

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM
COMMISSION MEETING
HELD TUESDAY August 13, 2019
HARBOR CENTER ROOM
1801 ROEDER AVENUE, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

CONSENT AGENDA
ITEM # A

Present:	Commissioners:	
	President	Bobby Briscoe
	Vice President	Ken Bell
	Secretary	Michael Shepard (Teleconference)
Staff:	Rob Fix	Executive Director
	Don Goldberg	Economic Development Director
	Brian Gouran	Environmental, Planning Director
	Tamara Sobjack	Finance Director, Auditor
	Elizabeth Monahan	Human Resources Director
	Shirley McFearin	Real Estate Director
	Alan Birdsall	Strategic Project Manager
	Kyle Randolph	Harbormaster
	Aaron Collins	BLI Airport Operations Manager
	Jennifer Allen	Project Engineer
	Greg Nicoll	Senior Engineer
	Jon Gibson	Project Engineer
	Chris Clark	Business Development Manager
	Brady Scott	Senior Property Manager
	Adrienne Hegedus	Environmental Specialist
	Anthony Ammirati	Contracts Administrator
	Frank Chmelik	Port Legal Counsel
	Carey Jones	Executive Assistant

2:00 OPEN PUBLIC MEETING- At Approximately 2:04 p.m., President Bobby Briscoe opened the Public Meeting and announced that all 3 Commissioners were present. Staff has requested an executive session be held to discuss real estate pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1 (c)). President Briscoe recessed the Public Meeting to Executive Session.

4:30 CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION and RECONVENE THE PUBLIC MEETING-
No Action was taken by the Commission during the Executive Session.

4:30 PUBLIC MEETING, ROLL CALL- At approximately 4:34 p.m., President Bobby Briscoe opened the public meeting and announced that all 3 Commissioners were present.

Meeting Announcements

**MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.,
Commission Chambers, Harbor Center Building, 1801 Roeder Avenue,
Bellingham.**

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TECHNICAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAAC)- Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., ARFF Conference Room, 2005 W. Bakerview Road, Bellingham International Airport.

BELLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BIAAC)- Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., ARFF Conference Room, 2005 W. Bakerview Road, Bellingham International Airport.

PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN PUBLIC HEARING- At Approximately 4:36 p.m., President Bobby Briscoe announced that the Public Hearing on the Harbor Improvements- Revised BLI Master Plan has been pushed out to the September 3, 2019 Commission Meeting.

MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE STANDARDS- Executive Director Rob Fix announced that the POB is pulling back on the 2 million dollar insurance requirement until the staff can find a better way that has less impact on the tenants.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD-

Mark Woodward- Encouraged the POB work with the public on these type of changes in advance. He shared he is a small airplane owner. He contacted 37 airports in the NW to inquire about their insurance requirements. He said that BLI is the only airport imposing the 2 million dollar insurance requirement. He shared that flying is a passion for him, and every dollar counts. He hopes that the rollback of the proposed requirement becomes a long term plan.

Wayne Landis- When he came across this issue with the insurance, he contacted his agent, Barb White in Portland, OR. He shared that his agent thought the increase was unusual. Wayne mentioned that his agent is happy to talk to the POB staff. He referenced a letter that he provided to the Port from the WPA members. He requested that the Port work with the public in advance on these type of requirement changes.

Royce Civico- He announced himself as the President of the WA Airplane Association, North Sound. His organization represents about 85 local pilots in the area. His organization was clearly troubled about the 2 million dollar insurance increase. They are happy that the increase has been shelved. They are interested in growing general aviation. He shared that it is a misconception that people that fly airplanes have a lot of money. In closing he shared a personal story from a fellow pilot.

Lyle Jansma- He shared that the airport is a big part of his life. He thanked the POB for rolling back the 2 million dollar requirement. When he contacted Regal, his insurance carrier, it caused a lot of confusion. He received negative feedback as to why the POB was rolling out this requirement. He mentioned he is excited for Airfest and shared that his airplane is going to be displayed there. He asked in the future if the tenants could get a little more heads up on these type of changes, they would like to be part of the discussion.

