

BAYLINK / VBAC
MEETING MINUTES FOR QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 23RD, 2007
BAYLINK OFFICE 6:30PM

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:31:30

II. ROLL CALL

- Jim Rutherford
- Kim Trotter
- Marty Robbins
- Rhonda Schor
- Jeanine Wooley
- Dale Knight
- Robert Boyce
- Kathy Beistel

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 23RD, 2007 VBAC AND BAYLINK MEETING

- Minutes need to be redistributed

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Waterfront Update

- Development Review Board (DRB) has been appointed/elected
 - No action has been taken so far.
 - Coalition will meet on Wednesday will get updates at this meeting (Kim White has been elected to the DRB)
 - Real Estate situation has halted movement; timeline is being revised
- New maintenance facility
 - Marty met with Lennar 2-weeks ago.
 - Still working on lease contract
 - Proceeding with design
 - Will allow for boarding from Mare Island side of water
 - This will be a very important aspect in bringing USS Iowa to Vallejo
 - Need to determine how passengers will get to/from USS Iowa (Shuttle ferry – 75 passengers?)
 - This service may be handled by a 3rd-party provider

V. OFFICER REPORTS

A. MEMBERSHIP : DALE

- Lost 2 members of the committee
- Would like assistance and/or ideas on how to recruit additional members

B. LIAISON: KIM

- Auto-door is not working at SF ramp (confirmed)
- Need to work on next issue of Baylink log
 - Need ideas for content
 - Fleet startup procedure; what happens in the morning to get the boats going – Marty
 - Update of WageWorks/Ferry pass ticketing problem (over charging)

C. CHAIR: JIM

- Nothing to report

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. We were advised that the quarterly meetings are public. How the 'public' is made aware?
- Meetings will be moved to 3rd Wednesday of the month
 - Next meeting with Baylink 10/22/07 (4th Wednesday of October)
 - Will be held at City Hall – Jeanine will reserve room
- B. More riders left behind during the summer. Any plans for back-up buses during commute times?
- Looking into adding a 2:10 bus to make up for loss of 2:10 ferry
 - Investigating backup buses for the 3:30 boat (pier 41)
 - Will be running buses over GG bridge on Labor Day
- C. Buses frequently not using car pool route. Is this intentional?
- Will speak with Bus supervisors to discuss;
 - Using the car pool lane (or lack of)
 - Unscheduled stops to let passengers off of bus
 - Ability to take alternate routes if traffic is bad
- D. If traffic problems on the Bay Bridge, can the bus use alternate route, such as GG bridge to 37?
- See above
- E. Washable seat covers and frequency of removing bad stains.
- Individual seat cushions can be washed
 - Bench cushions can only be replaced. Replacements have been ordered, will be replaced as soon as they arrive
- F. Other Items
- All service (dry docking of boats) has been completed for fiscal year
 - Channel to be dredged October 2008
 - Overhauling of engines will begin next week
 - Will not impact ferry service as replacement will occur over the weekend
 - Fuel costs (high) and ridership (low) not as good as hoped.
 - 2 A/C units have been ordered for the boats; Vallejo will be replaced before winter
 - Problems with emissions system on Solano. System is heavy and unreliable
 - Parking lot security is still an issue
 - Pass options;
 - 6-month or 1-year pass (significantly discounted)
 - Reduced senior monthly pass (monthly = \$270, 4 reduced fare 10-punch cards = \$250)
 - 20-punch card
 - Lines continue to be a problem; can there be a way to have 1 line for monthly passes, another for all other pass types
 - Seats on Mare Island – good response to new seats upstairs. Can these be distributed (added) to other boats

VII. Next Meeting

- VBAC – August 15 (location TBD)
- Baylink – October 22 (City Hall)