

PORT COMMISSION PUBLIC WORKSHOP – December 14, 2022

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met for a Public Workshop
Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend

Present: Commissioner Petranek
Commissioner Hasse
Commissioner Hanke
Executive Director Berg
Operation Manager Sparks
Recorder Sanders

I. CALL TO ORDER: (Rec. 00:00:17)

Commissioner Petranek opened the Workshop at 9:35 a.m.

II. AGENDA: (Rec. 00:00:45)

Strategic Planning Stakeholder Committee update

Deputy Director Toews briefed the Commission on assembling a citizen's advisory committee to review and refresh the strategic plan. Meeting in early 2023, the Committee would be comprised of represented interests: marine trades, moorage tenants, airport tenants, nonprofits, maritime education, environmental issues, and City and County jurisdictions. The plan would be presented to the Commission in March and include a community open house to describe the process, work of the committee, including a report out to the Commission in early April for plan adoption.

Commissioners suggested additional representation for community buy-in and to create Port ambassadors when there are more difficult decisions to make. Ideas included Coast Seafood, Nomura building tenants, promoters of the marine trades, Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, Economic Development Council, School District, Northwest Maritime Center and the Marine Resources committee.

Staff spoke about the intent to keep the group small enough for an in-depth review. Public participation and input would be welcome when it comes forward for the Commission resembling the process used for Quilcene meetings.

Short's Family Farm

Executive Director Berg gave a presentation with background, including the Short Family's interest in selling the farm. The Port's interest has been to investigate its involvement in a possible purchase. He explained some of the complexities with the site. An ADESA Phase I site assessment report was also distributed. An appraiser report would also soon be available. There is a potential commission meeting/decision at the end of January.

Eric Kingfisher of the Jefferson Land Trust explained the purpose of the land trust and its preservation mission as well as how conservation easement works in the property values which can affect the appraisal. He reviewed how the conservation easement is structured and explained prohibited uses. He agreed to attend and help create a list of the potential community partners who might be interested in attending that January 17 meeting.

At 11:17 a.m., the Port recessed into executive session for ten minutes with no action to follow pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

At 11:28 a.m., the commission came back into open session and adjourned the meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT: (Rec. 00:50:00)

The Workshop adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

ATTEST:



Peter W. Hanke, Secretary



Pamela A. Petranek, President



Carol Hasse, Vice President