

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2005**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., July 12, 2005, in the Port & Harbors Department Office Building, 2933 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. James "Rod" Bray  
Mr. Rick Erickson  
Ms. Donna Gellings  
Mr. John Malouf  
Mr. Martin Pihl  
Mr. Dave Nesje (Chairman)  
Mr. Dale "Mickey" Robbins (Vice Chairman)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Excused**

Mr. Lew Williams (Councilmember) [X]

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Chris Brewton  
Mr. Karl Amylon  
Mr. John Parsons  
Ms. Donna Ryan

**PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Dan Urquhart

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION** was made by Donna Gellings to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2005 Special Meeting. **MOTION SECONDED** by Rod Bray. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Malouf in favor; none opposed; Mr. Williams absent; and one vacant positions.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Thomas Basin Improvements, Phase II - Timeline

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Pihl to have a report prepared of the 2006 cruise ship schedule. **MOTION SECONDED for discussion** by Ms. Gellings. **MOTION FAILED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Malouf opposed ; one in favor; Mr. Williams absent; and one vacant position.

2. Thomas Basin Float 7 Draft Design Criteria
3. Advertisement for Dockwise Yacht Transport
5. Form Letter to Senator – weather data restrictions

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

Mr. Urquhart, a reporter, with KFMJ introduced himself. He said he came because he had not been before.

Mr. Karl Amylon stated he was present to answer questions.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item #1:** Phase II – Harbor Improvements

Discussion only.

**Agenda Item #2:** Phase III – Harbor Improvements

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Robbins to defer adding phone service to existing float 4 until such time as we start getting a lot of request. **MOTION SECONDED** by Ms. Gellings. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Malouf in favor; none opposed; Mr. Williams absent; and one vacant position.

**MOTION** was made by Ms. Gellings to forward the Port and Harbors Advisory Board's opinion to City Council that using the two-envelope process on the Bar Harbor South float replacement project worked well. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Bray. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Malouf in favor; none opposed; Mr. Williams absent; and one vacant position.

**Agenda Item #3:** Vessel maintenance in Harbors

Discussion only.

**Agenda Item #4:** Thomas Basin Grid Zincs

Discussion only.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Agenda Item #1:** Introduce Chief Natale – USCG Marine Safety.

Chief Natale was not able to attend.

**Agenda Item #2** After hour Bathroom access for Harbor users

Discussion only.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

Agenda Item #1 Port Expansion Project update

Agenda Item #2 PND Inc. Update

Agenda Item #3 KPFF update

Agenda Item #4 Add to minutes

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Nesje and **SECONDED** unanimously to send a thank you note to Mr. Amylon for attending the meeting.

**HARBORMASTER REPORT:**

Dock Wise Yacht Transport advertised transport to Ketchikan in *Sail* magazine. Mr. Brewton stated that these people have deep pockets and it would be nice to have a place to put them. He said that Mr. Martin began work to strengthen Title 14 Nuisance code in relation to unauthorized shore power use, pets and inebriated and verbally abusive people. A memo has been sent to the city attorney requesting review to consider amendments to the municipal code. He stated that he would attend a pre-application coastal permitting meeting in Juneau tomorrow. Mr. Brewton said that a port security audit was completed by the Coast Guard on Monday, July 11. The initial reports were positive. The PND visit is scheduled the 18-22 of July. The Thomas Basin test piles are done. The Knudson Cove and Hole-in-the-Wall transfer of ownership is in progress. The state omitted a portion of Knudson Cove in the original paperwork and is resending documents to the borough who then will transfer ownership to the city. Mr. Brewton said that there is no backup in place for the radios during power outages. John is researching options on installing back up batteries.

In response to Mr. Erickson's request for an update on a covered area on the port, Mr. Brewton stated that the museum has a tent. It will be available after the twenty-third. He said that Dave was trying to find something in the mean time to fix it but if not then by the twenty-third we will have the tent from the museum to use.

In response to Mr. Moluf's question regarding the Wal-Mart van and the congestion it causes Mr. Brewton said that they are working on moving them off the dock and they will make sure that the ship crew know where to go.

Mr. Brewton said that the Thomas Basin crane should be up and running in about two weeks which is when the rest of the parts for the new crane should arrive.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:**

**Mr. Rod Bray** said no comment.

**Mr. Rick Erickson** said it was a very productive meeting and it was good that he came. He requested a follow up from Chris on a covered area. Mr. Erickson said he thinks a lot of these cruise ships forget where they are sailing, especially after the last year and a half we had. He said it's unbelievable the complaints he gets....what can he do about the rain? Mr. Erickson stated that another thing that everyone, including your harbor master, is getting beat up on is the lines for tenders that has to do with security especially with ships at level two. He said anything small, temporary now is good but it definatly needs to be part of the plans as we go through the port....just some sort of cover. He stated it will be interesting to see the plans of the triangle fill in and all that stuff.

**Ms. Donna Gellings** stated she appreciated the carry forward of items on the agenda.

**Mr. John Molouf** said that Dave Timmerman does an excellent job down on the Dock's downtown with security. He said he had a little concern with him closing off all that parking down on the south end.... down by Salmon Landing Market. He stated he had talked about it with him personally and he said he did it just because it became a pain....people were parking there too long and stuff. But with the reconfiguration it will get a lot better next year, it's one of those things that's taking away three or four good parking spots and just shoved everybody back the other way and caused more congestion down on the other end of the dock. Mr. Molouf said he wished there was a solution so that we could get that parking back. He understands why he did it. Especially that afternoon shift on Thursday, everybody floods down there and we get complaints. There are not enough of those good parking slots that are close to the ships. He said people felt cheated when he let Cruise West use it, but nobody else can. Parking is limited down there. Enforcement is a problem all up and down the dock. Dave does a great job down there – don't want to knock him. He said he thinks it would be nice to get that back and find a solution other than just shutting it off. Dave said he kept getting complaints and then talking and warning that if they kept breaking the rules he'd shut it down....so he shut it down. Mr. Molouf noticed that since it happened it just moved the congestion further down the dock.

**Mr. Dave Nesje** asked if there were three vacancies. Mr. Chris Brewton explained misinformation on expired terms and that there is only one vacancy at this time. So we still need to find someone to fill that position. He said he talked to Vern Michaels, he is interested but said he might not be around for too long as he is thinking of going south next year. He talked to Bill Goodale and he said he might be interested. Mr. Nesje suggested that if the board members run into him or them or they think of somebody tell them to contact Mayor Weinstein and get their name on the list.

**Mr. Pihl** provided a copy of his letter of interest to continue on the Port and Harbors Advisory board. He said he knew that he had talked at length on this subject -- about losing ships and passengers. He stated his final comment is that the people that have pursued that approach, that the city has to control everything, are accountable in the final analysis. He said that is where he is going to leave it, so if you guys don't see it, he thinks that it is a serious situation. Mr. Pihl said he would also like to see reports of the income and expenditures of the port and harbor accounts. He stated that we used to get activity sheets. He means to include both the operating side and the capital accounts on both ports and harbors. He said that if we are going to be effective members we should know the picture. He said the board received the budget in the fall and there are carry forward documents needed to be effective members and that's the budget and some periodic financial statements. A discussion ensued with an agreement to provide financial statements.

Mr. Robbins said he has a lot of sympathy for the tourists. He said he just spent a month in Europe and that he has a lot more sympathy for the tourists than I had before.

ADJOURNMENT:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made at 9:25 pm. **MOTION SECONDED** and **PASSED** without objection by Mr. Nesje.

MINUTES APPROVED:

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Chair/Vice Chair Signature

Date