

**MINUTES OF THE PORT OF BELLINGHAM COMMISSION MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2013
HARBOR CENTER BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM
1801 ROEDER AVENUE, BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

Present:	Jim Jorgensen Michael McAuley	President Vice President
Staff:	Rob Fix Carolyn Casey Dan Stahl Mike Stoner Shirley McFearin Daniel Zenk Norman Gilbert Mike Bozzo Steve Shipman Frank Chmelik Diane McClain	Executive Director External Affairs Director Maritime Director Environmental Director Real Estate Director Aviation Director Project Engineer Maintenance Manager Real Estate Representative Port Counsel Executive Secretary

CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Commissioner Jorgensen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:04 p. m. and reported that Commissioner Scott Walker would not be in attendance.

RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Jorgensen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p. m.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one signed up for public comment.

WORK STUDY

1. Waterfront district Master Plan Discussion

Environmental Programs Director Mike Stoner presented an overview of the progress on the revitalization of Bellingham Waterfront that included an update of the City of Bellingham Review and schedule for the City Council work sessions, including key discussion topics in the 5 Development Areas that include Marine Trades, Downtown Waterfront, Log Pond, Shipping Terminal and Cornwall Beach. The draft plan provides 33 acres of Parks, 6 acres of public beach and interconnected trails, including early public access along the Whatcom Waterway shoreline, ASB and Cornwall Beach. Background information was also provided, including associated work on habitat restoration, MTCA cleanup sites, historic uses evaluation of opportunities for expanding marina services, process steps leading up to the acquisition of the Georgia Pacific property, and almost 10 years of community outreach

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efforts.

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2. Update – New Model Toxic Controls Act (MTCA) Opportunities

Environmental Site Project Manager Brian Gouran spoke of environmental cleanup funding and provided an overview of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Legislative Reform and the Waterfront District model for brownfield concepts. Mr. Gouran also spoke of the Brownfield Redevelopment Opportunity Zones requirements and Funding Opportunities available such as the Environmental Stewardship Legacy Accounts (ELSA), Extended Grant Agreements and Flexibility in Grant matching requirements.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. WHATCOM WATERWAY SITE – MODEL TOXIC CONTROLS ACT (MTCA) GRANT AGREEMENTS.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute Amendment No. 6 to close the existing Whatcom Waterway site MTCA grant agreement and execute a new grant agreement with the Department of Ecology for design and implementation of required remedial actions at the Whatcom Waterway site.

Discussion: Environmental Programs Director Mike Stoner explained that the Commission approved amending the Whatcom Waterway MTCA grant agreement in 2013 which realigned the task structure to be consistent with the Whatcom Waterway Consent Decree Amendment. Mr. Stoner further explained that the amendment also reduced the funding from Ecology by \$3,800,000. Ecology and Port staffs recommend closing the existing agreement No. G0700287 and entering into a new agreement for convenience and funding purposes.

Motion approved with 3-0 vote.

2. AWARD BID TO P & P EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE BLAINE AND FAIRHAVEN BOAT LAUNCH RINSE DOWN AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECTS.

Motion: Authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with P& P Excavating, LLC of Bellingham, WA for the Blaine & Fairhaven Boat Launch Rinse Down and Sidewalk Repair Projects in the amount of \$155,398.42 plus a 15% contingency for a total authorized contract amount of \$178,708.

Discussion: Project Engineer Norman Gilbert reported that the proposed contract is a combination of two capital projects; Blaine and Fairhaven boat launch rinse down facility upgrades and three sidewalk, driveway demolition and replacement maintenance projects.

Motion approved with 3-0 vote

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.

Jim Jorgensen, President

Scott L. Walker, Secretary