

**PORT COMMISSION OF THE PORT OF EDMONDS**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

**June 10, 2013**

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**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Jim Orvis, President  
Mary Lou Block, Vice President  
David Preston, Secretary  
Fred Gouge

**STAFF PRESENT**

Bob McChesney, Executive Director  
Marla Kempf, Deputy Director  
Tina Drennan, Finance Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bradford Cattle, Port Attorney  
Karin Noyes, Recorder

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Bruce Faires

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commission President Orvis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and the Commission subsequently adjourned to an Executive Session until 6:50 p.m. The regular meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Orvis announced that the Commission met in Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel a matter involving potential litigation. The Executive Session began at 6:01 p.m. and ended at 6:50 p.m. No decisions were made by the Commission in Executive Session, and the Commission had no announcement.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All those in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**COMMISSIONER BLOCK MOVED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- B. APPROVAL OF MAY 28, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**
- C. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$253,808.93**
- D. APPROVAL OF DALTON ELECTRIC CHANGE ORDER #2 – WIRING**
- E. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-04 --- AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF AN ABANDONED BOAT**

**COMMISSIONER GOUGE SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, WITH COMMISSIONER GOUGE ABSTAINING FROM VOTING ON ITEM B.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one in the audience indicated a desire to address the Commission during this portion of the meeting.

### **PRESENTATION: ERIC LASCHEVER, SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

**Eric Laschever, K&L Gates**, advised that he was hired by the Port of Edmonds to provide land-use counsel on the matter of the City of Edmonds' Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update. He reported that at the City Council's June 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing regarding the SMP Update, he provided testimony to support the City staff's position regarding buffers. He reviewed that City staff has proposed an approach to buffers that is workable from the Port's perspective; and more importantly, is supported by the scientific record. He explained that the staff's position makes sense from a practical standpoint because without maintaining the buffers, there will be no improvements to the Edmonds Marsh. The City Attorney has indicated agreement with this practical assessment. From a legal standpoint, state law requires that when imposing buffers in a regulatory setting, the "no net loss" standard should be applied. The staff's proposed approach is consistent with state law and has received support from the Department of Ecology (DOE).

Mr. Laschever advised that, in his opinion, there would be legal vulnerability to the City if it were to proceed with larger buffers without any scientific record to support the change. He said he would follow up his comments to the City Council with a letter that provides more details regarding this concern. He summarized that approaching this issue from a legal standpoint, including an appeal option, would have costs to both the Port and the City. It is hoped that these costs can be avoided by working with the City Council to come up with an approach that is acceptable to both parties. Again, he said the staff's proposal is something the Port could live with and what they are working to ultimately get the City Council to approve.

### **PRESENTATION: STEPHEN CLIFTON, CITY OF EDMONDS STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN**

#### **Edmonds Strategic Action Plan**

**Stephen Clifton, Edmonds Community Services/Economic Development Director**, announced that the City Council adopted the Edmonds Strategic Action Plan (SAP) on April 2, 2013. Since that time, he has searched the document to highlight references to various planned actions that would involve others such as the Port of Edmonds, Edmonds Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, and sent the documents to those organizations. He felt this would make it easier for the Port and other groups to identify areas where they might play key roles in implementation. He reported that he also presented the SAP to the Edmonds Planning Board, and his presentation was followed by a discussion of planned actions that would involve the Planning Board, specifically land-use and park related items. He said he is scheduled to meet with representatives from the Senior Center in the near future to discuss its relevance to the SAP, as well.

Mr. Clifton advised that, since the SAP was adopted, he has also met with a subgroup of the Edmonds Economic Development Commission (EDC) to identify all of the planned actions that relate specifically to economic development matters. He pointed out that there are at least 25, which is not surprising given that the SAP process was undertaken during one of the most significant economic downturns in the history of the United States. He reported that the subgroup will make a recommendation to the full EDC, who will prioritize the 25+ planned action items and assign them to the various subgroups for implementation.