Jeff Lustick- He shared that he is an aircraft owner, and owns an aircraft business in Bellingham. He stated that many aircraft owners have a passion for flying, but are not

rich. He thanked the staff at the Port for listening to the public's concerns on this issue and working with them. He also thanked Frank Chmelik for taking the time to exchange emails with him on this issue. He encouraged the Port staff to reach out to their tenants in advance on these type of issues. He wants to continue to have a positive working relationship with the BLI.

Maria Humerus- She stated that she is an employee of Bornstein, and two weeks ago the company brought employees together and announced that on Friday, August 16, 2019 would be their last day with the company. She shared that she worked for Bornstein's for almost 20 years and at this point the company is not willing to give their workers any severance pay. She said they are refusing to offer health insurance for a period of time while the workers find another job. The workers work long hours, repetitive work, in all kinds of conditions. She is asking Bornstein to give workers some sort of compensation for years of service. She asked the Commissioners to speak with Bornstein on their behalf. In closing she thanked everyone for allowing her to speak.

Betsy Pernotto- Member of Jobs with Justice and the Blue Green Waterfront Coalition, she attended the meeting to support the Bornstein's workers. She asked the commissioners to look into the Bornstein layoff issue. She announced that Bornstein is a longtime Port tenant and she felt like they are not being a very good corporate citizen right now. She is concerned about the loss of 40 Union jobs, and the loss of Health Insurance for these workers. There is a 13 percent poverty rate currently in Whatcom County and this is going to add to that number. Most of the workers have been with Bornstein for over 20 years, and they have rejected the Unions proposal to offer the workers two weeks of severance pay for each year of service.

Lane Anliker- Member of Jobs with Justice and he wants to speak on behalf of the Bornstein workers. He shares Betsy Pernotto's opinion and is asking the Commission members to hold this company (Bernstein) accountable, and provide the workers what they deserve. Their tenure and hard work should be considered.

Pete Granger- Working Waterfront Coalition, speaking briefly about presentation number 4, Update Marine Trade Policy. Pete's goal is to maintain marine trade and enhance them if we can. He shared that he appreciates the Ports efforts in moving forward.

Walter Husak- He expressed the commitment in the partnership between Bellingham Technical College and the POB in Economic Development in workforce EDU particularly in the area of the Marine Trades. BTC has already begun conversations with Skagit Valley College and the Center for Excellence Center in Anacortes in ways to strengthen Marine Trade in NW WA.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019, regular meeting.
- B. Approve the transfer of funds from the capital budget 216-883 into a new capital budget line item for furnishings and electronics for the Mt. Baker Conference Room.

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- C. Approve a Modification of Contract between the Port of Bellingham (Port) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG).
- D. Approve the Renewal and Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and LFS, Inc. ("LFS") for Fairhaven Marine Industrial Park, Building 2 and Trawl Yard.
- E. Approve to surplus equipment to the needs of the Port of Bellingham and authorizing staff to sell same following Resolution No. 1322-B.
- F. Approve Modification of Lease for I&J Properties LLC, Hilton Roeder II LLC, and Patsy A. Radisich, Kenneth J. Quinn and Alan R. Chiabai, doing business as Harbor Enterprises.
- G. Approve the Port to execute for Building D each Exhibit to the Residential Rental Agreement(s), which Exhibit is the Release, Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement, for each of Cohanin Bellwether D LLC's Residential Tenants.
- H. Approve a Renewal and Modification of Lease between Mountain View Reload (USA), Inc. and the Port of Bellingham.
- I. Approve a Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and Mark Royer TTEE Select Wealth Advisors, Inc. Safe Harbor 104 (K) Plan (#15).
- J. Approve a Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and Civil Air Patrol.
- K. Approve the Port to execute 2019-2021 Washington State Department of Commerce Associate Development Organization (ADO) Biennium Grant contract.
- L. Approve a Modification of Lease between the Port of Bellingham and Verizon Wireless (VAW), LLC, doing business as Verizon Wireless, for premises at the Blaine Marine Industrial Area.
- M. Approve authorization to sell vessels, pursuant to Resolution No. 1349.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda items A- M.

