

PORT OF ANACORTES

Minutes-Special Meeting

February 16, 2010

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held a Special Commission Meeting on February 16, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was for the Commission and senior staff to hold a strategic planning and discussion session, and to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Port's "O" Avenue/Railroad Avenue Beach Restoration and Mitigation Project. This meeting was held at the Commission Meeting Room of the Main Port Warehouse Building, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes Washington. No official action was taken.

In Attendance: Commission President Rubin, Commission Vice President Mooney, Commission Secretary Niver, Commissioner Hopley and Commissioner Short.

Also in attendance: Executive Director Hyde, Director of Engineering Elsner, Director of Operations & Facilities Hachey, Director of Finance & Administration Johnson, and Executive Assistant Lindsey.

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 A.M. Port Commission President Rubin called the Special Meeting to order and announced the purpose of the Special Meeting. He noted that this was a round table format for the purpose of discussing strategic planning and discussion, and no action be taken.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rubin noted that the calling of this meeting had come out of the Commission's January 19, 2010 Retreat meeting, and was intentioned strictly as a visioning session to discuss the Commission's vision for the year 2040.

Executive Director Hyde observed that the Port had completed its most recent Comprehensive Plan in 2008, and had perceived it as approximately a 20 year plan. He displayed some prior plans, including a 1981 plan with marketing sheet that proclaimed an 11.7% unemployment rate and an Anacortes population of about 8,000 people. The Boat Haven had 550 slips and had begun the process of expanding, and the Port had two airports, as it had a partnership for the Bayview Airport with the Port of Skagit County.

Commissioner Rubin asked the Commission and staff to consider whether local government could determine the future of Anacortes or only react, and how Anacortes and the surrounding area would be different in thirty years.

Topics discussed included transportation, utilities, industry, workforce, housing, demographics, and recreation and leisure.

RECESS

With discussions concluded, Commissioner Rubin called for a brief recess to reconvene outdoors at the new "O" Avenue outdoor area for the "O" Avenue/Railroad Avenue ribbon cutting ceremony. The Commission recessed at 10:33 a.m.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Rubin called the special meeting back to order and welcomed those in attendance.

Others in attendance at the ribbon cutting included Project Manager Estvold, Marina Manager Fowler, Accounting Manager Behan, Environmental Administrator Thoman, Engineering Office Manager & Contract Administrator Switalski, Project Manager Darden, Project Manager Dossen, Operations & Maintenance Manager Chandler, Operations IV Krause, Operations IV Beaner, Operations Assistant and HR Generalist Herrick, Accountant Dutton, Operations III Johnson, Accounts Receivable Bookkeeper Siechen, Accounts Payable Bookkeeper Fauver, and Operations I Wray,

Also in attendance for the ribbon cutting were Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell, Economic Development Association of Skagit County Executive Director Don Wick, Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Mitch Everton, Sally Harris from the Washington State Department of Commerce, Ginny Broadhurst, Director of the Northwest Straits Commission and affiliate of Skagit Marine Resources Corp., Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) member Lisa Wellman, City Public Works Director Fred Buckemeyer, School Board President Kris Lytton, and contractor representatives from IMCO Construction, HBB Architects, and Leonard, Boudinot and Skodje, and many members of the community.

Commissioner Rubin, Executive Director Hyde, Project Manager Estvold, Northwest Straits Commission Director Broadhurst, and CERB board representative Wellman all addressed those assembled, and praised the quality and stewardship of this beach restoration and mitigation project.

The "O" Avenue Mitigation Project was funded through a Job Development Fund Grant from the Community Education Revitalization Board (CERB) of the Washington State Department of Commerce, this \$1.25 million dollar project removed old creosote pilings and rubble from the shoreline, removed a concrete bulkhead, re-graded parts of the beach to create more aquatic area, installed shoreline restoration and protection, and created public access to the beach west of the Port's main warehouse and events center, known as the Transit Shed. The project also included repaving Railroad Avenue and improvements to "O" Avenue between Railroad and 2nd Street, installation of a view point terrace, enhancements to Lone Tree Park, under-grounding overhead power lines for clearer access to Pier 1, and installation of a gravity sewer to the Transit Shed, replacing the existing pump system.

In addition to the required mitigation elements, the project benefited from the Port's partnership with the Skagit Marine Resources Committee (MRC), which incorporated Low-Impact Development (LID) features via a \$44,500 grant. MRC grant-sponsored elements include the installation of porous paving, a roof drain storm water collection

system with rain gardens, riparian landscaping along the shoreline and interpretive signs.

The "O" Avenue Mitigation Project was identified to meet federal, state, and local permitting requirements and to provide compensation for ecological impacts from the Port's Project Pier 1 redevelopment. Project Manager for the Port was Marc Estvold of Anacortes. Construction general contractor was IMCO General Construction, Inc. of Bellingham. Others assisting with the project included: Colie Hough-Beck and Dean Koontz, HBB Landscape Architects of Seattle, Dr. John Herzog, GeoEngineers of Seattle, Vladimir Schleps of Coast and Harbor Engineering and Bob Boudinot, of Leonard, Boudinot & Skodje.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Rubin adjourned the special meeting at 11:45 a.m. and invited attendees to enjoy refreshments in the Commission Meeting Room.

Attest:

Keith Rubin, President

Pat D. Mooney, Vice President

Ray Niver, Secretary

William L. Short, Commissioner

Steve Hopley, Commissioner

Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant
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