

Friday Harbor Port District

Port Commission Meeting
San Juan Island Yacht Club
Friday June 12th at 10:00 AM
Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present:

Barbara Marrett
Richard Goodhart
Gib Black

Port Staff Present:

Kyle Gropp, Deputy Director
Mike Roling, IT Administrator
Megan Workman, Staff Accountant

Public Present:

Jill Belcovson, LWVSJ
John Moalli – J Hangars
Solomon Bassoff, Faducci LLC. (Zoom)
Peter Lane, Citizen

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None

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Payroll and Vouchers
- B. Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2026 - May 21, 2026 Special Meeting - June 4, 2026 Special Meeting

Commissioner Goodhart moved to approve the consent agenda as a whole, Commissioner Black seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Action Items:

- C. Art Proposal Recommendation

Deputy Director Gropp explained that we reached out to the Town Art Committee to see if any of their members would like to provide their input on the proposals. Peter Lane offered to provide his input; his written comments were provided to the commission, but he was also willing to answer any questions the commission had.

Peter Lane noted that he had over 35 years of experience with public art and asked if the commission had any additional questions regarding his written comments or in general.

Commissioner Goodhart asked if the tiles are successfully fired if that indicates the tiles will be structurally stable.

Peter Lane mentioned that while properly fired the tile becomes a solid body, but it is still a porous material, so it needs to have a proper glaze coating to protect it. He felt Alchemy has plenty of knowledge to handle the glazing process properly. His concerns would be the longer-term maintenance of the piece. Similar pieces have been turned down by the town due to long-term maintenance concerns.

Commissioner Black commented thanked Peter for his comments and noted that he is a big fan of the community aspect and thinks it is a piece that could evolve over time.

Commissioner Marrett noted that Alchemy currently has a fish at the sculpture park made of similar tiles that seem to be holding up well. She continued that she liked the graphics for the Fadducci proposal and that it used the Island Marble Butterfly. She did not like the spacing of the panels as presented but noted that the entire wall didn't have to be used and they could be presented next to each other. She also liked the community aspect of the Alchemy proposal and some of the details in the tiles but worried about possible breakage.

Peter Lane noted that based on his experience, it is possible that there wouldn't be any significant maintenance issues for the Alchemy piece for the first 3-7 years, then he would expect that issues would start appearing.

Commissioner Goodhart noted that he also liked Jim McLuen's metal pieces. He felt they would be the least amount of maintenance and Jim was open to modifications. He likes the community aspect of the Alchemy piece, but also still had concerns about long term maintenance of the piece.

Commissioner Black agreed that for him the metal pieces were a close second in his mind, but he prefers the community aspect of the Alchemy proposal.

Peter Lane mentioned that one of the things he really likes about the Alchemy proposal is how it fills out the entire wall. Commissioner Marrett said that people go into the aquarium building and point out the tile they or their children made and that is priceless. She suggested that an initial 5-year maintenance agreement could be included in the contract.

Commissioner Black made a motion to conclude the RFP and proceed with the Alchemy Art proposal. Commissioner Marrett seconded the motion.

Jill Belcovson asked about the results of the public voting at the June 4th event. It was noted that Alchemy was the top vote receiver at that event.

Solomon Bassoff of Fadducci spoke regarding his proposal emphasizing that it was a learning experience for the community to become more aware of the endangered species

of the area, it was also designed with pigmented concrete and steel so maintenance issues would be minimal. Commissioner Black thanked Soloman for his comments and for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Motion to move forward with the Alchemy Art proposal approved unanimously.

- A.** Approve South Apron Expansion and Aircraft Fueling System Site Development Change Order #4 in the amount of \$164,848.76.

Deputy Director Gropp explained that these were changes related to drainage and some realignment of an access road that was required for the drainage changes as well as the trenching for electrical and fiber optics. Commissioner Goodhart asked if these changes were still grant applicable. Deputy Director Gropp confirmed they were still covered by the grant.

Commissioner Marrett moved to approve Change Order #4, Commissioner Goodhart seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

- B.** Approve Assignment of Lease & Consent of Sale of Unit F3-A – Dean Riley & Brynlee King to Kenmore Air.

The association asked for this consent to sale be re-signed due to an issue with an earlier version. Commissioner Black moved to approve the assignment, Commissioner Marrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Deputy Director Report:

Deputy Director Gropp told the commission that the June 4th event at the Mullis Center had approximately 120 attendees. We received a good amount of feedback. He is working on a summary to be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Black commented that it was a great event and over the next few months we can hopefully channel it into a few potential paths. Deputy Director Gropp reiterated that this was still the start of a long process.

Commissioner Marrett mentioned that she had many people talk to her about how they or their mother worked at the Cannery. She would like to discuss possibly hiring Boyd Pratt to capture some of their stories.

Port Commissioner Reports and New Business: Commissioners may share information or introduce topics for discussion at future meetings.

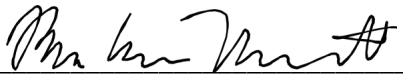
Commissioner Goodhart wanted to acknowledge John Geyman and his contributions to the airport. There will be a memorial for him June 27th at the airport.

Commissioner Marrett mentioned how great the hanging flower baskets and the Port is looking and wanted to thank the staff.

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John Moalli on behalf of Hangar Row J, expressed interest in renewing the lease for the hangars earlier than the existing lease policy allows. Commissioner Black mentioned that they've had a preliminary discussion regarding this topic and confirmed with Port Staff that the topic is currently on the draft agenda for the June 26th meeting.

Adjourn: 10:51a



Barbara Marrett, Commissioner

Graham Black, Commissioner



Rich Goodhart, Commissioner