Discussion: Vice President Ken Bell had questions on items C & D (why short term lease's/ (D) why no rent increase), E (is insurance in place to protect the Port for the sale of equipment), G (is a parking restriction going to be in place), J (asked for clarification on event participation), & L (question on month to month lease). Secretary Michael Shepard had questions on H (what is the feasibility) & M (why the large number of vessels for sale & what does this do for the Port's waitlist). President Bobby Briscoe had a question on item M (can the Port staff provide the commissioners a point of contact list)

Motion approved 3-0 Vote

PRESENTATIONS

1. Bellingham Shipping Terminal Update

Business Development Manager Chris Clark announced that Senior Engineer Greg Nicoll would be assisting him on the terminal update. He announced he had two guests, Paul DeBolt from Ports America and Joe Schmit from the Local 7 that will speak after his update. Greg reviewed a detailed summary of spent (Phase 1 & 2, Stormwater, Safety Anchors, Roof Replacement and Lighting) and anticipated repair (Phase 3 & 4, WH Fire and Electrical) and restoration costs over the years from 2011 to 2018, as well as estimated future costs. Chris announced that Armor rock is our major cargo customer this year, the POB handled over 43,000 short tons, with revenue of \$186,531. The Port's largest land rental tenant was TYR Port Logistics, with revenue of \$167,270. Chris gave a brief operating income comparison YTD, and mentioned a large part of operating cost comes from labor. Chris shared current projects, which include Foreign Trade Zone, Log Export, and TYR and Pulp Exporters. Chris introduced, Paul DeBolt, and stated that Paul has been in this business for over 27 years. They are soliciting business in Canada, the low dollar brings some resignation. The Canadian businesses are frustrated with all the congestion and they are open to an alternative way to transport. They are not only focusing on cargo, they are looking at the metro area to be a steel distribution point. In closing, Paul shared they are vested in equipment and gear, and have aligned themselves to be ready to provide a first class operation. He said they can be ready and have equipment at the POB with a three week notice. He said they need the rail spur and the free trade zone. They are committed to bring business to Whatcom County. The Commissioners all agreed that they appreciate the partnership and look forward to moving this along as fast as possible, as it will bring in revenue and jobs. President Bobby Briscoe introduced Joe Schmitt, and shared that the shipping terminal is busier now than it has been in years. He is excited for the potential for growth for the Port and the jobs it will create for Whatcom County. He said he has been working as a longshoreman since 1987, and never before has he seen such a strong joint effort between the POB, Ports America, Longshoreman, and the Commissioners. He has faith that this project will move forward.

6:00 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD- No one signed up to participate in the public comment session.

2. Second Quarter 2019 Financial Report Update

The Q2 Financial update has been pushed out to the September 3, 2019 Commission Meeting.

3. Western Crossing Update

Environmental Planning Director Brian Gouran gave a status update on Western Crossing. This project has been under the direction of the commission to work on a collaborative effort with WWU to come up with a revised plan to meet Western's academic and programmatic goals while accurately aligning with the Port's vision for the waterfront development and the Port's mission statement for economic development

and workforce training. Brian mentioned that the Port and WWU has a long working history together that goes back to 2008. He stated they have been planning for over a decade, now is the time for implementation. The Port has gotten the cleanup work done, roads and the infrastructure is done, the park is in place, and development is happening. They pulled together a work group that consisted of the Port and WWU representatives, who worked together to revise the development plan. Out of that plan, they are focusing on a 'research park' type scenario, specific industry sectors, and develop public and private partnerships that would have a presence in an industry type setting. This would consist of businesses, and student learning. In closing, Brian stressed that all parties involved are in agreement that to keep the momentum going, this needs to move quickly from the implementing stage, to the development stage.

4. Marine Trade Policy Update- Working Waterfront Coalition

Senior Property Manager Brady Scott welcomed the group, and members of the Working Waterfront Coalition Jim Kyle, and Pete Granger. At the May 7th Commission meeting, the Working Waterfront presented the concept of no net loss Working Waterfront Coalition, and request that the Port develop a policy to protect Marine Trade Properties at the Port. The vision is that the Port will continue to work with the Working Waterfront Coalition in conjunction with the process to update the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements and addressing land use and managing policies focused on preserving and expanding marine trade properties.

5. Inner harbor Condition Update

Project Engineer Jennifer Allen provided a brief background summary on the Inner Harbor Marina. The average lifespan for this type of marina system is 35 years, but with regular service, the lifespan can be extended to 50 years. A conditions assessment was complete on Gates 6 thru 10 at Squalicum Harbor in 2019. Reid Middleton was contracted to conduct this conditions assessment to evaluate the condition of the float system and provide maintenance recommendations. The gangways, floats, piling, utilities, and appurtenances were inspected as part of this assessment. The 2019 assessment concluded that the existing float system lifespan can be extended with maintenance activities.

