

FINAL MEETING SUMMARY
Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee
December 16, 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

Queen Anne Community Council

Don Harper
Ellen Monrad
Denny Bird
Erik Smith

Chair:

Weldon Ihrig, 501 Commons

POS:

Rosie Courtney, Public Affairs
Stephanie Jones-Stebbins, Managing Director of Maritime
Dave McFadden, Managing Director of the Economic Development Division
Kelli Goodwin, Maritime Operations Manager
Lindsay Wolpa, Senior Manager, Waterfront Redevelopment Programs, External Relations
Mick Schultz, Public Affairs

Consultants:

Pam Xander, Environmental Science Associates (ESA)

The regular meeting of the Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) convened at 4:30 with participants joining in a Microsoft Teams call on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephanie Jones-Stebbins congratulated Rosie and Weldon on a job well done presenting the NAC annual report to the Port Commission. Weldon added that the commission members were complimentary to NAC members and gave a tribute to Jim Smith upon his retirement from NAC as the last inaugural member of NAC.

MEETING MINUTES

Fred moved and Lynn 2nd to approve the October 2020 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved.

FISHERMEN'S TERMINAL MARITIME INNOVATION CENTER UPDATE

Dave McFadden gave an update on the Fishermen's Terminal Maritime Innovation Center project using a PowerPoint (PPT) presentation. The Ship Supply Building has been vacant for about 20 years and is now being renovated and materials salvaged in a sustainable manner to meet the Living Building Challenge standard. The Port accepted a \$5M grant from the Washington Dept. of Commerce Clean Energy Fund and is partnering with non-profit Maritime Blue to operate the Maritime Blue Innovation Accelerator with 11 start-ups participating. Construction is expected to begin at the end of 2021 with project completion in 2023. The cost is approximately \$16M and will include investments in art. Rosie will provide a copy of the PPT to NAC members.

Don raised a question that has been in the action items about whether the city can condemn Port property. Lindsay said this is a question that has gone to court several times and is somewhat on a case-by-case basis. Most likely, future attempts at condemnation will be tested and could go either way depending on how the court case proceeds. However, she said that parties tend to do what they can to avoid getting into a legal situation.

NAC ANNUAL REPORT TO COMMISSION QUESTIONS

Commissioner Felleman raised a question about requested bike path requested improvements. Has the Port done anything to improve the narrow portion of the path? Kelli said that Expedia had an obligation to the City as part of their development to find ways to improve the bike path and one potential area was the pinch point at the bridge. The City and Expedia were going to share the costs of the improvements but the City did not have the funding so the project is in limbo now.

Fred said the Ballard Interbay Regional Transportation system (BIRT) study also mentioned the trail area needing improvement. Kelli said the bridge was previously needed because of the volume of car activity at the terminal. However, that need may not exist now.

Weldon said he told the Commission that the NAC members are concerned that the Magnolia Bridge did not get the attention that the West Seattle Bridge received in terms of needed maintenance.

The Commission members also asked about NAC members opinion of the Armory site and tiny houses located there. Weldon responded that NAC supported the tiny house project but was concerned that the houses not be located near the railroad tracks due to noise issues the residents would need to live with.

Rosie said that all of the commissioners said nice things about NAC and that it is a blueprint and model for other groups to follow.

OPEN FORUM

- Don wants to be kept informed of the development plans north of the Magnolia bridge. He wants to be able to review the environmental documents and doesn't want any surprises. He also brought up the status of the bike/pedestrian path from Smith Cove Park to the existing trail because there are still two broken links in the trail. Don and Janis said the overall vision for Smith Cove Park is stalled by the park district.

- Weldon said the NAC members have promoted the desire for holistic planning among agencies in the future. He asked members to think of potential agenda items for 2021 meetings and send those ideas by text or email to Rosie up through the week of January 1st. He assumes that the transportation and armory issues will continue to be on the agenda moving forward.
- Don asked when the next traffic study would take place. Fred said the traffic report was suspended this year but could resume in September. Rosie said she is not sure when the cruise industry will be back in business. The cruise lines are working on an outreach plan to customers about their adherence to CDC health protocols.
- Janis asked if NAC could get information on what Expedia is thinking in terms of employees returning to campus. Rosie said she connected with a representative from Expedia and will invite him to a future NAC meeting.
- Janis spoke about the BIRT study and the effort the community has been making to push the City and agencies to get the corridor built including an in-kind Magnolia Bridge replacement.
- Don would like to get an update on the blue carbon/eelgrass study at Smith Cove Park. Rosie said she will invite Jon Sloan back for an update.
- Rosie said that Mark Longridge informed her that sample borings will be in process the first week of January 2021 at Docks 6 and 8.
- Rosie said that Port payments for membership in Magnolia Community Council (MCC) mistakenly went to the Magnolia Chamber of Commerce but that error has been corrected and
- Rosie said that she sent a Christmas wreath and a thank you note to Jim Smith upon his retirement from NAC.

Action Item	Schedule
1. Rosie will provide the PowerPoint of the Maritime Innovation Center to the NAC members.	Rosie will provide prior to January 2021 meeting
2. NAC members will provide potential 2021 meeting agenda items to Weldon and Rosie by the first week of January 2021.	By first week of January 2021.
3. Conduct Traffic Study.	To be determined before September 2021
4. Rosie will invite a representative from Expedia to attend a future NAC meeting.	To be determined
5. Rosie will invite Jon Sloan to provide an update on the blue carbon/eelgrass study.	To be determined

Adjourn at 5:40 pm.

Upcoming 2021 Meeting Schedule

January 20, 2021
February 17, 2021
March 17, 2021
April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021
June 16, 2021
July 21, 2021
August 18, 2021
September 15, 2021
October 20, 2021
November 17, 2021
December 15, 2021