Mr. Clifton reported that City staff has made a very conscientious effort to make sure the SAP stays up front and center. For example, the City Council recently approved an interim ordinance related to public markets, which was tied directly to an SAP planned action item. He said he specifically pointed this out during his presentation to the City Council and to the members of the public in attendance. He commented that, going forward, it is important for the City staff to clearly tie all projects and programs to planned action items so the public can see that the SAP is not becoming just another "document on the shelf."

Commissioner Orvis observed that the SAP identifies a lot of things the City wants to do, which seem to be incompatible with what the City Council is really going to do. For example, throughout the SAP process, the community identified master planning for Harbor Square to be a high priority. However, when the Port presented

the Harbor Square Master Plan at a public hearing, it was determined that it did not really reflect the values of the community. Outside of the downtown bowl, Commissioner Orvis asked if Mr. Clifton believes the SAP has the potential of being implemented. Mr. Clifton agreed that a specific planned action is tied to the Harbor Square issue, and a master plan for Harbor Square received some of the highest support from members of the community. However, the action plan does not specifically state what form the master plan should take. He said it is unfortunate that the City and Port have gotten to this point with the proposed Harbor Square Master Plan. Hopefully, the staff-generated plan can keep the process moving forward.

Mr. Clifton said he does not see the implementation of the SAP as either a downtown bowl or a non-bowl issue. He pointed out that there are planned action items related to other areas of the City, as well, such as Five Corners, Westgate and Highway 99. The City is currently working on two studies related to Westgate and Five Corners, and he is optimistic that the City Council will support both of these efforts.

Commissioner Block commented that, in the Port Commission's viewpoint, the Harbor Square Master Plan followed very closely with the City's Comprehensive Plan. In many cases, the language came directly from the Comprehensive Plan. However, when the plan was presented to the public, some citizens and Council Members felt it was diametrically opposite of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Clifton explained that one of the main purposes of the SAP was to obtain community input on priorities. According to more than 2,500 respondents throughout the process, as well as a statistically valid survey at the end of the process, there was significant support to approve a master plan for Harbor Square.

Mr. McChesney recalled that the SAP was intended to be useful in helping the City Council set priorities and to guide future budget discussions. He asked if Mr. Clifton believes the document will be used for these two purposes. Mr. Clifton said he believes the document will be useful to help the City establish priorities. He also agreed that the SAP can be used as a tool to "budget for outcomes and priorities." However, he does not anticipate this approach will be implemented for the 2014 budget process as the City recently hired a new finance director, and he will need some time to become familiar with the City's current budget process before implementing a new approach.

### **Economic Development Report**

Mr. Clifton reminded the Commission that in his recent presentation titled, "20 Ingredients of an Outstanding Downtown," Roger Brooks stated the importance of creating a baseline for measurement of the impacts associated with future proposals and projects. One way to do this is to measure sales and use taxes generated in the commercial areas. He referred to data collected by the City's Finance and Information Technology staff for each of the commercial areas in the City during 2011 and 2012. He noted that sales and use taxes increased by 13% in the Highway 99 Corridor commercial area between 2011 and 2012, and this can be primarily attributed to auto sales. Sales and use taxes decreased by 10% in the downtown commercial area. And the Main Street project was likely a contributing factor. The project has been completed, and it will be interesting to see if the numbers increase in 2013. People are noting that there is more foot traffic in the area now. Sales and use taxes increased by 4% in the Westgate commercial area, but decreased by 49% in the Five Corners commercial area due to vacancies.

Mr. Clifton reported that the City is aggressively pursuing federal grants. He noted that over the last few years, Edmonds has secured over \$14 million to fund major projects throughout the City. He referred the Commission to a list of the projects that have been or will be funded by grants and noted that grant funding is not just spent on projects within the downtown bowl. He specifically noted the 228<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest and Highway 99 Corridor improvements and the Five Corners Roundabout project. As a reference for citizens, he said the City now tracks when each grant was received and identifies the location of the projects that are being funded on a map. He announced that representatives from Kingston and Kitsap County recently visited the City to learn more about their successful grant funding programs.