Harbormaster Kyle Randolph shared the findings from the inspection on recommended repairs. The recommended repairs were broke out into three phases; Immediate Recommendations (2019-2020), Short Term Recommendations (2021-2023), and Long Term Recommendations (2021-2019). The Port staff are going to pick and choose from the list what projects need the most attention, and what ones makes sense. The filters the staff will use is longevity/budget, and life safety.

Strategic Project Manager Alan Birdsall recapped that back in February 2019, the Marina came to the Commission to request the moorage rates be increased. The previous model is 4 years old and needs to be reviewed. Staff received the conditions assessment and will need to review that before they have a clear picture of what is needed to be able to produce an accurate update to the moorage model. They plan on coming back to the Commission later this year with a more accurate update. Secretary Michael Shepard asked about slip availability/waitlist. Kyle shared that Squalicum

Harbor has an extensive waitlist. Blaine Harbor's waitlist ranges from 6 months to a couple of years depending on the boat size.

ACTION ITEMS

1. AMENDMENT OF THE MINIMUM LIABILITY INSURANCE STANDARDS FOR PORT OF BELLINGHAM'S AIRPORT MONTH-TO-MONTH AIRCRAFT STORAGE HANGAR AND AIRCRAFT TIE-DOWN RENTAL AGREEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to approve an amendment of the Minimum Liability Insurance Standards for the Port of Bellingham's airport month-to-month aircraft storage hangar and tie-down rental agreements for Fiscal Year 2019.

Discussion: Executive Director Rob Fix suggested that the presentation portion be skipped, as the commissioners are all well versed on the agreement. If the Commissioners want to vote on the action and keep the meeting moving. Secretary Michael Shepard asked if this action fulfills the interest of the volume of people that voiced their concerns. Port Legal Counsel Frank Chmelik clarified from a legal standpoint why the POB pulled back on the insurance increase.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

2. Whatcom Waterway Phase 2 Cleanup - PSA with Anchor QEA

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Anchor QEA for consulting support at the Whatcom Waterway Phase 2 MTCA cleanup project in the amount of \$577,338 plus a 10% contingency for a total authorized budget of \$635,072.

Discussion: Environmental Planning Director Brian Gouran shared that the Port only received two requests for proposals. The team felt Anchor QEA was the most qualified firm to complete the Phase 2 project and Brian recommended the Port move forward with them. The scope of work the Port is currently focusing on is Stakeholder Coordination, Remedial Alternatives Analysis, Pre-Design Surveys, and Year 3 Monitoring and Reporting. Secretary Michael Shepard asked for further clarification on AIG funding. Michael asked about Task 3, the Port is going to have this firm evaluate the 2 alternatives. Brian said the staff is leaning toward the partial fill option, but has asked the consulting company to keep an eye out for any red flags. President Bobby Briscoe asked why the high monitoring fee, Brian explained it was an anticipated expense for an extensive sampling effort.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

3. Bellingham Cruise Terminal Repair to Steel Piling & Supports Moffatt & Nichol; Professional Services Agreement

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Moffatt & Nichol in the amount of \$268,294.89 plus a 10% contingency

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for a total authorized contract amount of \$295,124.38 to design repairs to the Bellingham Cruise Terminal.

Discussion: Project Engineer Jennifer Allen informed the Commissioners that the Port contracted Berger ABAM to conduct a condition assessment on the Bellingham Cruise Terminal and provide repair recommendations. Early 2019 the Port issued an RFPS for repair design work and received two proposals. The Port staff recommends that the Commissioners authorize Moffat & Nichol to complete the Predesign Study, Permitting, Construction Bid Documents, and Construction Bid Support.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

4. Bellingham International Airport: Commercial Customs and Immigration Facility Schematic Design; Professional Services Agreement - Patano Studio Architecture

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Patano Studio Architecture for preliminary design of a new Commercial Customs and Immigration Facility at the Bellingham International Airport in the amount of \$147,744.97 and add additional CIP funds.

