

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY
Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee
July 15, 2020

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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

Queen Anne Community Council

Don Harper
Ellen Monrad
Denny Bird
Erik Smith (alternate)

Chair:

Weldon Ihrig, 501 Commons

POS:

Rosie Courtney, Public Affairs
Jon Sloan, Senior Manager, Environmental Programs
Matthew Mateo, Senior Environmental Planner
Stephanie Jones Stebbins, Managing Director, Maritime Division
Geri Poor, Manager Regional Transportation

Consultants:

Pam Xander, ESA

The regular meeting of the Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) convened at 4:30 with participants joining in a Zoom call on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

MEETING MINUTES

Janis moved and Ellen 2nd to approve the February 2020 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

Ellen moved and Janis 2nd to approve the June 2020 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved with requested revisions.

PORT MARITIME DIVISION UPDATE

Stephanie Jones Stebbins provided an update on maritime projects over the past few months. Topics covered included:

- The 2020 cruise season was cancelled due to COVID -19.
- The Port has been providing different kinds of relief to tenants and businesses.

- The Port is focusing on social justice policies. The Commission adopted a motion to conduct an assessment of Port police to align with civil rights and employment of best management practices.
- The traffic patterns around the Port have really changed.
- The Port partnered with a health testing company to provide COVID-19 testing for fishing trawler staff. American Seafood's had a problem with staff testing positive. The Port is now working with King County Public Health to be pro-active with addressing health protocols for the fishing industry.

Don asked about whether the problems with the West Seattle Bridge will impact vessel traffic on the Duwamish. Geri said she is working closely with the City on how to respond. The Coast Guard protocol is to prioritize the bridge to remain open for vessel traffic over vehicle traffic.

NET PEN EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Matthew Mateo provided an update on the Elliott Bay net pen expansion that has been in operation since 1993. The Port is partnered with the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes to expand the existing net pen to accommodate more capacity for Coho salmon. The tribes currently raise salmon at a hatchery in Auburn and bring them to the net pen in February to acclimate to salt water prior to release around May/June each year. The Port is assisting with the permitting for the project.

ANNUAL TRAFFIC STUDY

Geri Poor brought up the topic of the annual traffic study and asked the group what would be appropriate during the time of COVID-19 and changes in traffic. There was general discussion including: whether a full-blown study would be helpful if the numbers were not meaningful; not wanting to set a precedent that would preclude the baseline studies in the future; and questions on the status of Expedia staff.

Ellen moved that there not be a traffic study this year pending a legal opinion from the Port attorney, and to start the traffic study again next year. Fred 2nd the motion. There was discussion about the three new intersections added to the study last year. Don wants to make sure there is money in the budget annually to pay for 4 traffic studies if needed. Rosie said the Port budgets for the traffic study each year. Weldon offered an amendment to defer the NAC traffic study this year due to COVID-19. Ellen accepted the amendment. The complete motion is: *Defer the NAC traffic study this year due to COVID-19 pending a legal opinion from the Port attorney and to start the traffic study again next year.* A vote was called and there were six votes in favor and one vote opposed. The motion passed. Rosie will check in with Tom Tanaka, one of the Port attorneys, for a legal opinion.

EXPEDIA UPDATE

Geri Poor provided an update on the Expedia site and status of staff transportation to and from the site. Most of the Expedia staff are working remotely from home and there is no date set for a return to the office. Most of the construction site work will be complete by mid-August. The remaining site work is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

BIRT STUDY

Janis asked about the public meeting schedule for the BIRT study. The second meeting is scheduled for July 29th at noon and another is scheduled for August 6th at 6:30pm. Both meetings are virtual on-line meetings and will be supplemented by an online survey.

SMITH COVE BLUE CARBON SEQUESTRATION PROJECT

Jon Sloan provided a PPT presentation to describe the Smith Cove project. The project is intended to provide: 1) carbon storage by generating carbon-rich biomass and increasing retention time; 2) water quality improvement by removing contaminants, lowering temperature, and offsetting ocean acidification, and 3) fish & wildlife habitat productivity by creating feeding/shelter areas and increasing overall productivity. The project started in 2018 and added more eelgrass and kelp enhancement. The Commission approved funding of a partnership to work with other agencies over the next 3 years. A biologist is being hired by the Washington Dept. of Natural Resources to work on the project.

OPEN FORUM

- Rosie said that Kelli reported that a large yacht was moored at T-91 and has left and will return in September. There are two fishing boats at the pier that will be departing to fish soon.
- There was discussion of whether there should be an August meeting. Fred said if the BIRT meeting occurs, there may be a need to hold a NAC meeting in August to discuss the issue. Weldon said he would hold the August meeting time if a meeting is needed. That could also be a time to try out a meeting with Microsoft Teams.

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 5:29pm.

Upcoming 2020 Meeting Schedule

September 16, 2020
October 21, 2020
November 18, 2020
December 16, 2020