Mr. Clifton said he is in the process of preparing an 11-page document listing all of the regional and local efforts the City participates in related to economic development. The list is broken down into the various commercial areas in the City and includes hyperlinks to other documents and websites where more information is available. The document is intended to establish a database and baseline for all projects the City is working on so they can start tracking performance. Once a copy of the document has been presented to the City Council, he will forward a copy to the Port, as well. He provided the following highlights of what is taking place in the various geographic areas:

- The Main Street reconstruction project was completed in November 2012, and this will be the first spring, summer and fall they will be able to see the impact of a reconstructed street. One of the City's goals is to encourage restaurants to put tables and chairs outside on the sidewalk; and the new, wider sidewalk will better accommodate that use. In addition, the City Council adopted a code amendment in 2010 that encouraged the use and made it easier for restaurants to obtain the necessary permits. This new use has resulted in a more vibrant, lively environment.

Commissioner Gouge asked if the City has given any thought to closing down Main Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets on some Saturdays during the summer months. He noted that the area becomes very congested, creating safety concerns for pedestrians. Mr. Clifton said staff has entertained the idea of closing down the street one Saturday each month on an experimental basis and perhaps bringing in some music and extending the market into the evening. He felt this would be successful on a once-a-month basis. Commissioner Preston commented that the parking available along Main Street is not large enough for many vehicles, and they often extend beyond the white line. Mr. Clifton advised that the City's Public Works Director has indicated that this is an acceptable standard, and the smaller spaces cause cars on the street to slow down. He said the City has received few complaints about this issue.

- The Hazel Miller Plaza opened last year. The City is currently planning to expand the concerts at City Park into the new plaza starting in July.
- The City Council recently adopted an interim Ordinance 3921. Staff brought forward the draft ordinance after receiving a request from the Edmonds Historical Museum to create a Wednesday market on the Salish Crossing Property. The code in place at the time did not allow any other markets to exist other than the current Saturday market. It also restricted the Saturday Market to the months of June, July and August. The code also prohibited year-round markets, which is a specific goal of several City Council Members, City staff and the community. He announced that the Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on the proposed amendments to Edmonds City Code 4.90 and Edmonds Community Development Code 16.21 on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The proposed amendments have been well received thus far.
- The City Council approved Ordinance 3909, establishing the Downtown Edmonds Business District, and an 11-member advisory board has been created with six positions for business representatives and five for appointed representatives. The advisory board has prepared bylaws, a work program, and a 2013 budget. These items will be presented to the City Council's Finance Committee.
- In 2011, City staff proposed four different code amendments related to the Downtown Business (BD) zones. The goal was to create more attractive buildings and make the zones more inviting to potential developers. The City Council recently adopted a code amendment that would apply the BD1 Design Guidelines to the BD2, BD3 and BD4 zones, as well. The City Council also amended the code to eliminate the 15-foot stepback requirement and the 25 + 5 foot height limit. There is currently no stepback requirement in the BD1, BD2, BD3 and BD4 zones, and the height limit is 30 feet. These new standards will be easier for staff to administer. Lastly, the City Council adopted an amendment that allows businesses in the BD zones to have blade signs up to four square feet in size. The blade signs would not count against the total square footage allowed for signage.
- The City's fiber optic capability has been extended to several locations throughout Edmonds, including the Port's Harbor Square property. The City will continue to extend this service.
- The Highway 99 Enhancement Project should be completed by the end of June, and a celebration will be held shortly after.
- City staff met recently with representatives from Swedish Edmonds to discuss the City's standards that would apply to the campus should they adjust or expand the current facilities. They will likely bring forward a master plan within the next year or two.

