

**FINAL MEETING SUMMARY**  
**Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee**  
**June 17, 2020**

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**

Don Harper  
Ellen Monrad

**Chair:**

Weldon Ihrig, 501 Commons

**POS:**

Rosie Courtney, Public Affairs  
Kyra Lise, Director, Real Estate and Economic Development  
Geri Poor, Manager Regional Transportation  
Mark Longridge, Capital Project Manager  
Mick Schultz, Public Affairs  
Mike McLaughlin, Director of Cruise Operations  
Emily Roder, Events Specialist

**Consultants:**

Pam Xander, ESA

**Guests:**

Laura Jenkins, City of Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods

The regular meeting of the Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) convened at 4:30 with participants joining in a Zoom call on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**TERMINAL 91 UPDATE**

Mark Longridge shared details about two upcoming capital projects scheduled for Terminal 91. The Berth 6 & 8 project will replace the decaying creosote piles with concrete piles in a 65,000 square foot area. The \$40 million project requires approximately one year of design and

one year of permitting. Construction is scheduled for August 2022- August 2023. Mark will return to NAC with regular updates.

Next, he described the NW Fender Replacement project at Berths J, K, L and M. The \$8.5 million project will replace worn out wooden fenders on the face of the pier. This work is similar to the project at the south end of the pier conducted two years ago. A total of 125 piles will be installed with vibratory method. No impact pile driving needed. Construction begins July 2021.

## **IMPACT OF COVID-19**

Dave McFadden provided an overview of the impact of COVID-19 on Port operations. He noted that airport traffic is down 95%, the 2020 cruise season has been cancelled, and staff has focused on providing rent relief and lease extensions to tenants at the airport and seaport. As a public agency, the Port cannot provide rent rebates or waivers. On the tourism front, he highlighted the Port's focus on reinvigorating travel and tourism by working with partners and programs that target markets attracting visitors who live nearby and can drive to attractions. In July, the Port Commission will review an investment of \$1.5M in the Washington State's tourism sector. The Commission will also consider a similar investment in Workforce Development targeted at youth employment. The overall goal is to create economic momentum with a commitment to sustainability and equity.

Kyra Lise commented briefly on the Terminal 91 Uplands project and her expectation that the project team will be assembled this summer. She spent some time reflecting on how COVID-19 has impacted the local real estate market.

Mike McLaughlin reported on the 2020 cruise season. While nearly all the cruise lines have cancelled their 2020 Alaska season, Norwegian Cruise Line is still looking to cruise to Alaska in September. However, with the many challenges in play, he commented that he was unsure how that would occur. Alaska continues to provide cruise lines one of the best per diem destinations but some Alaska communities are not ready to welcome cruise ships. The cancellation of the 2020 season has resulted in a \$26 million revenue loss to the Port which does not reflect the many tourism and maritime companies that have also suffered financial from the COVID-19 impact on the industry. When cruising is safe, the Port looks forward to a robust season.

## **BALLARD-INTERBAY REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (BIRT) UPDATE**

Geri Poor provided an update about the report that was distributed by the City. The draft plan is expected out in September 2020. Geri said the Port supports the 1-1 Magnolia Bridge Replacement but she clarified that that is a staff recommendation and the Port Commission has not voted on that position.

Janis said the MCC board gave approval to submit a public information request to the City to get information on the right-of-way. They want to see the calculations for the alternatives that were used for the report. Fred discussed the right-of-way of the Armory Way alternative and asked if the City asked the Port what they would charge for it. Geri said the City said they were just using lump sum numbers for each alternative and just applied them equally across the board. The Port has not had any negotiations with the City about cost.

Don asked about whether the light rail design was still considering a tunnel. Geri said they are and that the EIS is due out in June 2021 and there is a tunnel on the map. The City would prefer 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding for it. Don asked about how a submerged tunnel would work for the West Seattle Bridge.

Geri discussed Sound Transit’s program for re-alignment. They are trying to figure out what they can do now without funding during the pandemic. They predict they will lose 20% of expected funding and will come up with a new proposal in July.

**OPEN FORUM**

- Fred read that Expedia was experiencing staffing lay-offs and asked what that would do to traffic congestion. Geri said that the employees are now working from home. She thinks there are financial difficulties but has no information on lay-offs.
- Fred asked about the NAC traffic study. If it is based on current traffic changes, it may provide a skewed baseline. Should it even be completed? Should we discuss this next month? Geri said the traffic is down including cruise traffic. Weldon will put it on the agenda for the July meeting. Janis asked if the Port has shared traffic studies with others.
- Don said the Dravus St. Bridge came up as a topic for replacement and asked if it had been discussed with SDOT.
- The next virtual meeting on zoom will be in July on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 4:30pm. The group will not meet in person at this time. Only 25% of port staff are currently working at port offices and only 4 people are allowed in a room at a time.

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 5:54pm.

**Upcoming 2020 Meeting Schedule**

July 15, 2020
August 19, 2020
September 16, 2020
October 21, 2020
November 18, 2020
December 16, 2020