

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY
Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee
July 17, 2019

Terminal 91

NEIGHBORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Magnolia Community Council

- Queen Anne Community Council

- Port of Seattle

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ATTENDANCE:

Magnolia Community Council

Fred Rapaport
Janis Traven
Lynn Hogan
Stephanie MacKeen

Queen Anne Community Council

Jim Smith
Don Harper
Denny Bird

Chair:

Weldon Ihrig, 501 Commons

POS:

Rosie Courtney, Public Affairs
Kelli Goodwin, Maritime Operations Manager
Geri Poor, Manager Regional Transportation
Dave McFadden, Managing Director, Economic Development
Joanna Florer, Senior Environmental Program Manager
Daniel Alhadeff, Real Estate Development Manager
Christina Billingsley, Program Manager, Environmental Engagement

Consultants:

Pam Xander, ESA

Guests:

Linn Gould, Port Community Action Team
Andrew Schiffer, Port Community Action Team
Linda Jones, Columbia Hospitality

The regular meeting of the Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) convened at 4:30 PM at Pier 69 on Wednesday, July 17, 2019.

MEETING MINUTES

May meeting minutes were approved. June meeting minutes were approved.

Dave McFadden advised that the T91 Uplands project was still moving forward and that his team was selecting consultants.

GLOW EVENT AT TERMINAL 91

Susie Archuleta (Port of Seattle) commented that the Port tries to attract activity during the non-cruise season. This event is produced by a Canadian company which picked Seattle and Pittsburgh as its US venues for 2019. Linda Jones from Columbia Hospitality described the logistics for an upcoming Lumaze event called “Christmas Glow” at Smith Cove Cruise Terminal at T-91 to be held from November 29, 2019 to January 5, 2020. Information on the event can be found at <www.glowgardens.com> She described her team’s desire to mitigate potential impacts from all events they coordinate.

Visitors will purchase parking tickets along with their ticket price and will be required to select an arrival window of time for their visit. Traffic control and signage are priorities with most guests visiting between 1pm – 10pm. Approximately 150,000 guests are expected. Columbia Hospitality will look at a ride-share promotion and potentially codes for discounts. To move guests from the parking lot, guests will board the reindeer express.

Jim Smith expressed concern about indoor music bleeding outdoors. He shared with Columbia Hospitality that light, noise and traffic are NAC’s priority concerns. He is particularly concerned about noise and lighting and wants to make sure everything planned is within the “black box” of the NAC Agreement. Linda said the attendees will be encouraged to use alternatives to the bus since the access to the site by bus is not good. She said that all windows will be covered and they are learning about the NAC thresholds from Kelli and Rosie. The program will be contained within the building. Jim said there have been other music programs that have been contained within buildings but the low frequency noise from amplification has caused problems before. Linda said the only light issue might stem from the vehicles parking at the site.

Fred said he wants to look at the website but doesn’t think there will be an issue based on what he knows so far. Rosie will send NAC members a link to the website in September when more information has been posted. As Linda and Susie Archuleta learn more, they will share more with the group.

TSUBOTA PROPERTY

Janis asked the Port if they will continue to provide a lease for the tiny home village to operate on the Tsubota site. Dave commented that he had not received direction from the Commission at this time but that he has received an inquiry about an extension. Dave will consider the lease extension as a way to provide interim support for the families. Dave is interested in hearing opinions. He can extend a term without going back to the Commission but his concern is that the City is trying to make it a permanent site without any greater discussion with the community. Barbara Pope’s report on homelessness to the City stated that only permanent housing will solve the homeless problem. He wants to have more consideration before extending the lease and make sure they are not spending money on the wrong thing. Janis asked when the clock started on the permits because there may be a longer window allowed because of the prior lawsuit. Janis moved

that that NAC committee show appreciation to the Port for supporting the site. There was no 2nd to the motion.

Dave will share more with the group but it is temporary for now and he will go back to Commission at some point for a decision. Weldon suggested that rather than NAC passing a motion of appreciation, it may be more effective if MCC and QACC each indicate their support to the Port for continuation for the housing site and ask the Port to consider that. That would provide something more formal for Dave to consider. The MCC meets on Sept. 17th. Don encouraged members to also try and open conversations about this with the City. Janis withdrew her motion.