Discussion: Senior Engineer Greg Nicoll shared in the interest of adding a couple of International Flights to the Bellingham Airport, this project is going to do the preliminary design to construct a new Customs and Immigration facility that would be capable of handling the capacity of two commercial flights, which is about 374 people per hour. Secretary Michael Shepard asked if the Port staff had estimated costs, and times for completion. Greg said the Port estimated in the ballpark of 5 million dollars, and potentially going to construction as early as 2021. Michael asked for a confirmation that none of these costs are eligible for a match by the FAA, Greg was in agreement. Vice President Ken Bell asked if part of this effort is to keep the international passengers separated from domestic travel, Greg agreed that is part of the preliminary design process. Ken asked if this step is necessary. Jonathan Perout, BLI Operations Manager shared that an airline is not going to commit unless the Port has a facility plan, so this is a necessary step to move forward. President Bobby Briscoe shared his concerns about the cost of this project. Bobby asked when this project would need funding, Greg shared the best case scenario would be to fund this project in 2021.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

5. Updated Purchasing Guidelines & Revisions To Resolution Nos. 1106-U, 1279,1358A

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to approve revisions to the Port of Bellingham's Purchasing Guidelines & Resolution Nos. 1106-V, 1279-A, & 1358-B.

Discussion: Contracts Administrator Anthony Ammirati is asking the Commissioners to approve the revised purchasing guidelines and Resolutions Nos. 1106-V (the delegation of power to the Executive Director), 1279-A (personal services policy), and 1358-B (small works roster process for Public Works).

Resolution 1106-V gives the Executive Director of the Port of Bellingham the authority to establish purchasing guidelines and is approved and adopted, annually in January by the Commission. The interim revision requested will increase the Executive Director's signing and delegation authorities. Resolution 1279-A establishes policies and procedures for entering into or renewing Personal' Service Agreements pursuant to Chapter 53.19.090 RCW. The revision requested to the February 2, 2010 policy will increase (1) the Executive Director's signing and delegation authorities and (2) competitive solicitation thresholds in accordance with RCW 53.19. Resolution 1358-B establishes policies and procedures in order for the Port of Bellingham to implement the Small Works Roster processes of RCW 39.04.155. The revision requested to the January 24, 2017 policy updates statutory thresholds.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

6. Energy-Efficiency and HVAC Projects at Bayview Center Building, Squalicum Esplanade, Marina Square, and 625 Cornwall Department of Enterprise Services; Interagency Agreement K5562 Modification

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to authorize the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) to give Notice to Proceed to Integrity Energy Services for the five 2019 Capital Improvement Projects totaling \$1,580,947.

Discussion: Environmental Specialist Adrienne Hegedus introduced staff members from Integrity Energy Services and the Department of Enterprise Services. The presentation focused mainly on the Bayview HVAC project, where Integrity performed a preliminary audit, at no cost to the Port. With the blessing from the Commission, they performed an Investment grade audit, which is being presented today. The Port is requesting authorization for DES to allow Integrity to move forward with the design and construction of this project. The Port has 5 projects, at 4 facilities. The benefit of using this DES program include a guaranteed maximum construction cost, reduced maintenance and staff time costs, DES contract administration, a guaranteed energy savings of \$7,688 annually, and greenhouse gas reduction of CO2 by 41.4 tons annually. All the proposed equipment (Bayview HVAC, Squalicum Lighting, Marina Square HVAC, & 625 Cornwall Gas Furnace) is at the end of its life expectancy. Project Engineer Jon Gibson focused his comments on the Bayview building HVAC project, which makes up the bulk of the work. The HVAC system has reached the end of its design life and the original system was not designed for the current layout. The budget only allowed for the completion of the Eastern wing of the 2nd floor with the authorized funds. Secretary Michael Shepard asked about any qualifying rebates, and Adrienne shared there is potential to get about \$12,140 in cost savings. Commissioner Shepard inquired about whether alternate energy production had been evaluated. The Port staff reported they did get a rough estimate for solar from Integrity Energy Services, but the budget did not support the cost. Vice President Ken Bell shared his concern about spending 10% of the cost of the building to upgrade the HVAC to the Bayview Center. President Bobby Briscoe asked the Port staff, is it not cheaper to do the entire project at once, versus having them come back and finish the other wing at a later date. Executive Director Rob Fix shared that the Port budgets for its worst year in the next 5 years, so

the net result is the same whether the Port spends the money in 2019 or 2020. If the Port can save money by doing the entire project at once, then that is the direction the Port should go. Port Legal Counsel Frank Chmelik advised Commissioner Bell to recuse himself from the vote due to a remote interest, and he can't attempt to influence any of the other commissioners how to vote. Executive Director Fix told the Commission that Integrity's scope of work could be revised to include the rest of the HVAC improvements that are needed in the Bayview Center Building. Port staff will return to the Commission with an updated scope of work and cost.

