I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Jeff Bush called the meeting to order at Noon.

II. Approval of Minutes

January 31, 2005 Minutes - There was no objection to the Motion from Johan Dybdahl to approve the Minutes as presented.

III. Public Comment (not to exceed 10 minutes)

No public comment.

IV. Discussion Items

Draft Six Year CIP Plan for Waterfront

Donna Pierce and Rorie Watt presented a very preliminary draft plan drawn from existing public documents. It is described as a specialized section of the CIP, based on a specific geographic location. It is strategic in the project sequencing, funding sources, how priorities are chosen, etc. It could also be used as a checklist of factors in addition to a ranking and prioritizing document. There are many factors, which make the waterfront a unique area for planning. There is a mix of public and private ownership in the area to affect development, security, safety and efficient movement of people and vehicles through the area. A key requirement for the Waterfront CIP is flexibility for a variety of reasons including those noted above.

The list is divided into three sections with estimated budgets where applicable by fiscal year. Ms. Pierce described the first group and gave brief backgrounds. These include the Wayfinding Project, Open Space and South Franklin Shore Power projects. It was noted that Passenger fees are estimated at about 4.6 million dollars for this year. There was a brief discussion of the Shore Power project and reimbursement for the hillside transformers.

Rorie Watt discussed status of the second group of projects (NT2 – 12, 15, 20, 21) as they relate to the Waterfront Plan. There were specific questions about the South Franklin Right of Way and the timeliness of purchasing Right of Way in the area. The question was asked whether the City is on track with possible plans to purchase ROW in the area of the Timberwolf (Tripp) property, and the proposed Miner's Hall project adjacent to Pioneer Jeweler's on South Franklin. There was also a question whether the timeframe will be too late to take advantage of a current opportunity. It was suggested that these opportunities need to be protected, and this Right of Way purchase should be a priority. There was a question about how FEMA restrictions will affect plans for waterfront development. Staff reported that the issues with FEMA are being worked on.
and our federal lobbyists have been asked to intervene. There was discussion about City Shop relocation and other NT project status. NT 15 - Gold Creek Marina Design Permitting is a year 06 project. There is approximately $84,000 left from funding for this project. This is tied to Subport Development and is a Port Development project. It is currently being processed through CDD and the Planning Commission. Staff should review the status of this. Docks and Harbors is waiting to find out the status, along with the Assembly.

The third group of projects are Docks and Harbors projects. Rorie Watt described them and answered questions about some of these projects.

The intent is that the committee will approve these to go to Assembly for decisions in a timely fashion. Docks and Harbors could check the status of funding and fleshing out narratives would be a prudent step to take. The Waterfront Committee should also consider ranking criteria. The Waterfront Plan was adopted by the Assembly, but timing and planning should be looked at again for timing and priorities. The committee should also look at what specific factors will be used in determining these priorities. The recommendation is that the list needs to remain flexible due to private purchases, and other opportunities. The Committee needs to review this list and adoption of criteria for prioritization, additions, and deletions for next meeting’s agenda. Late March will work for scheduling for Public Works and Facilities Committee timing. Roger Healy will present the 6-year plan to them in April or May.

Merrill Sanford requested the Open Space and Land Acquisition lists from Staff as well as other potential properties and estimated costs. Also important is an idea of the timing of property availability. The committee also wants to get the information about what is happening with South Franklin properties/ private construction projects for Tripp and the Belgians for the widening of sidewalks in that area. Public Works is also waiting for response or decision from FEMA. The question was posed whether there should be a discussion at some point about offering incentives for private businesses to work more closely with CBJ on these types of projects.

V. Other Items

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for March 7 at noon in Assembly Chambers.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.