
Sitka Port and Harbors Commission

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 6:00 PM
Harrigan Centennial Hall

Commission Members:

Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green,
Dave Gordon, Justin Peeler, Shauna Thornton, Tamy Stevenson,
Assembly Liaison: Chris Ystad

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **CORRESPONDENCE**
- IV. **AGENDA CHANGES**
- V. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD**
Public participation on any item off the agenda – time limit not to exceed 3 minutes for any individual.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approve the November 8, 2023, minutes.
- VII. **REPORTS**
 - Harbormaster:
 - City Staff:
 - Chair:
 - Assembly Liaison:
 - Other(s):
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINES**
 - B. Policies on seine skiffs.
 - C. Eliason Harbor new waste receptacles.
- X. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chris Ystad (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thornton called to order at 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dave Gordon, Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green,
Dave Gordon, Tamy Stevenson
Commissioners Absent: Tyler Green
Assembly Liaison: Chris Ystad
Staff: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, and Deputy Clerk Jess Earnshaw

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of September 13, 2023, meeting minutes.

**M – Stevenson moved to approve the September 13, 2023, meeting minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. REPORTS

Harbormaster – Eliason stated that ten boats were seized, and the owners were given a thirty– day period to address their issues.

Provided a progress report on the High Load Zone initiative, actively involved in delineating the project's scope with the goal of minimizing the overall associated expenses.

City Staff – None.

Chair – None.

Assembly Liaison – Ystad mentioned the importance of the next GPIP meeting on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Other (s) –None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Review ordinances on time limit and fines for Crescent Harbor load zone AKA: Charter Boat Row.

This item was removed from the agenda.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

C. Update from the Tourism Task Force Representative

Scott Wagner provided an update on the Tourism Task Force, indicating that their meetings have commenced, although with limited progress thus far. Recent petitions, particularly the latest one, have generated increased interest. He mentioned that he was a member of the regulations permitting subcommittee working group, and their discussions in several meetings have focused on delineating specific roles and refining permitting processes associated with cruise ship passenger tourism within the city.

D. Discussion on the Appeal of Stall Cancellation

The Commission deliberated on the stall cancellation procedure. Gordon questioned whether letters were dispatched to both the user and the process. Eliason clarified that notifications were sent exclusively to the user. He expressed a desire for a revamp of the process concerning this issue. Peeler expressed surprise that this was part of an ordinance and remarked that if a user was meeting their invoice payments, they should not face cancellation.

Peeler moved to approve the appeal on the stall cancellation. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion on Stall Nonuse

Stan Eliason Harbor Master provided a background on this item. The Commission deliberated on the requirement for boats to utilize the stall within a 90-day calendar year. Peeler and Eliason questioned the rationale behind making it challenging for users who are already paying their moorage fees to operate in Sitka. Stevenson inquired about the historical context of the code that mandates such a provision. Stevenson also raised concerns about the 30-day notification process. The Commission recommended that staff consider incorporating fisheries into the discussion.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. Policies on Seine Vessel Power Skiffs.
2. Eliason Harbor new waste receptacle.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thornton adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM

Attest: Jess Earnshaw, Deputy Clerk