- The new Swedish Cancer Treatment Center opened on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the public was invited to tour the facility on April 17<sup>th</sup>. This new facility allows people to receive treatment locally rather than driving to Bellevue or Seattle for the service.
- The Community Health Center of Snohomish County is proposing a 25,000 square foot building that will be constructed to LEED standards.
- The Edmonds Community College hosted a “Connecting with Our Community” breakfast on March 6<sup>th</sup>. This was a “meet and greet” event to begin the process of connecting with business owners in the vicinity of the International District as a first step in improving relationships.
- The Behar renovation project has been completed, and the owner is currently looking for tenants for the space. While he has secured one tenant, he plans to hold off opening the building until two more tenants can be found.
- Staff has met with Representative Lias and others to include \$10 million in the current State Transportation Budget to begin Phase 1 of transforming the Highway 99 Corridor to make it safer and more attractive. He noted that this early phase will not represent anything close to the work that has been done on the Shoreline segment of Highway 99, but it could include a gateway project, signalization, etc. The City submitted a letter of support for the State’s Transportation Plan, which includes several projects that will benefit Edmonds.
- The 228<sup>th</sup> Street Southwest corridor project will make 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue West a fully-signalized intersection that is much safer. A new roadway will be constructed to the east to connect to 228<sup>th</sup> Street in Mountlake Terrace. This will provide easy access to the Sound Transit Station that will eventually become a light-rail station and will provide a great access corridor for Edmonds residents. Most of the funding for the \$5 million project was secured through grants.
- The City has been working with students from the University of Washington’s Green Futures Lab for the past two years to complete the Five Corners and Westgate Special District studies. The Westgate study is about 80% complete and has been presented to the Planning Board. The Five Corners Plan has not yet been presented to the Planning Board. At this time, the City Council is working to decide which plan they want to move forward first. The intent of the two plans is to lay the ground work for form-based code, which is quite a different approach than the more traditional zoning that is currently in place in Edmonds.
- The design work for the Five Corners Roundabout is nearly completed, but the City does not anticipate that the project will move forward to construction until 2014. He noted that there was a serious accident at the Five Corners intersection just this morning.

Mr. Clifton provided a handout outlining the attendance at various community events, as well as the activity at various facilities in Edmonds. This document establishes a baseline for monitoring changes for all events and activities in the City, including a number at the Port of Edmonds.

Mr. Clifton provided the Port with an Edmonds SeaWolves Poster. He explained that the SeaWolves is a semi-professional soccer team that was previously located in Everett and recently relocated to Edmonds. He noted that Jim Underhill, from the Highway 99 Task Force, was instrumental in their relocation. He noted that this meets one of the objectives in the Strategic Action Plan to encourage sports tourism. He noted that the team typically draws between 400 and 500 people to each of their home games.

Mr. Clifton explained that, although the Economic Development Department is only staffed by two people, he works with other City staff on economic development issues. The City staff has worked hard to secure a significant number of grants this past year. This effort has involved meetings with local legislators to show them proposed projects, explain why they are important and educate them about why the projects should be funded.

Commissioner Gouge asked if the City has given any thought to charging a fee to visitors at the dive park. Mr. Clifton said there has been some discussion about charging a parking fee, but the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director has indicated that this could significantly increase the City's liability.

Mr. Clifton expressed thanks to the Commissioners and Port staff. Mr. McChesney has been a great resource, and his presentation to the Economic Development Commission was helpful to explain the purpose of the Port.

Mr. Clifton said the Edmonds Theatre displays local advertisements before each movie starts, and the City has used this vehicle to announce local events and to remind people of the advantages of shopping in Edmonds. The cost is \$25 per advertisement. He suggested the Port consider this option to bring attention to Port issues, as well.

Mr. McChesney said the Port recently collaborated with Francis Chapin, Cultural Arts Manager, to set up a link to Port activities on the Edmonds Art Commission's website. He also announced that the Port has agreed to participate in the Arts Summit, which is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Clifton explained that the Arts Summit was scheduled at the request of Mayor Earling to provide an opportunity to meet local artists and arts groups and learn more about how and why the arts are important to Edmonds. He advised that Randy Cohen, Vice President of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts and a national expert on the role of arts in community development, will be the keynote speaker at the summit. He noted that many people do not understand that the arts community generates more revenue on a national basis than sports. The event will feature workshops, performances, and resources. The intent is for artists to get to know each other and figure out how to build relationships and make the community stronger.

Commissioner Orvis asked if the City is working to streamline the permitting process. Mr. Clifton answered that he has met with the Public Works Director, Development Services Director and Building Official and their staff to discuss this issue. They have also met with the Master Builders Association, inviting them to share concerns they and their clients have with the City's current process. Staff is also working to identify things that can be done internally to improve the permitting process. Once they have collected more information, they will meet with the development community. He said he has specifically been given the assignment to contact applicants on a random basis to conduct a personal survey about customer service, timelines, and recommendations for improving the process.

