

Agenda Item No. 1.c
For: July 9, 2009

FERRY PASSENGERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FPAC)

Agenda for Monday, June 8, 2009



**Convene at 12:00 p.m. – Adjourn by 1:15 p.m.
Bayside Rooms 3 and 4
Pier One, Port of San Francisco**

Approval of Summary of Meeting of May 11, 2009

1. Operational Issues

- Parking and Access Update
- Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking
- Recap of Free May Weekend Larkspur Rides for Bicyclists
- Upcoming Special Ferry Services
- Labor Day Weekend Expanded Service
- Presentation by Jim Swindler on Sausalito Ferry Bicycle Tourists

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

- TransLink
- Bus Route 101 Launch/June Schedule Changes

3. Member/Visitor Comments

4. Committee Business

- FPAC Meeting Quorum Policy

5. Next Meeting: July 6, 2009

- Survey of members to determine if a quorum will be present

Attachments: 1. Summary from meeting of May 11, 2009
2. Ferry Route Performance Reports for April 2009
All Routes
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-AT&T Park
Larkspur Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal
Sausalito Ferry Terminal-San Francisco Ferry Terminal

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Notes of Meeting of Monday, May 11, 2009

Bayside Rooms 3 and 4 Pier One, Port of San Francisco

FPAC Members Present: Frank Johnston, Robert Karfiol, Colman Mullin, Dwight Steeves, Cindy Swift

Staff Present: Josh Widmann, Associate Planner; Rebecca Wessling, Terminal Operations Superintendent; Christian Stark, Marine Projects Manager

Guests: Chas Blackford, Prospective Member; Karen Taylor, Prospective Member; Richard Smith, Prospective Member; Martha Jarocki, Greenbrae Boardwalk Representative

Approval of Summary of Meeting of April 13, 2009. The minutes were approved as written.

1. Operational Issues

Parking and Access Update. Josh Widmann reported that the new consolidated news racks are now in place, clearing the path of travel along the perimeter of the Larkspur Ferry Terminal. He noted that the bicycle path along the perimeter was recently featured in the local press. Rebecca Wessling informed the committee that the District anticipates use of the new bicycle parking facilities during the May promotion of bicyclist free-ride weekends between Larkspur and San Francisco.

Report on Vessel Maintenance/Drydocking. Christian Stark announced that the *M.V. Napa* has arrived and should be in service the third week of May. He described the technical upgrades planned for the *Napa* and *Chinook* vessels. The *Chinook* will not be ready for service until May of 2010. Chas Blackford asked for the location of bicycle storage and was informed that splashproof alcoves will be outfitted for bikes on the vessels. Mr. Stark informed the committee that the seat upgrade on the *Napa* will eventually increase to 450 or 499, depending on Coast Guard approval.

Upcoming Special Ferry Services. Ms. Wessling reported on the details of the upcoming "Bookstock" festival on June 6th and the extra associated special event ferry service. Mr. Widmann noted that many additional special ferry services will be provided between Larkspur and AT&T Park in the next few months, and he directed members to the website for further information. Also, there will be four additional ferry trips on the regular Larkspur-San Francisco route for Bay to Breakers on May 17. Ms. Wessling said that in 2010 there will likely be less Bay-to-Breakers added service.

2. Other Items/Future Agenda Items

TransLink and Elimination of Ferry Discount Ticket Books. Mr. Widmann reported that Muni hopes to increase its TransLink test market from 4,000 to 15,000 by the time of TransLink rollout. Colman Mullen is already testing his TransLink card and said he was not credited \$1.50 on his Muni-to-Ferry transfer transaction. The committee discussed whether

the TransLink reader shows the new balance or old balance. Ms. Wessling informed the committee that TransLink is good on Bay to Breakers trips because those trips are not considered special event service. The committee also discussed whether the District is considering rounding its fares to the nearest quarter.

Bike to Work Day. Mr. Widmann said an energizer station will be set up at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal for Bike to Work Day, May 14, to hand out bike accessories, food, tote bags and stickers.

Golden Gate Ferry Transfer Agreement with Muni. Ms Wessling reported that the District was working on updating its transfer agreement with Muni. The new agreement may result in elimination of the free ferry-to-Muni transfer but the details have yet to be finalized.

3. Member/Visitor Comments

Mr. Blackford asked if the District was aware of the economic impact of Blazing Saddles purchasing TransLink cards for bicycle renters to use on the ferry. He proposed adding a surcharge for Sausalito Ferry bicyclists for the congested trips, suggesting that local residents be able to purchase a low-priced annual pass. Another suggestion from Mr. Blackford to reduce bicycle-related ferry delay was to limit the number of bicycles on certain trips. Karen Taylor mentioned the perceived imbalance in GGF's system of honoring Blue and Gold Ferry tickets since GGF fares are lower.

4. Committee Business

The committee discussed the qualifications of the new prospective members in attendance and approved membership for all three: Chas Blackford, Richard Smith, and Karen Taylor. Members gave a round of applause for the 10 years of dedicated FPAC service from retiring member RADM Frank Johnson. Mr. Johnson was thanked for his operational assistance with the security drill during the fall of 2008 and his vast contribution to the committee, considering his nautical expertise.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be **Monday, June 8, 2009**, 12:00 noon to 1:15 p.m. in Bayside Rooms 3 and 4, Pier One, Port of San Francisco.