouldn't work on the new portion of the Seawalk and wouldn't work in the winter.

Mr. Bush asked what year the pickups are?

Mr. Tajon said 1998 and 2000

Mr. Busch asked what the normal life cycle for a vehicle is for budget purposes, or is it run until they die?

Mr. Tajon said there is not a normal cycle.

Mr. Busch asked what is currently being used for the Seawalk needs.

Mr. Tajon said the S-10 in some areas, and a vacuum vehicle that is used sparingly on the other areas.

Public Comment – None

Committee Discussion/Action

Mr. Donek said his concern with an electric vehicle, is that it will sit for six months out of the year. Is Docks and Harbors going to be short a vehicle in the winter time?

Mr. Tajon said no, with the purchase of the full size vehicle with plow, that will give us three vehicles when currently we have two.

MOTION By MR. SIMPSON: TO AUTHORIZE AND RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD THAT THE HARBORMASTER BE PERMITTED TO

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PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE OF THE FULL SIZE 4X4 PICKUP AND SMALLER ELECTRIC UTILITY VEHICLE FOR USE ON THE SEAWALK AND ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion passed without objection.

VII. Items for Information/Discussion.

1. Statter Vessel for Hire Loading

Mr. Tajon read his memo in the packet for the Statter Vessel for Hire Loading plan. With the new A & B floats taking up 120' of the former loading zone on the main float, the plan was to use the existing loading zone and some of the newly constructed stalls on A-float. This plan would pose a maneuverability issue. With the concerns on limited space after the construction is completed, the revamped plan for loading and unloading passengers will include the work float, the designated fish selling area, and the float at the bottom of the main ramp. The repairs that used to be done on the work float in Statter, has been moved to the ABLF due to the convenience of being able to drive up next to your boat to deliver materials and equipment. This revised plan will provide 530' for loading and unloading passengers. Pacific Pile & Marine (PPM) completion date is May 15th. The first Cruise Ship to arrive is May 2nd, and PPM has been made aware that it is very important that the Charter Boat Operators need to use all of the loading and unloading area as soon as possible.

Mr. Busch wanted Mr. Tajon to put this item on the March Operations Committee agenda as an action item and make sure the public is notified.

Mr. Tajon showed the areas he talked about on a map of Statter Harbor.

Mr. Logan asked about the progress at Statter Harbor?

Mr. Tajon said they are about five days ahead of schedule.

Public Comments

Tom Dawson, Juneau, AK, said he went to Docks and Harbors website and he found that phase III of this project will be begin in July of 2015 and the future phase that includes the passenger for hire float does not have a start date and it doesn't look like it has been permitted and

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funded. He asked if this future plan could potentially go on for the next four years?

Mr. Busch said yes it could.

Mr. Dawson pointed out on the map issues of congestion, low tide issues and maneuverability.

Bob Janes, Juneau, AK, said he has six 44' boats. He pointed out issues in the present plan of congestion, low tides, maneuverability, and said he does not want to put his customers in that situation. There could also be collisions. He was wanting to know if it has been considered to open up the new floats for loading and unloading and use the other floats for DeHart's patrons until this can be figured out. Mr. Janes showed on the map and discussed the areas that will and won't work.

Jim Collins, Juneau, AK, asked if any thought was given to allowing Allen Marine to load and unload passengers at the end of the ABLF?

Mr. Tajon said because hazardous material is loaded and unloaded, Coast Guard regulations don't allow inner mixing passengers with hazardous material, and this would be a safety issue.

Mr. Collins asked if it was probable that the two never overlapped.

Mr. Tajon said the ABLF is not permitted for passenger loading and unloading.

Karla Schofield, Juneau, AK, said she works for Allen Marine and the first charter is scheduled for April 27th, and is wondering if the float will be available on that date?

Mr. Tajon said he is talking with PPM.

Scotty Davis, Juneau, AK, said just getting to the work float will be a dangerous situation, with congestion, tide, and narrow passage.

Chris Meier, Juneau, AK, said he operates a 50' tour boat out of Auke Bay in the summer and pointed out on the harbor map the areas that would not work because of maneuverability.

John Molino, Juneau, AK, asked if anyone has considered just a float designated for loading and unloading? He suggested to revamp the entire area and pointed out on the map his suggestions.

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Jim Schell, Auke Bay, AK, showed on the map the areas that will be problematic because of visibility.

Shawn Funk, Juneau, AK, said this area is very congested. With the Gillnetters and Seiners, there will be over 100 boats. He suggested to have some of the fishing vessels move over to the ABLF.

Paul Swanson, Juneau, AK, said he has a six month slip that starts from April to September. If the slips won't be ready until May 15th, what is going to happen.

Mr. Busch said it will be similar to the annual people that kept their boat in the water. Space will be found for them in the existing moorage area at Statter.

2. Arrow Refuse

Matt Dull said he was asked to come and discuss the issues with the wenches free wheeling back on the dumpsters and causing injuries.

Mr. Busch said this has been an issue with four injuries in a year. He said it was discussed at a previous meeting to replace some of these dumpsters with different lid options and Arrow Refuse was looking at adding the new dumpsters into their budget. Mr. Busch wanted to know the status of the new containers.

Mr. Dull said a prototype dumpster with doors was placed outside the Aurora Harbor. If this new style dumpster works, existing containers can be modified with the doors. There was more discussion on 10 and 20 yard dumpsters and issues with additional pickups for the smaller dumpsters or the height of the larger dumpster. The larger dumpsters would require platforms for dumping. Another option would be to leave the lid in an upright position, but that leaves it open to the birds and the bears. There was also discussion on smaller dumpsters placed on the floats. This was an issue with low tides. Mr. Dull said Arrow Refuse has been working on getting better quality wenches for the dumpsters.

Mr. Donek said the 20 yard dumpsters would be a problem because they are so large. As it is now, patrons can't get their garbage in the dumpsters. If there was a platform for the 20 yard dumpster, this would not be ADA accessible. He said the smaller dumpsters on the dock was also an issue with the casters tearing up the deck, and with the new fiberglass deck, the casters would do more damage.

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Mr. Dull recommended to have a separate ADA accessible dumpster off to the side. There was more discussions on additional garbage pickups if the 10 yard dumpsters were used. How often are the containers emptied now, and how full are they? Would it be cost effective to use the 10 yard dumpsters and have the additional pickups? If two 10 yards are used instead of one 20 yard, how much more space will it take up?

Mr. Busch asked Mr. Dull to come back next month with a recommendation after looking at all the discussion items above.

VIII. Staff & Member Reports

Mr. Tajon said staff worked on the following:

Installed vapor barrier in the exterior shed to help with heating.

Snow removal work in all harbors.

Worked on water canister, electrical breaker, and receptacle repairs.

Installed new fire extinguishers and cabinets on E-float in Douglas.

Diagnosed water line break in Douglas B float.

Had a diver investigate H-gangway float issues.

Repaired heat trace in Harris.

Removed damaged security gate at ABLF and tested mechanism.

Performed monthly hoist maintenance at ABLF.

IX. Committee Administrative Matters.

1. Next Operations Committee Meeting March 19th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

X. Adjournment

The Operations Committee adjourned at 6:17 p.m.