Angel Island Ferry Public Meeting Comments 1-16-14

Verbal comments as captured and summarized during the meeting are categorized by general subject areas below. Where there are references to current operators, they are Angel Island Tiburon-Ferry (AITF) or Blue and Gold (B&G).

1) **Ferry Service Provider Considerations**
   - Feasibility Report says this ferry (AITF) best serves.
   - Maggie: Firefighting support, seamless, accurate communications knowledge of the island, emergency support, Maggie volunteered time.
   - Existing ferry system is supportive of university students and researchers. Maggie is supportive of education.
   - Maggie trains regularly for emergency response.
   - Tiburon resident (40+ years), saw ferry across the bay, sounds like process is about the dollar. Why put a family out of business who serves the community?
   - Over 200 signed petition of support (for AITF).

2) **Environmental and Community Impact Considerations**
   - Angel Island business is important to our economy. Small business is important, keeps us alive. Ferry passengers are important to our business. Keep small business in town.
   - No more wakes; larger wakes need an environmental impact statement and safety.
   - There is passion behind the community and these commenters.
   - Kids clean the beaches thanks to Maggie (AITF).
   - Personal emphasis on safety by Captain Maggie (AITF).
   - AITF is integral to downtown Tiburon.
   - Quantify value to community.
• Fire Chief—go back long time—crucial response during fire provided by (AITF) ferry—local is key.

• Town of Tiburon is part of the experience; local flavor valuable. Don’t undermine what works well.

• Local business is a cultural resource.

• Angel Island is within incorporated Tiburon.

• Impact to children in summer camp.

• Consider contribution to community (Employment of local teenagers and culture).

• Fuel efficient, (Pollution).

3) Visitor Service Enhancements

• Non-stop direct service is important.

• Ferry waited for disabled person (should support).

• Cleanliness, health checks.

• No_____/discounts since 1959.

• Local business/Parking costs.

4) Competitive Bid Process (RFP) Recommendations

• Don’t exceed amounts (rent) recommended by the (feasibility) report.

• Consider all that Maggie provides to people of California—all the history—RFP needs to recognize these things.

• Selection crew should be made public so there is no conflict of interest.

• Community does not seem to care about the dollar but the RFP law does?

• Maggie represents community at its finest. There is concern about point system for scoring.

• Small businesses provide so much.
• Focus on family, woman-owned small business. Go local, vote Maggie.

• In support of great points (51) for service to the community.

• Angel Island Ferry is more than just water transportation, there is historic value, (weight of points favor this area).

• Transparency of tax breaks unfair advantage considered.

• More than 10+ for incumbent.

• Consider 10% credit to companies with employee retention past 90 days.

• Consideration for local employee preference.

• Award points for local community involvement.

• Staff needs to walk on pier and take ferry.

• As former State Park Director, know the pressure to raise revenue. Remember San Diego where incumbent lost out.

• Acknowledge risk of long month-to-month contract.

• Want ferry to stay; not only about the money.

• Transparency to the public is critical.

• Involvement of public in the RFP/Proposal selection process.

• Public review and comment on the qualifications of the Award Board members.

• Public decide the award scoring point system.

• Award Board appointment locals.

• Point System: Short route, efficient boats (gallons/nautical miles), unique carrier, smaller boats necessary.

• Transparency, who own Blue and Gold? (ID in RFP).

• Make proposers clearly identify organization reliability and cleanliness.

• No financial aid from the State, keeps cost down.
• Parks Forward is going on; wait until recommendation from Parks Forward.
• Follow Dornbusch report.