Minutes
Waterfront Development Committee
Monday, January 31, 2005 – Noon
Assembly Chambers

Waterfront Development Committee Members Present: Stan Ridgeway (via teleconference), Jeff Bush, Vice Chair, Marc Wheeler, Don Etheridge
Members Absent: Johan Dybdahl, Jeff Wilson, Dan Bruce
Other Assembly Members Present: Mayor Botelho, Merrill Sanford
Staff Present: Donna Pierce, Dale Pernula, Greg Chaney, Mike Krieber, Alicja Gorska, Angela Hull

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Jeff Bush called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes

Marc Wheeler moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2005. Hearing no objections the minutes were approved.

III. Public Comment (not to exceed 10 minutes)

There were no requests to give public comment.

IV. Information Items

A. Resolution on Waterfront CIPs –

Donna Pierce discussed Resolution 2261 regarding capital improvement projects within the Long Range Waterfront Plan area and asked the Committee members if perhaps a Six-Year CIP List for the Plan area, somewhat similar to the larger scope Six-Year CIP Plan CBJ compiles for city-wide projects. The “near term” projects list was distributed and a sample criteria list. It would be helpful for the committee to develop its own criteria for waterfront CIPs. Once the Waterfront CIP list is established it would be incorporated in the overall CBJ CIP list, realizing that there may be some overlap with other priorities.

Marc Wheeler stated that it makes sense to develop priorities under the waterfront plan and that he would support the committee working on that list. He would like for staff to develop a draft list, looking to the Long Range Waterfront Plan for guidance.

The committee concurred on having staff provide a draft list for the next meeting.
V. Action Items (moved after information due to technical difficulties)

A. Proposed Port Office/Visitors’ Center

Alicja Gorska and Mike Krieber gave presentations on the CBJ Port Office and Visitor Facilities Project. Ms. Gorska gave a brief history and introduction to the project. Mr. Krieber provided a PowerPoint presentation on the two versions of this project. This building is slated to be a multi-use building housing port security, the port directors office, a satellite visitor’s center for Juneau Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, and a U.S. Customs office. The current structure used for port security and harbors is a small 12x20 building that has very little functionality.

The two versions differ significantly in cost and capacity, both options would require the demolition of the existing building near the Tram. Both versions include access from the dock and street side of the building, port offices, a crew room, a customs area, and the satellite space for JCVB. The more expansive alternative included public restrooms and the scaled back version relies on the public restrooms currently available at the Tram building. Harbors is also considering having another lane for buses constructed. The Harbor Board prefers the larger alternative proposed.

During Mike Krieber’s presentation he touched on the need to address FEMA Velocity Flood Zone designations before this project could be fully scoped and design started. Currently CBJ lobbyists are looking into securing support and assistance with FEMA. Currently funding is anticipated through marine passenger fees and tonnage fees. Harbors is also applying for federal grant money. Mr. Krieber is looking for input from the Waterfront Development Committee.

It was the consensus of the Committee that pursuing the smaller rendition was a more reasonable project.

VI. Other Items

Don Etheridge handed out a memo from John Stone on Gold Creek Waterfront Financing. Merrill Sanford let the Committee know that new Waterfront Plans were being printed and would soon be distributed.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2005 at noon in Assembly Chambers.

VIII. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 1 PM.