

FRIDAY HARBOR PORT DISTRICT
Port Commission Meeting
(Call in Information Below)
Wednesday May 12, 2021 at 12 pm
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.

Commissioner Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

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Discussion Items:

A. Snake River Dam presentation:

Joseph Bogaard the Executive Director of the Save Our Wild Salmon Coalition presented information regarding national legislative initiatives to restore the lower Snake River salmon runs and fish populations on the lower snake river.

Deborah Giles also provided information on the decrease in the Chinook salmon population and its effect on the Southern resident and migratory Orcas whales.

Kelley Balcomb-Bartok provided supportive information on the economics of the Orcas whale watching industry for the San Juan Islands. He described the coalition between a thriving salmon population and the presence of Killer Whales in the region. He also provided information on the political support for the restoration of the lower Snake River restoration initiative.

Commissioner Hertel commented on the presentation regarding energy concerns if the Lower Snake River dams were eliminated and what the alternative might be.

Commissioner Black said that it might be a bit early for the Ports involvement on this issue and wants to wait to see how our legislative representatives and the Governor weigh in. He said he appreciated all the input on this issue and felt it was a worthy cause.

B. Salish Sea MOU:

The Executive Director reported to the Commission on the progress of the Salish Sea Sciences desire to lease space in the Marine Technical Center. He reported that they would like to occupy half of the upstairs portion of the Marine Technical Center and half of the downstairs. He provided information to the Salish Sea Sciences on the benefits of being a tenant. He said that the maker space is price marginally less than market value. He said the MOU is non-binding and it captures the value of being a tenant in the building. The MOU is designed to be an incentive for the Salish Sea Sciences to seek additional funding through donations from community foundations and outside sources. The Executive Director said they were expected to lease approx. 6,000 sq ft. of the building leaving approx. 3,000 sq ft. available for other tenants.

The Executive Director said that he believed there would be many more requests for tenant space than there was space available in the Marine Technical Center. **The Commission** asked about the “maker-space” and how would Salish Sea Sciences utilize that area? **The Executive Director** said that the “maker-space” would be community based and the students from Salish Sea Sciences would interact as part of their curriculum.

Commissioner Black asked that the Port initiate an analysis of what a non-profit entity actually means and how that may impact how spaces are leased and to whom. **The Executive Director** said that the Commission should review the non-profit charters to determine if lessees would qualify above other types of non-profit. **The Executive Director** was given the authority to sign the MOU and forward it to the Salish Sea Sciences.

Action Items:

- A. The Commission approved the request from Becky Day for 4th of July fireworks donation of \$2,000.00 with a 3-0 vote.
- B. The Commission approved the Land Lease for Schmidt Tiny Homes with a 3-0 vote.
- C. The Commission approved the signage for 101 Spring Street (Picnik San Juan). The Commission selected sign #1 and 3 as their preference and approved Picnik San Juan choosing either one of the two they preferred. No vote was required.
- D. The Commission approved a Potential Change order from Patano for the Marine Technical Center with a 3-0 vote.
- E. The Commission awarded Northwest Hangar Taxilane Construction and Hangar Demolition-AIP Project NO. 3-53-0152-038-2021 to Olympic Peninsula Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,065,607.02 including 8.3% WSST, as bid with a 3-0 vote. This award only affected the FAA base bid.

Regular Business:

- A. The Commission approved the Minutes from April 14 and 28, 2021 with a 3-0 vote.
- B. The Commission approved payroll and vouchers # 01777-01823 for \$1,006,746.60 with a 3-0 vote.

Staff Reports:

The Executive Director informed the Commission that the remainder of the Weber Way parcel and the area South of the College is in the cities temporary housing zone and in the only area where hotel motel, workforce and temp housing could be placed based on city and County zonings laws. The Commission and the Executive Director discussed temporary housing on San Juan Island and which parcels should be held in reserve for future development or should the vacant parcels be utilized for temporary housing. The Commission further discussed if future development should be focused on creating more jobs and facilitating more businesses to grow. The Executive Director said there would be more requests for leases for the development of temporary housing on Port property.

The Commission asked if the Director would schedule a retreat with maps of areas that could be utilized for future development. The Executive Director said that he would schedule some dates.

Port Commissioner and Committee Reports:

Commissioner Black commented on the Jackson Beach road and the status of repair. **The Executive Director** discussed drainage in the road area and informed the Commission that the improvements scheduled would have a dramatic effect on the road and the parking area. **Commissioner Black** asked that the speed bumps be retained to slow traffic down, or standard traffic dampeners installed. **The Executive Director** said that he would talk to the county about including some form of traffic dampeners.

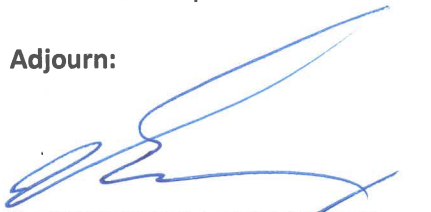
Commissioner Black requested a long-term planning session to develop a consistent plan for the development of Port property.

The Commission discussed the signage at the Port requiring the continuation of wearing of masks. **The Executive Director** said that he recommended working with the County and receive guidance from them regarding the mask order and bring that information to the Commission.

Commissioner Marrett reported that Ernie’s was having a gathering to acknowledge the volunteers that helped get the business operational again. Also, she reported that Richard Drewery would be honored by the Pilots Association on Sunday June 13, 2021. Commissioner Marrett wanted to know what the capacity of the airport terminal was so that the 50% occupancy rule could be enforced.

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Adjourn:



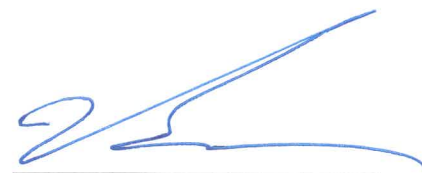
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