I. Call To Order
Ms. J. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Don Etheridge was welcomed as the Committee's new Harbor's liaison.

II. Agenda Changes
None

III. Approval of Minutes
Mr. D. Stone moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2004
Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved.

IV. Agenda Items

A. Review of Area D Recommendations
Mr. Pernula said there are several things that will still have to be addressed from our last meeting.
- Waiting to hear back from B&A and FEMA, this information could affect the outcome in developing along the waterfront.
- Bus shuttles - unifying the waterfront with the use of water taxis and seawalk. Page 61 in the Plan, is a better place to address the use of bus shuttles.
- Parking garage will be discussed when Area C is addressed.

Mr. Pernula then reviewed the recommendations for Area D that were listed in his memo to the Committee.

Ms. J. Johnson said we would wait to accept these recommendations for approval at the next meeting since only one voting member is present.

B. Cruise Ship Dock Improvements
Docks and Harbors put together a power point presentation about the concepts that have been looked at for the past 3 years. Budd Simpson, Chair of the CIP Committee, did an introduction and Mike Kriebel went through the power point slides.

Mr. Simpson gave information concerning primarily the cruise ship dock improvements that Docks & Harbors have either been working on or thinking about for Area D. In a brief summary, Docks & Harbors got interested in doing improvements by straightening, making an extension to the downtown docks in order to accommodate larger ships. They did some extensive design work with the engineers and after going through 7 or 8 versions, it was determined that it was too expensive for the additional value that the community could derive from any of those plans. It would cost many millions of dollars to get about 200 extra feet of moorage. That cost benefit point of view got them interested in just starting over with a new dock in the Gold Creek area, where Docks & Harbors owns the tidelands and the Mental Health Trust has plans for developing some uplands areas and a small marina. They thought a larger dock would fit in nicely with a marina. But the public input of that idea was pretty overwhelmingly negative, yet at the same time the community continues to express concerns about traffic congestion downtown and express a favorable reaction to expansion and improvement of the cruise ship docks where they are now.
Mike Krieber presentation highlighted three Cruise Ship Dock concepts:
- Wharf extension concepts considered
- Gold Creek site
- New wharf moorage concept (preferred alternative)

Proposed 2005 CIP Cruise Ship Dock improvements were reviewed and discussed:
- Marine Park lightering ramp and float
- ADA passenger boarding system
- Deck repairs
- Security - fencing and garage
- Seawalk - phase 1 scoping
- Visitor's Center/Port Office/Custom's Office

Cruise Ship Dock projects recently constructed and completed by May 2004:
- Mooring dolphins 1 & 13A
- People's Wharf sidewalk widening
- Wharf approaches security bollards

Mr. Pernula said the velocity flood issue that FEMA brought up could affect all these plans wherever the mean high tide mark is. Still trying to find out what we can and cannot do.

Ms. J. Johnson stated that if we don't get an answer from Scott at B&A soon, she urges staff to move up the chain of command at FEMA to get the best information, so we can continue to move forward.

Mr. Simpson said the commitment for the new dock concept would be to refine the concept at the committee level if the full Docks & Harbor's Board and Design Board are done with it and then it would be brought back to the Waterfront Development Committee. Once it achieves that conceptual stage this committee can bring it before the Assembly.

Ms. Pierce felt that Areas B & C need some preliminary input from the full Committee before we proceed with the planning process in these areas. We might need to be gathering more information from FEMA, Mental Health Trust, and consider Docks & Harbor's concepts in the next few meetings before adopting any more recommendations to the Plan, because they are key to how we proceed.

It was suggested we might want a traffic analysis for corridor impact if two ships docked at Docks & Harbor's newly proposed dock.

Ms. Pierce commented that they did speak with CruiseWest and invited Mr. Bryce Brockway, Vice President for Marine and Hotel Operations, to come share with the Committee his view from the small ship perspective at a future meeting.

Mr. Kito reviewed the State's DOT/PF project 'Egan Drive - Whittier to Main Street programmed in the STIP for funding in FY06. His memo to the Committee gave greater details as to the potential impacts of cruise ship moorage in the Subport area.

C. Information Item - Downtown Waterfront Property Ownership with Estimated Values
Mr. Chaney reviewed the property owners and their property values in Areas A through F and talked about several areas of concern. Ms. J. Johnson requested for the next meeting that he take the CBJ properties off the list and give a total of the assessed values of the private parcels only.

Ms. J. Johnson commented that there were a lot of passengers walking into town from the new AJ Dock. She had heard that the crews would walk into town and the passengers would be bussed.

Alison Smith from the Mental Health Trust will be at our next meeting.
Next Meetings Scheduled:
May 25, 5pm, Downtown Library, Large Conference Room  (not in Chambers because of elections)
June 8, 5pm, Chambers
June 15, 7pm, Chambers
June 23, 5pm, Chambers
June 29, 5pm, Chambers

V. Adjournment

Ms. J. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.
Seeing no objection it was so ordered.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Meyer, May 25, 2004