

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
Special Meeting – 2006 Budget Review
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: November 15, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m., November 15, 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. Dave Nesje (Chairman)
- Mr. Martin Pihl
- Mr. Dale "Mickey" Robbins (Vice Chairman)
- VACANT

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| | | Excused |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. John Malouf | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mr. Lew Williams (Councilmember) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

MOTION was made by _____ to excuse _____.
MOTION SECONDED by _____. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Malouf, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins, and Mr. Williams in favor; none opposed; none absent; and one vacant positions.

STAFF PRESENT:

- Mr. Christopher Brewton
- Ms. Donna Ryan

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Rex Westergard

Mike Holman

Tom Le Compte

Ken Duckett

MINUTES: N/A

COMMUNICATIONS: N/A

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Rex Westergard said he is one-hundred percent in favor of the improvements at City Float but would like the approximately 20 families on Pennock Island that depend on City Float to be assured that there will be some finger floats or approximately 440 linear feet (*available for reserved moorage*). He said that they do not want to be overlooked in the whole process. In the wintertime, it is the safest and shortest crossing for people living on the north end of Pennock. Mr. Westergard replied, to Mr. Nesje's question, that he was a reserved stallholder at City Float and that he believes there are 15 – 20 families that have reserved moorage from Pennock Island.

Mr. Holman said that his concerns are the same as Mr. Westergard. He said that he is trying to look out for himself and his neighbors by being more politically involved. He stated that he has been pushing for finger floats like they have now and believes that in order to retain finger floats that the matter needed to be elevated and that is what is his purpose of attending this board meeting. He said the space at City Float has a lot of demand on it and that finger floats are the most efficient way to deal with skiffs in as small an area as possible. Mr. Holman presented a drawing depicting a suggested layout of finger floats. He said that he and his wife traveled between City Float and Pennock daily and that traveling to Bar Harbor or Thomas Basin would double or triple the distance.

MOTION was made by Mr. Nesje to place the City Float float plan/usage issue under OTHER NEW BUSINESS MOTION SECONDED by Ms. Gellings. MOTION PASSED with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; none opposed; two absent; and one vacant positions.

Mr. Le Compte said that he supports the whole concept. His concern is that the residents (*of Pennock*) should lose that moorage. He said that the approximate 200 feet being eliminated represents three or four seiners/trollers and he hopes it never comes to the point where the department looks at the revenue from summer transient moorage as more preferable than the annual reserved moorage that Pennock Island residents pay. He said he appreciates being listened to as a taxpayer and that he is now confident that they are being listened to and that Dave (Nesje) is going to carry this information forward. He agreed with Mr. Duckett's concern regarding parking.

Mr. Duckett interjected agreement with the concerns expressed by Mr. Westergard, Mr. Holman and Mr. Le Compte. In addition to the loss of moorage concern he also questioned the availability of parking, as access to their vehicles is an important part of their daily commute.

OLD BUSINESS: Bar Harbor Floats 3 & 4 weather design problem

Mr. Brewton will coordinate a teleconference with KPFF, Harvey Hansen and Mr. Nesje to address issue.

Agenda Item #1:

MOTION was made by Martin Pihl to express that what is happening at Float 3 & 4 is unacceptable and that the city should pursue courses to correct it, remediate it, avoid further damage to the float system and include consideration of legal action against the engineer. **MOTION SECONDED** by Ms. Gellings for discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Ms. Gellings to exclude the 'and include consideration of legal action against the engineer' Motion to amend seconded by Mr. Robbins. **MOTION TO AMEND PASSED** with Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; Mr. Bray and Mr. Nesje opposed; two absent; and one vacant positions.

AMENDED MOTION PASSED with Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; Mr. Bray and Mr. Nesje opposed; two absent; and one vacant position.

Note: Letter to city council stating motion and expressing high concern and encouraging remedial investigation.

NEW BUSINESS:**Agenda Item #1: Budget Review**

MOTION was made by Martin Pihl that the Ketchikan Port & Harbors Advisory Board request that both the City and Borough place the proceeds from Raw Fish Tax in Harbors Fund as one of the needed sources for maintenance and upkeep of the Harbors. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Bray. **MOTION FAILED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, and Mr. Pihl in favor; Ms. Gelling, Mr. Nesje and Mr. Robbins opposed; two absent; and one vacant positions.

MOTION was made by Mr. Pihl that the Ketchikan Port & Harbors Advisory Board request that both the City and Borough place a high legislative goal priority on seeking additional funding from the State of Alaska to cover the shortfall in deferred maintenance dollars provided at the time of transfer of ownership of harbors from the State to the City of Ketchikan. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Erickson. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; none opposed; two absent; and one vacant positions.

APPROVED

MOTION was made by Mr. Erickson that the Port & Harbors Advisory Board direct the mayor, city manager and city council to continue using the existing proceeds from the transient occupancy tax to fund 94% of Ketchikan Visitors Bureau's budget while the remaining 6% be funded from the general fund and that by no means do we support the use of Port enterprise funds to subsidize the Ketchikan Visitors' Bureau. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Bray.

MOTION AMENDED by Ms. Gellings to rephrase 'direct the mayor...' to strongly advise the mayor...' **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Nesje. . **MOTION TO AMEND PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; none opposed; two absent; and one vacant position.

MOTION PASSED with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; none opposed; two absent; and one vacant position.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: City Float plan and usage

Discussion with Guests and Board Members only. General consensus that Pennock Island residents' concerns are currently being considered and will continue to be considered and brought forward at work sessions.

HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Mr. Brewton said that the floats for Hole-in-the-Wall were ordered today. They should arrive in two to three weeks with work being completed in December.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS: N/ A

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Dave Nesje at 10:00 pm. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Bray. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl and Mr. Robbins in favor; none opposed; two absent; and one vacant positions.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Chair/Vice Chair Signature

Date