Mr. Cattle left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

### **ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES UPGRADES**

Mr. McChesney invited Ms. Drennan and Ms. Kempf to provide brief reports on administration and service upgrades that have occurred or will occur in the near future.

#### **Fuel Tank Monitoring System**

Ms. Kempf advised that the old fuel tank monitoring system was installed in 1995 and no longer met the Department of Ecology's requirements for inspection. Port staff also had a problem finding parts to repair the equipment when needed. A new system was recently installed at a cost of \$13,624. It is supposed to be significantly more reliable than the old system and has the following features:

- It can print regulatory reports on demand for the Department of Ecology
- Because the equipment is up-to-date, replacement parts will be easy to find.
- It sends email messages to indicate when fuel is low, and a screen allows for visual monitoring.
- It has an over fill alarm.
- Rather than requiring two people to input numbers at the end of the day, the new system allows staff to go online and collect the readings for the end-of-day reconciliation.

Mr. McChesney pointed out that the current fuel infrastructure is aging and repairs are needed. In addition, the fuel dispensers need to be replaced in the near future to keep the facility operational. He expressed his belief that this work must go forward no later than 2014.

### **Marina Operations New Work Station**

Ms. Kempf announced that a new work station was installed at the Marina Operations front counter. Because the office is small, it ends up taking up some counter space, but it allows staff to provide better customer service. Prior to installation of the new work station, staff was unable to serve people at the counter and the window at the same time. Staff believes wait times have already improved and they anticipate an even greater improvement during the busy season. She noted that the new station allows staff to ring up credit card transactions, and they may attach a till to the station at some point in the future. Having a station at the counter allows tenants to view their account information, as well.

### **Computer Server Upgrades**

Ms. Drennan advised that the Port has two servers: a small server and a marina program server. She recalled that in April, the Port Commission approved the replacement of the marina program server, which was just under five years old. She noted that the typical life of a server is between three to five years, and she was concerned about the reliability of the server during the upcoming busy season. The cost of the new server was \$5,812, and installation costs should be less than \$1,200. She noted that the Small Business server, which runs the payroll and accounts payable, was replaced in 2011.

### **Future Software Upgrades**

Ms. Drennan reviewed that the Port's marina management system software was purchased in late 2002 and is used for billings, marina operations, and point of sales. The software graphically shows staff where each tenant is located and tracks revenues and payments. The company struggled to provide the needed technical support after the owner passed away in 2005. The company was sold again in 2011. The software was written for technology that is now obsolete. It works slowly and customer service is not particularly helpful. Staff has worked with the new company to try and speed up the program and they have spent a great deal of time archiving old accounts in an effort to resolve the issues, but they continue to have problems.

Ms. Drennan said staff is researching different options for software for the marina management system, and replacement of the current system should be included as a line item in the 2014 Operating Budget. In addition, staff is researching options for design software that will allow them to do more advertising and design work in house. This new software will also likely be included in the 2014 Operating Budget.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. McChesney advised that the Port had a booth at the Chamber's June 8<sup>th</sup> Edmonds Small Business Expo. The purpose of the booth was to talk about the Port in general and the marina in particular and to lease space at Harbor Square. The Port was a cosponsor of the event.

Mr. McChesney announced that Anthony's has obtained the initial permits for their remodel project, and they are currently working on demolition. Asbestos abatement started today. Port staff is in the process of reviewing their plans to make sure they are consistent with the Port's facility needs for the shared infrastructure.

Mr. McChesney reported that staff is working with an engineer to discuss ways to value engineer the Harbor Square Building 2 roof project. At the very least, they have been able to change the approach and the bid specifications so the Port can get a much larger range of potential products and applications. This will make the bid process more competitive. The Port wants a roof that can be warranted for 15 years and can withstand up to 85 miles per hour wind uplift. If a contractor can meet this criteria, then the basis for the contract award will be the bid price of the skylights and roof materials. The lowest bidder on these two combined items will be awarded the contract. He said bids will open on June 14<sup>th</sup>, and he is optimistically cautious that they will come in below the engineer's estimate. He said he wants to move forward as soon as possible so the work can be completed during the dry summer months.

