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Port Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 19, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Port of Olympia - Large Conference Room
Prepared by: Jennie Foglia-Jones

Present: Don Melnick, Keith Laws, Clydia Cuykendall, Jeff Davis, Riley Moore, Lisa Cosmillo, Darlene Kemery, Len Trautman, Commissioner Paul Telford, Heber Kennedy Sr. Property Manager, Kathleen White Communications Manager, Jennie Foglia-Jones, Special Projects Coordinator and Ed Wiltsie with Morrissette & Associates.

Call to Order: Lisa Cosmillo called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introduction of New Member: Jeff Davis introduced himself. He is a 3rd generation longshoreman. He is the legislative director for his union. Freight mobility issues/mitigation and finding federal money for freight mobility projects is part of his job. He also helps work on clean air standards from LA to Vancouver BC. Clydia asked Jeff what he feels the most significant state issue is. Jeff responded that he feels freight mobility, rail specifically, is the largest issue because there isn't enough rail in the Pacific Northwest. She then asked what his opinion of the largest federal issue is. Jeff shared that he feels having the national plan updated.

Approval of minutes: The May 27, 2009 meeting minutes were approved by all.

Stormwater/Groundwater PAC Discussion and Questions: Ed Wiltsie, Morrissette & Associates, was present to help answer any further questions the PAC had regarding stormwater/groundwater. Ed gave a brief background of his previous presentation explaining the geological history of the site. He then outlined his idea of the stormwater process at New Market.

1st priority to develop east of Center Street.

2nd priority to develop back of property (west of Center Street). This portion is difficult to develop effectively because the groundwater is high and stagnant. There are roughly 36-38 acres in this area. Ed stated that Yauger Park is revamping the park and widening their outflow system. He feels the materials that will be coming out of Yauger Park would be ideal to use in a development like the area west of Center Street.

Heber stated there might be a way to get some revenue out of park impact fees, which are paid by residential.

Heber asked Ed to discuss the consequences of paving and how it affects groundwater. Ed stated there would not be much of a difference.

Ultimately, a conveyance is needed to get the water out and that will open up different options. One option is the Yauger Park plan. Another is a series of swells that would be ditching the land toward the airport. These plans have been looked at since 1997; however, other environmental emergencies (flooding, earthquake) superseded the stormwater mitigation plan.

Ed shared the 2005 revised stormwater manual is more stringent on the treatment. Ed said he would like to see the water treated onsite so the only thing that gets out of the site is treated water.

Ed stated a good stormwater plan needs to be put into place prior to doing anything else. This plan needs to have several different options. The last one that was started for the Port was in 1997 and those ideas are old. New ideas need to be created.

Clydia asked what the cost of putting together a stormwater mitigation plan would be. Ed stated he wasn't too sure, but could follow up with an estimate. Heber said he recalled it being between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

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Getting Dept of Ecology and City of Tumwater approval is a huge step in the process. By putting in smaller sections at a time, you learn and improve for the next sections. Putting in observation wells and start monitoring is a good place to start.

Jeff asked how long this process would be. Ed responded that the first phase would take place in maybe three to four years. After that the other phases would go quicker because the process is already in place.

Other Business: Len reported he had watched a Commission meeting where a Commissioner was concerned about cutting the cost of the TCTV broadcasting of the meetings. He is suggesting they cut the Thursday mid-day airing. Commissioner Telford stated he thought the only thing the Port is charged for is the people that come to tape the meeting, not the airings.

Commissioner Telford passed out some information to the PAC regarding what the Salmon Creek Basin folk have requested from the Port in the past. Commissioner Telford stated he isn't a supporter of parks, but he does feel something like a Yauger Park situation might be a good fit for that area to help ease tension with the neighbors of the development.

Tumwater Council members need to be notified about meetings to attend for public comment.

Next Meeting: Environmental issues with wildlife. Michelle Tirhi from Dept of Fish and Wildlife will be present at the September meeting to talk with the PAC.

Follow-up Items: Ed to get an estimate for the cost to put together a Stormwater Mitigation Plan.

Next Meeting: The next PAC meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the large conference room.

Adjourned: Lisa Cosmillo adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.