

FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT
Port Commission Meeting
(Call in Information Below)
Wednesday December 16, 2020 at 12 N
Special Meeting Minutes

The public was prohibited from attending in person due to COVID-19 restrictions but could dial into the meeting via Zoom. Comments can be e-mailed to the Port or addressed to the commission during the public comment section.

Public Meeting:

The Port of Friday Harbor and Patano Design Concepts have completed a conceptual design for a 15,000 sq. ft. Marine Technical Center and Island Oil Spill Association(IOSA) headquarters at the Jensen's Marina and Boatyard. This building is intended to house business incubation space, marine related maker space, and marine trade or professional services.

Commissioner Black brought the Public Hearing to order at 12 noon.

The Executive Director provided the on-line public with an overview of the Marine Technical Center's current design through a video presentation on Zoom. The presentation began with a historical accounting of how the Port of Friday Harbor acquired Jensen's Boatyard and the subsequent purchase of Shipyard Cove Marina. He discussed the initial grant approval for the design and construction phase of the project and why construction must be completed by 2022 and ready for occupancy. He further discussed why the development of this site was necessary and why the economic development of this area was important in creating family wage jobs for islanders.

The public was asked to comment on the design and overall project.

David Cheyette a member of the Public, stated that he was interested in leasing about 300 sq. ft. and thought the project was fantastic and wanted to know what the criteria was to secure a space in that location.

Sally Hawkins asked about parking and access at the Marine Technical Center. She was concerned about the capacity for parking at the new facility. The Executive Director stated that parking should double in the parking expansion and he would continue to look for additional parking.

The Executive Director stated that he was also having discussions with San Juan County regarding additional parking and the current parking plan at the facility could account for approximately 15 to 20 spaces for the tenants, and the gravel expansion should provide for additional parking.

Meghan Deshire from Friday Harbor Labs stated that the facility was beautiful and wanted to make sure the tenants were screened for their connection to marine related industries. The Executive Director stated that tenants would most certainly be required to have an association with marine related industries as part of the lease agreement.

The Audio of this Special Meeting is located on the Port of Friday Harbors web site located at <http://www.Portfridayharbor.org/> located in "Recent Posts" on the front page.

Adjourn: Commissioner Black Adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:17 pm after closing comments from Commissioners Marrett and Hertel.



Graham Black, Commissioner

for



Greg Hertel, Commissioner

for



Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

for