Mr. McChesney reported that the SEA JAZZ and Arts in Action programs that took place at the Port this past weekend went very well.

Mr. McChesney pointed out that there was a scrivener's error on Item C of the Consent Agenda. The Change Order for Dalton Electric should have been Change Order #2. He recalled that Change Order #1 was the additive alternative in the contract, itself.

Ms. Kempf reported that, although no official numbers are available yet, the Waterfront Festival was very successful. The weather was a little cold on Saturday night, so the numbers were down at the beer garden, but the Rotary Club's initial estimate is that attendance increased by about 30%. She said she received emails from some of the Classic Yacht owners saying what a great time they had and how the Waterfront Festival is their favorite event. They indicated they gave over 700 tours on Saturday and 400 tours on Sunday. She noted that SEA JAZZ was a nice addition to the festival, and provided more activity in the plaza area.

Ms. Kempf reported that on June 8<sup>th</sup> the Port celebrated National Marina Day with a special event. She provided information highlighting the sponsors and the statistics from the day. She explained that attendees were given punch cards. As they visited various tables at the event, their card was punched. They were able to redeem the cards for complementary food. About 130 cards were redeemed, and only 14 of those who redeemed cards indicated they were boat owners. She reminded the Commission that the purpose of National Marina Day is to get new people excited about boating. She said vendors at the event indicated that they felt their time was well spent. There was good energy and many attendees indicated they learned something new at each table. The food and music were great. Mr. McChesney commended staff for working hard to make the event successful.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Gouge reported that he attended the Port's National Marina Day event and talked with several vendors. He said staff did a great job communicating with those in attendance. He suggested the Port should do more to advertise the event next year.

Commissioner Gouge said he recently spoke with a representative of the Corinthian Yacht Club and invited him to make a presentation to the Port Commission. He agreed to contact Mr. McChesney to arrange a time for his presentation.

Commissioner Gouge reported that he attended the June 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonds City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Block said she recently visited the Port of Port Townsend and found it interesting to see what is happening there. She said she will visit the Port of Vancouver later in the week. She said she likes to observe as she visits other marinas to find great ideas for the Port.

Commissioner Preston reported that he attended the Waterfront Festival and talked to a lot of vendors. He said he and his wife enjoyed watching the crowd. He said he also enjoyed the Port's National Marina Day event, and he commended staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Preston said he participated in an Enduris Webinar, which he found very helpful. He noted that additional webinar events are planned, and he encouraged other Commissioners to participate.

Commissioner Preston reported that he attended a meeting of the ad hoc group centered on the concept known as "Story of Place." He said he is encouraged by the concept and he hopes it will grow into something useful for the City.

Commissioner Preston said he recently learned that the Port can post and advertise its own events on [www.myedmondsnews.com](http://www.myedmondsnews.com).

Commissioner Orvis reported that he and Commissioner Faires met with three City Council Members at the request of Council President Petso. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how the two groups could reach common ground on matters related to the Harbor Square Master Plan. After listening to the discussion, he pointed out that it will be very difficult for the two groups to find common ground when the City Council appears to have no common ground amongst its members. City Council Members asked what the City should do now that the Port has withdrawn its application, and he responded that the Port withdrew its application as a housekeeping item because

the City Council indicated they would no longer consider it. He suggested that the City Council let the application die because it no longer has any bearing on what the Port is doing. The Port is moving on. While the City Council did not take action on the plan at their last meeting, they seem to be very reluctant to kill it. Instead, there is some interest in re-inventing the plan, which means the City will have to start the process over. He summarized that nothing of substance came out of the meeting.

Commissioner Orvis said he also attended the meeting of the “Story of Place” group. He commented that perhaps because he has been on the Commission for so long and has attended a number of well-intentioned committees, he is less confident than Commissioner Preston that this group will have success. He observed that there are influential people in the City whose job it is to see that nothing happens. However, he said he hopes the group is successful, and he encouraged Commissioners to participate.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Commission meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Preston  
Port Commission Secretary