

From: [Deborah Potter](#)
To: [MOS Mayor](#); [Steve Burnham](#); [Liz Lavoie](#)
Subject: Thoughts on Dock Celebration
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 5:07:47 PM

Steve,

Will you please forward this to the PHAB committee, Mayor Bass and publish in the public packet.

Thanks.

Greetings.

I've done some more thinking and reached out to some community members regarding thoughts on an Ore Dock ceremony:

I do feel like the completion of this dock, at the voters approval and following the people's decision to take control of our port, is indeed a momentous occasion that deserves to be recognized. At the same time, I believe it is important that our citizens are honored along with the dock. This was a decision by them and for them. I propose a "Dock Warming" or an "Open Dock", (think open house), lower key event. I think Dr Lance Twitchel should be invited to speak as we honor the land of the Tlingit people on which the dock floats and on which we conduct our business. His speech at the port dedication was powerful and is still being talked about. I would also suggest the Mayor speak, and then cut a ribbon and invite the people of Skagway to actually set foot on the dock, walk around on it. Heck, maybe even some music and hot coco. (Please also be mindful to schedule the event at a time when the most amount of Skagway citizens can participate.)

Events like this do a great job of instilling a sense of community. I greatly look forward to it.

Kind Regards.

Deb Potter
Assembly Member