

Port & Commerce Advisory Report. **Deborah Altermatt** stated PACAB met with quorums for their October and November meetings. The board had a budget presentation in September and in October some members voiced individual opinions on how to balance the budget. PACAB passed a resolution regarding the Seward Marine Center Dock. The board continued to look into alternative energy options. She reminded the council of Ocean Renewable Energy as a possible source of alternative energy. Their next work session was November 15, 2006 and Altermatt expressed her happiness that the board was at a full quorum.

Other Reports, Announcements and Presentations

Keith Campbell gave a presentation on the Library/Museum Project. Keith Campbell stated the land for the Library/Museum had been acquired, and the Steering Committee was now focusing on work plans and financing plans. Fundraising was next on the agenda, and Campbell wanted the community to know that Seward would have to put some money up front to show the town's commitment to potential fundraising. The committee was looking at two completion dates: 2009, 50th anniversary of the state, or 2012, the 100th anniversary of the actual incorporation of the City of Seward. The committee hoped to have the new Library/Museum open by one of those two dates. Campbell hoped to have a work session at a later date to discuss this project further.

A presentation by the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home was given. Barbara Donatelli of CIRI introduced the group compiling of the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home and announced the nature of the project. The Jesse Lee Home project was gaining momentum and Donatelli stated the group met with Senator Ted Stevens a few weeks ago about the home. Mary Elizabeth Ryder also spoke of the Friend's draft plan for the home. The Friends had applied for \$3 million from the state to stabilize the facility and move forward with the process. Donatelli asked for support from the City of Seward and hoped it would remain as a numbered priority on their federal, state, and city priority lists.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Tom Swann, stated he put together an informal petition, which consisted of signatures of people who supported the Jesse Lee Home and stated their intent to keep the home on the city's priority lists. There was a lot of support for this program, and Swann got a lot of positive input on the historic building.

Iris Darling, had two issues to address tonight. The first was the legislative priorities and preserving the history of this town. She highly recommended keeping the Friends of the Jesse Lee Home on the legislative priority list. Darling asked the council to give thought to Paul Snowden's request to swap land, which could save Washington Street.

Tim McDonald, said the council had a lot on its plate tonight. He felt the idea of the Jesse Lee Home was great, but was worried the process would get manipulated. McDonald would hate for it to get carried out incorrectly. He hoped the city would get their finances under control.