Motion approved with a 2-0 Vote (VP Ken Bell disclosed he is a tenant at the Bayview Center, so he was unable to vote due to a remote interest)

7. Commerce Washington Maritime Blue delegation trip to Norway

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to approve international travel for one Port staff to travel to Norway in September 2019 to participate in a delegation trip with the Washington Maritime Blue commerce committee to explore and grow relationships with key industries and government partners in areas of maritime innovation, clean energy, zero emission vessels and economic development.

Discussion: Economic Development Director Don Goldberg shared that Washington State has close connections with Norway, he mentioned that there will be members of the public, private, government, and non-profit sectors attending this event. The goal of this trip is to make strong connections, bringing that next generation of Maritime business to the Port's waterfront. Secretary Michael Shepard asked if there are other ports participating from WA State. Don stated the Port of Seattle will be attending this delegation trip, and he listed off a dozen other names that were recognizable that have RSVP'd. President Bobby Briscoe asked if Don was the Port representative, he confirmed he was.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

OTHER BUSINESS

Vice President Ken Bell introduced Mr. Bob Goodwin, who is trying to establish a state of the art Performance Center on the Ports Waterfront. He has created a business plan and has been working on this project for 2 years, he is ready to move it forward. He has included a dining room and a bar to help support the cash flow. He is currently working on fundraising efforts so he can hire a consultant (Stonecipher Consulting Group LLC) to work on Phase I of III (feasibility study) of the project, and has asked the POB to be a leader in the drive and donate \$5,000 dollars. Vice President Ken Bell proposed that if Mr. Goodwin's efforts fail and he is unable to successfully raise the \$32,200 dollars that is needed for Phase I, that the Port gets their donation back. Executive Director Rob Fix asked Port Legal Counsel Frank Chmelik if the Port can legally donate these funds. Frank advised the Port staff that they can make a donation if it falls under these guidelines:

- a) Falls under Economic Development Program
- b) File an agreement (RCW 53.08.245)
- c) Has to be a Non-Profit

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- d) Right of ownership
- e) Commission authorizes the agreement

Executive Director Rob Fix made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to have legal council and Bob Goodwin's group enter into an agreement to fund \$5,000 for the feasibility study for the Performing Art Center.

Motion approved with a 3-0 Vote

Vice President Ken Bell brought up the Container Village (Pop-Up Market) proposal that received on August 9th. He shared a story of a similar type market he toured, and said that the market became a staple to that community. Ken endorses this project for a few reasons; (1) He does not believe the Port can wait for Harcourt pieces to fall into place, (2) He believes this type of center will generate foot traffic, and he knows 2 people that are interested in becoming tenants, (3) It's moveable, (4) It's an inexpensive way to get activity in a short amount of time. Environmental Planning Director Brian Gouran suggested the Port try a mini version of this when the Port does the ribbon cutting for the Pump Track. He shared the Port has 30 acres of development space, and there is plenty of room for a pop-up market, even if it had to be relocated. President Bobby Briscoe is concerned that this type of market would take away from small vendors around Bellingham and at the mall.

Commissioner Michael Shepard gave a shout out to the Pump Track, which is supposed to be opened to the Public at the end of September 2019. It's already generating lots of buzz and excitement. He encouraged everyone to go down to the Waterfront and take a look. He reminded everyone that Airfest is coming up August 24th, from 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Bellingham Airport and encouraged everyone to attend. He thanked the staff for working on that project. He thanked Lummi Nation for a very successful Paddle to Lummi event. People came from all over to participate in the 5 day long cultural celebration. POB was one of the sponsors of the event. In closing he shared the recent success with the Alaskan Marine Ferry, the agreement was successful and everyone is looking forward to the boats moving in and out of the Bellingham Ferry Terminal.


President Bobby Briscoe thanked Port staff for all their hard work.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.



President



Secretary