

## PORT OF ALLYN

### Public Hearing/Special Meeting January 22, 2018 MINUTES

**The purpose of the meeting is to gather public input for the Port of Allyn 2018 Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements update and approve an action item.**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Commissioners Judy Scott (Chair); and Scott Cooper; Commissioner Ted Jackson absent/excused. Lary Coppola, Executive Director; LeAnn Dennis; Operations Manager, Kat Ross, Phil Wolfe, Kelly Howell, Pat McCullough, Brian Peterson, Dana Rosenbach, Public; Dana Kampa and Arla Shephard Bull: press. Randy Neatherlin, County Commissioner

#### **ACTION**

a. Payment of GF Voucher #18-037 for \$899.76

Commissioner Cooper made a MOTION to accept Action items a. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Scott. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:04 p.m.**

A PowerPoint Presentation on the 2018 Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements was narrated by Commissioner Judy Scott and Executive Director Lary Coppola

It began with detailing the Port's Assets

From there, the presentation delved into the proposed 2018 Projects, and after the presentation, the audience was asked to comment on and possibly prioritize them.

- Proposed Destination Sports Complex: The narrators imparted information about the economic development possibilities it could generate. The model for the project is the Luke Jenson Sports Complex in Vancouver.
- Upgrades to the Allyn Marina: This project will attract boaters from outside our area, and is viewed as a major economic development driver. Potential funding comes from a Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG Grant) application applied for through the state Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).
- Developing Sweetwater Park: This would be done in partnership with the Pacific NW Salmon Center, and will tie into the proposed North Mason Discovery Trail. The proposed trail will provide safe walking and biking along busy roads that currently are extremely unsafe.
- Sargent Oyster House: This is a carryover project from 2017, and will promote Cultural Heritage Tourism. It is being funded mostly by grants and local donations, with the Port spending very little, funding mainly permitting. Commissioner Scott discussed the work that's been accomplished to date.
- Develop a state-of-the-art business complex: This is seen as providing an alternative to the industrial parks at the Ports of Bremerton and Shelton. It should also provide new economic development opportunities.
- Build a skateboard park at Beards Cove: This is a recreational project for youth, and ownership will be turned over to the Beards Cove Community Association if it's built.
- Continue the successful series of ongoing entrepreneurial classes being done in conjunction with the EDC, Chamber and Enterprise for Equity.

## **Public Comment**

Kat Ross asked how these projects will be funded. Answer: Primarily Grants.

Phil Wolf supports the trails and recreation projects. He thinks there should be separation from any school projects.

Brian Peterson spoke to that and stated the School district is not interested in partnering. He also stated that the property at Sweetwater Creek is fairly shovel ready and the Department of Ecology issue has been mitigated. He also discussed Pendergast Field in Bremerton and the expansion of Sehmel Park in Gig Harbor, saying he is concerned about sport complex. He thinks the Port should focus on an industrial park instead. He also thinks the Port should partner with the county on a purple pipe loop (reclaimed water from the sewer or water or storm water that could be used for the construction companies and lower water costs for large business.).

Kelley Howell and her husband and daughter said they are new to area and she would like to see an aquatic facility (pool). According to her, Clarkston put in an aquatics center and it was a great economic driver. A potential open water swim area by the dock was also mentioned.

Kat Ross expressed a concern with the sports complex, wondering where would we house visiting teams for tournaments. Lary Coppola responded that hopefully once the need was established, someone would want to build a hotel or two. He added that the Port would like the complex to be located adjacent to the proposed Park & Ride in Belfair.

The Executive Director discussed funding ideas. He then asked the audience if there are any projects that should be cut from the list – perhaps the skate park?

Phil Wolff said he skateboarded as a kid, and did not participate in team sports. He pointed out that Beards Cove has many kids and it would give them something to participate in.

Pat McCullough discussed the proposed aquatic center project 8 years ago. He said there was a committee to get it going but when it came to a cost determination, the committee dissolved because the project didn't pencil. Kelly Howell suggested partnering with YMCA of Gig Harbor.

Kat Ross mentioned the Renaissance Faire that was proposed on the Pope Resources property, and suggested perhaps that property could be used for one of our proposed projects. Commissioner Scott said there might be a zoning issue preventing that.

Pat McCullough discussed other property that could fit by the bypass proposal.

Kat Ross discussed cleaning up the murals in Belfair, noting how dirty they are.

Commissioner Cooper stated that we put this list together a couple years ago but we need public input on what THEY want us to do. He stated that the Port is not "married" to any specific project so this is a great time for input.

The Executive Director then asked if there were any other projects beside the aquatic center the public would like to see added to the list, and that the Port can look for grant funds for that.

The presentation was then concluded.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



LeAnn Dennis, Operations Manager

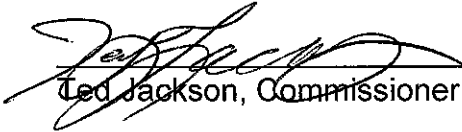
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Scott Cooper, Vice Chair



Ted Jackson, Commissioner