

**FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT
Port Commission Meeting
Shipyard Cove Marina
1063 Turn Point Rd Ste 2,
Friday Harbor, WA
Wednesday, June 24, 2020
at 4pm**

Meeting Minutes

This was an in-person meeting and face masks and social distancing was required.

Commissioners Present:

Graham Black, Commissioner
Greg Hertel, Commissioner
Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

Port Staff Present:

Todd Nicholson, Director
Phyllis Johnson, Port Auditor
Tami Hayes, Harbormaster
Randy Everitt, Executive Secretary

Citizen comments/requests: Citizens can make a brief comment or may ask the Commission to schedule a topic for further discussion at a future meeting. None

Lauren Cohen addressed the Commission regarding the patriotic signage posted at her business and American values associated with free speech.

Action Item:

- a. The Commission was presented with an Economic Development Council (EDC) grant request from Victoria Compton. The Commission agreed 3-0 to provide \$12,000 to the ECD to support its on-going recovery and asked Ms. Compton to return in 2 months and report out on funds received from other contributors. At that time, the Commission would decide if additional funding is feasible.

The Executive Director also reported that a direct grant of \$10,000 to support individual businesses may be indefensible from a legal standing. The Commission advised Ms. Compton that they would not be able to support the direct funding of businesses that were not Port tenants.

Discussion Items:

- a. The Commission discussed the Ports position on political statements displayed on Port owned property and if there should be a policy. The Executive Director discussed different scenarios for signage that may be political or reflect different points of view. The Commission discussed this issue and felt that any signage on Tenant's windows and doors is at the discretion of the tenant. The Commission felt that the Town of Friday Harbor's signage policy was adequate, and the Port should follow that policy. The Commission asked the Port to draft a policy for the placement of Political signage at Jackson's Beach and the Airport.

Regular Business:

- a. The Commission approved the Minutes from June 10, 2020 with a 3-0 vote.
- b. The Commission approves payroll and vouchers 019276-019297 for \$63,165.52 with a 3-0 vote.

Staff Reports:

The Port Auditor provided the Commission with an overview of the 2020 Capital budget for the first five months of the year. The Auditor stated that the Port was on track with expenditures but losing revenue on Marina reservation (boat nights) and cruise ship docking and passenger fees as well as charter flight passenger fees due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Auditor reported that Enplanement's saw a decrease in revenue of 46% and Boat Nights a decrease in 84% compared to last year.


Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

Commissioner Black reported that the Jackson's Beach shelter was being used and the pond at the main marina was being used and was very pleased with the projects.

Commissioner Marrett reported that she felt that the Island would go to phase 3 soon and the Visitors Bureau was receiving some complaints about the Island opening to early.

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Adjourn:



Graham Black, Commissioner

For



Greg Hertel, Commissioner

For



Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

For