

HAINES BOROUGH MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2005
TO: HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
FROM: Robert Venables
RE: Manager's Report

Harbor News!

The U.S. Army's Chief of Engineers has sent the Secretary of the Army his 6-page report and recommends "constructing an expansion of the existing harbor at Haines, Alaska".

Budget Process

I am meeting with the Borough's management team this Friday to begin the FY'06 budget process. We will spend Feb. & March preparing the budget and will deliver it to the assembly on April 1st.

Board Meetings

In addition to the assembly committee meetings, I have met recently with both the CVB Advisory Board and the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The **CVB Advisory Board** wishes to remain an advisory board and not become a "component unit" or "empowered" board. They will be resubmitting the request for code revisions in the near future. They will also be taking the lead role in developing the pavilion project. I convened the first meeting of the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board** today. It was a very good meeting with officers elected and the next meeting set for Jan. 20th at 6:30. The board would like to have an assembly member liaison attend the meetings.

Special Thanks!

Lucy Harrell has generously donated \$5,000.00 to the Haines Borough to go toward the repairs to the Assembly Chambers at the Public Safety Building. Thank you Lucy!!

Other Issues

The **transfer of the pool** management from the school district is moving forward. The employees are now on the Borough's payroll. We have a **draft MOU** that needs to be reviewed by the Government Affairs & Services committee. The acquisition of a **credit card machine** will be discussed with the Finance Committee as part of the recommendation for new software and procedures in the FY'06 budget. The cost of using credit card machines could be very high.

I have asked Bruce Smith to update the status of the new **public works building project**. Once that is done, I intend to form a committee of local contractors to give input on the best type of building for the current budget. Assembly members will be invited to attend.

There is a change in format for **staff reports**. Borough Officers and component unit managers will submit their reports directly to the Assembly. Other departments will be submitting their reports to the manager and will be supplied to the assembly as an FYI. If at any time you have questions or issues regarding their reports or any borough operations, feel free to contact me.