

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.
- Captain Maggie, “Moms in Business”. Advises federal government, supports family owned micro-business local legacy business.
- 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.