

## PORT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING – Wednesday, January 10, 2024

The Port of Port Townsend Commission met in workshop session at the Point Hudson Pavilion Building, 355 Hudson Street, Port Townsend, and also online via Zoom.

Present: Commissioners Petranek, Hasse, and Hanke  
Executive Director Eron Berg  
Deputy Director Eric Toews  
Director of Finance and Administration Abigail Berg  
Director of Finance and Administration Connie Anderson  
Operations Manager Chris Sparks  
Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz  
Manager of Capital Projects/Engineer Dave Nakagawara  
Port Recorder Joanna Sanders

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

Commissioner Petranek called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.

### II. REPORTS AND TIMELINE ON SEA-LEVEL RISE AND SIMS GATEWAY PIF PROJECTS (00:00:03)

Capital Projects Manager Dave Nakagawara gave the staff report. The funding season will kick off in 2024 with a preapplication due in July and a full application in October. A decision on the project would occur in January 2025. As part of application, a preliminary schedule may be available for presentation in March 2024. There might be synergy with the City related to the Shoreline Master Program.

Questions from the Commission centered on the structure of the funding, who would be applicant/sub-applicants, how much staff time is being invested/devoted on this project, inflation impacts, and connection to the larger shoreline as part of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. There was interest in keeping WPPA apprised. Some additional discussion ensued about storm season protocols in the Boat Yard in the meantime. Staff noted that a stormwater analysis would be part of the design solution.

Sims Gateway Project presentation was provided by Director of Capital Projects and Port Engineer Matt Klontz. He reviewed expansion options and focused on the final recommendation by the City/Port stakeholder process for a full expansion. He fielded questions about Port responsibility to pick a final design of trees and plants along with the City Parks Recreation Trees and Trails Advisory Board. The landscape architect would come up with fence/wall recommendations with final approval by the Port. The Staff presentation included cost and funding comparisons and estimates.

Commissioners discussed the maps, including one of a rerouted Larry Scott Trail adjacent to the west boatyard and the professional services agreement in today's regular meeting packet for Macleod Reckord as landscape architect. There was a request for a project timeline, including when the poplars would be removed. Staff noted the permit application would be submitted soon and the goal is to remove trees in late spring.

### III. COMMISSION ROUNDTABLE (01:14:37)

President Petranek reviewed topics discussed at the December 13 Commission workshop. Commissioner Hasse suggested working with Executive Director Eron Berg and Jo Blair of Native Connections Group on crafting a First Nations land acknowledgement. to be read at the beginning of each Commission meeting. Another topic was to consider Port goals to limit the effects of climate change.

### IV. 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION (01:23:16)


This topic is on today's business meeting agenda and there was no discussion.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENT (01:24:50)


There was none.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT (Rec. 01:27:53): The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m., there being no further business before the Commission.

ATTEST:

  
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Peter W. Hanke, Secretary

  
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Pamela A. Petranek, President

  
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Carol L. Hasse, Vice President