T-91 ANNUAL TRAFFIC STUDY

Geri Poor provided information on the upcoming NAC Annual Traffic Report. The study is scheduled to take place starting the Friday before Labor Day (includes one cruise day) and will include measurements at the North Gate. Geri provided a diagram of the intersections that will be included in the study.

Fred discussed the definition of “north gate” because there are actually 2 north entrances. He discussed the site and surroundings and said he agrees with the intersections proposed for the study.

Don expressed concerns with the bike lanes on Thorndyke and traffic congestion. He asked if there is a way to quantify how much congestion there is while waiting for the light. Fred is also concerned about the vehicle/bike traffic. Geri discussed the possibility of conducting a bike count for the main trail.

Don asked if there could be a count conducted during the GLOW event because there is expected to be 3 to 5 thousand attendees. He would like the Port to use one of the allowed NAC quarterly traffic reports so they could get a baseline for this event. Janis suggested that a traffic study would be good to have after the Expedia move in September. Geri said that information about the GLOW event will be received through ticket and parking sales or the Port could do tube counts. Denny asked why waste the money if the event might not return. Rosie said the vendor is interested in coming back in future years if it is successful. She added that they will have counts from parking sales but not from uber/lyft transport.

Don wants to see counts from the Expedia move-in and the GLOW event at the same time to establish baselines to use for next year’s event. He said that NAC is allowed to have four traffic reports per year. Even though NAC has not required those four traffic reports for many years, he would like to see a report in addition to the Annual Report conducted this year. Geri will investigate the cost and logistics to conduct another report. Don is especially interested in measuring traffic for GLOW at the PM peak period. Geri said that Expedia will also be providing more traffic studies based on their employee trips. The group will revisit the idea of the potential 2nd traffic report at the next NAC meeting.

DOE AGREED ORDER

Joanna Florer from the Port provided an update on the Agreed Order for cleanup at Terminal 91. She provided a handout to the NAC members. Linn Gould mentioned that she worked on the Agreed Order in the late 1980's. Joanna provided background information. After over 100 years of historical operations at the site, the contamination at the site needs to be cleaned up. There has been upland cleanup at the site for over 30 years. The upland cleanup is now complete and it is time to investigate the in-water and submerged lands area. Most of the contaminants are adjacent to the pier face/berthing area between the two piers.

The neighbors will be receiving public notice from Department of Ecology (DOE) about the proposed activity to investigate and cleanup the sediments. The start of the comment period is September 1, 2019. Public meetings are planned for QACC and MCC in September. Tom Mackie from DOE may attend the meetings. There will also be a DOE Public Participation Plan (PPP) required by DOE. Either Rosie, Joanna, or Kathy Bahnick from the Port will try and attend the QACC and MCC meetings. The Port will be taking sediment samples and it will be a 2 to 3- year process to complete the study. After that, the Port will work with Ecology on the cleanup plans.

OPEN FORUM

- Rosie said the artist “Wyland” will paint the side of the Edgewater Hotel and the reveal will be on July 23rd.
- Rosie will not be at the NAC meeting in September and other Port staff will provide support for that meeting.
- Fred moved that the August 2019 NAC meeting be cancelled unless there is an emergency request. Stephanie 2nd. The motion passed. Rosie will keep the group informed if something comes up.
- The Annual Report was scheduled to be on the Commission agenda but has been bumped to September 10th. Don provided edits to the report and Weldon will integrate the new language into the report.
- Kelli provided a fishing update. The Ocean Phoenix left for the last time after being a customer for 30 years. The ship was built in 1964. It is going through the Panama Canal to be scrapped in Texas.

Action Item	Schedule
1. MCC wants to know from the Port which SDOT Magnolia Bridge alternatives are off the table for the Port. Don wants to know if the City can condemn Port property for their purposes.	Rosie will talk with Dave McFadden and report back at a future meeting.
2. Schedule briefings to community on Port activities	Rosie will provide update at future meeting.

Adjourn at 5:49 pm.

Upcoming 2019 Meeting Schedule

September 18, 2019 at Pier 69
October 16, 2019 at Pier 69
November 20, 2019 at Pier 69
December 18, 2019 at Pier 69