

Public Comments for June 8, 2022 Commission Meeting

From: [Janet Palmer](#)
To: [PPT Info](#)
Cc: [RIRSC Board](#); [Linda Ward](#)
Subject: Local rowing community
Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 10:27:41 AM

Please include these comments at the upcoming Port meeting

Our local Rat Island rowing community has access concerns that we hope the Port will keep in mind during this rowing season. Now that the weather is finally making it possible to enjoy our favorite sport, we're experiencing difficulties getting our boats to the water.

For the past 20+ years we have stored shells and our trailers out in the Point Hudson Back 40 and have been told that this year, space is not available to us. We would like reconsideration of this decision. Much of the Back 40 is open space and there appears to be space we could use for our 3 shells. With a little reorganization, the space near the containers next to the fence provides optimal wind protection and we agree to remove our craft for the Wooden Boat Festival. If that spot is not available, we would appreciate any other options for our boats.

As the Port prepares for the jetty restoration, the small boats stored on the kayak and shell racks will have a long walk carrying a boat to the ramp at the NWMC. All considerations of signage and safety would be appreciated as we share the roads with vehicles and equipment around Point Hudson.

Our club represents 60+ locals and many other voters with an interest in human powered craft. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Public comment letter for June 8 port packet

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Subject: Sims Gateway and boatyard expansion plan

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Re: Sims Gateway and boatyard expansion project

There is a gorilla in the stakeholders' process - the poplars are to remain. This, according to the 1993 adopted 'Gateway Development Plan'; intended to provide continuity for future projects. This plan, a years long community effort, describes "special environmental character" and streetscape recommendations:

"The linear corridor quality of the poplar trees can be maintained, while enhancing views of the shipyards and the Historic buildings. Removal of "sucker" growth of the large poplars, and selective removal of the small, individual seedlings would open up views to the lagoon and boatyard. New poplars, spaced 20'-25' apart, can be selectively planted to fill in "gaps" along Sims. Meadow grass and wildflowers can be planted as ground cover around the poplars. The area north of Sims, adjacent to Kah-Tai Park (note: land later incorporated into the Park) can be planted with willows, riparian plantings and other marsh plants to recall the lagoon's former link with the Bay.

The 'Sims Gateway and Boatyard Expansion Project' is a collaboration of three agencies, sharing a County \$1M PIF grant. The grant language refers multiple times to "implementing" the 'Gateway Development Plan', the community's vision for future development.

Newly hired staff managers promote a mantra, "the poplars must go", an idea inserted into the project narrative: "The Poplars have been identified as an inappropriate tree by both the Parks Recreation and Tree Advisory Board, as well as a supporting landscape study for Kah Tai Lagoon". However, no City policy, goal, vision or priority has been adopted to incorporate such incongruent and contradictory ideas into the 'Gateway Development Plan'. The grant money is to implement not amputate the community's vision.

What of the future town landscape, prioritizing " the poplars must go" - cutting hundreds of

trees - projected at \$3000 per tree. One might be concerned; poplar cutting before residential streets potted with water features and arterials without shoulders for bicycles and walkers.

A few chosen stakeholders are discussing the staff's 'Sims Gateway and Boatyard Expansion Project'. It's unclear if stakeholders know roadside streetscapes are not parks and the poplars are to be maintained not cut down. One can hope they recommend to the Parks Board and City staff to groom and steward the poplars as recommended in the 'Gateway Development Plan', clearly the community's intention.

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PS: The Port manager has indicated he is open to replanting poplars and the PUD has indicated it does not need to remove the poplars in order to trench for its lines.