

Port of Anacortes
Regular Commission Meeting
April 7, 2011

The Port Commission of the Port of Anacortes held its regular business meeting at 7:00 P.M. on the evening of April 7, 2011. This was a regularly scheduled Commission Meeting held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Port Main Warehouse Building, 1st & Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington.

In Attendance: Commission President Rubin, Commission Vice-President Mooney, Commission Secretary Niver, Commissioner Hopley and Commissioner Short.

Also in attendance: Executive Director Hyde, Director of Operations & Facilities Hachey, Marina Manager Fowler, Environmental Administrator Thoman, Project Manager Dossen, Accounts Payable Specialist and Acting Director of Finance & Administration Fauver, and Executive Assistant Lindsey.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 P.M. Commission President Rubin called the regular meeting of April 7, 2011, to order and welcomed all in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Rubin opened the floor for public comment pertaining to items on the regular agenda. Noting there could be a number of people wishing to address the Commission, he asked that those speaking please limit their remarks to three minutes.

1. *Mr. Hal Rooks, 1219 10th Street, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mr. Rooks read from a prepared statement and noted he had several comments to make about the Port's continuing efforts to develop a Parking Policy and noted the two recent drafts of a policy, which he called Alternate 1 and Alternate 2, both of which were available on the Port's website. Of these two drafts, Mr. Rooks believed that Alternate 1 appeared to capture accurately the Commission's discussions, as well as being consistent with its Mission statement, Strategic Plan, and Comprehensive Plan, in regards to categories of users of parking and parking requirements. A copy of Mr. Rooks' comments will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.*

2. *Mrs. Marilyn Wells Derig, 1302 K Avenue, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mrs. Derig also read from a prepared statement, noting she had spoken before the Commission at their January 6th meeting earlier this year, to discuss the Port's developing policy regarding allotment of parking, which she applauded. Mrs. Derig noted she had attended the Commission's study sessions regarding parking as well, and recalled discussion of the need for the Port to follow the guiding principles of its Comprehensive Plan, which she quoted in regards to fostering economic developments which directly or indirectly lead to the creation and maintenance of family wage jobs, and to concentrate on developments for which the Port is uniquely qualified. Mrs. Derig urged the Commission to seek the highest and best use of Port properties and cited City code that parking should be on the same lot or within 1,000 feet of the building it is intended to serve. A copy of Mrs. Derig's statement will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.*

3. *Mr. Ed Bradley, 1403 7th Street, Anacortes, addressed the Commission, noting his support for the development of a parking policy. He read from a prepared statement and noted that the category of "Parking Leased to Others" in the draft of the policy was ambiguous and needed further definition. Mr. Bradley explained that parking for Port tenants and future tenants and their guests and customers were already included in the Port's Comprehensive Plan, listed in the drafts as priority 1 and 2 respectively. In*

the alternate draft, category 4, “parking leased by the Port to others, would then only refer to non-tenants of the Port and as such they would be a business or other entity seeking private parking. Mr. Bradley believed any such use would be non-conforming with respect to the Anacortes Municipal code, since the parking would not be co-located with the facility it is intended to serve. A copy of Mr. Bradley’s statement will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.

4. Mrs. Virginia E. “Bunny Heiner”, 804 K Avenue, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mrs. Heiner stated she had carefully read all three drafts of the proposed Port parking policy and highly recommended adoption of the March 17th version. She noted the March 17th version reflected the discussion of the Commission and the input from members of the audience, while being clear in its language and its representation of the Port’s Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. A copy of Mrs. Heiner’s prepared statement will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.

5. Mrs. Sharene Elander, 1406 8th Street, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mrs. Elander read from a prepared statement and observed that, like many others, she had followed the Commission’s discussions while working to develop a Port parking policy. She noted the meetings and study sessions were informative and enlightening and that she liked the informal, open manner of the discussions. Mrs. Elander stated that the March 17th version of the proposed policy best represented the Commission’s discussions and the prioritization of temporary parking. She stated she was puzzled by the Alternate II version and the scope of duties of the Executive Director as she believed those duties should remain with the elected Commissioners. Citing a concern for traffic impacts, she urged that any policy adopted by the Commission should be consistent with the Anacortes Municipal Code, provide notice of and an opportunity for a public hearing, and be decided on by the Commissioners. A copy of Mrs. Elander’s statement will be attached to the approved version of these minutes.

6. Mr. Tom Glade, 210 Mansfield Court, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. Mr. Glade noted he too was surprised at the Alternate II version and changes in the language regarding priority permanent uses. He noted that parking held for future permanent uses that was subsequently used for an interim lease should only be on a temporary use basis.

Commissioner Rubin noted that if there were no objections from the Commission, he would like to move Regular Agenda item #5 – Discussion item on the draft resolution for adopting a Port parking policy, to immediately following the Consent Agenda, allowing those in attendance to hear that discussion and then depart as desired. There were no objections from the Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Rubin read the consent agenda items: Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 3, 2011, Regular Meeting of March 3, 2011, and Special Meeting/Ribbon Cuttings of March 11, 2011, and Regular Meeting Work/Study Session of March 17, 2011; Approval of Vouchers No. 4-1 through 4-157 totaling (\$994,879.22); and Approval of the February 2011 Treasurer’s Report totaling \$13,744,497.91. Commissioner Rubin called for any objections to the consent agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion for approval. Commissioner Short moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Mooney seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

DISCUSSION ITEM

Draft Resolution – Adopting a Port Parking Policy -

Executive Director Hyde introduced Libby Grage and Fred Buckemeyer from the City of Anacortes Planning Department, who were present to respond to questions about the City's municipal code as applies to parking from the Commission.

Executive Director Hyde noted that during their last discussion, the Commission had requested that the same parking inventory done by staff for the Cap Sante Boat Haven be completed for the remaining Port properties. He reviewed available parking at the Anacortes Airport, totaling 319 spaces and noted there are usually up to 15 cars parked there full time as well as some leased individual outdoor RV storage. At the Marine Terminal, the Port has 153 spaces scattered throughout the terminal areas. Many of which are used by Port tenants for employee parking, and some are leased to Aeronautical Services and to United Parcel Service and Federal Express. Executive Director Hyde noted the fenced area by the Wyman's Ramp was not included in the parking calculation. He also observed that the employer in the Marine Terminal area, Dakota Creek Industries, buses a portion of its workforce into Anacortes from a parking area on Farm to Market Road.

Commissioner Rubin thanked Executive Director Hyde for his report and inquired whether parking in a public right of way is considered City or Port parking. Executive Director Hyde explained that on-street parking would belong to and be regulated by the City. Fred Buckemeyer explained that parking on city streets is on a first-come, first-served basis and this includes parking on city streets by the employees of Port tenants. He further explained that any new development would require its own off-street parking, confirmed by Libby Grage. Executive Director Hyde noted the "T" Avenue project as an example of the Port doing more than required for parking and roadway improvements, helping both the Port and City.

Executive Director Hyde explained that he had written the "Alternative II" draft version of the parking policy after reviewing the March 3rd and March 11th drafts. He found the policy needed to be less general in order for it to be successfully enforced, noting that in the Alternate II version he had moved up in priority parking "leased to others" for which the Port has a lease and receives a revenue. Additionally, Executive Director Hyde observed that areas of the Boat Haven parking were more than 1,000 feet from the facility, and thus the 1,000 foot requirement noted in City code would not be enough to reach the outer parking areas. He also stated he would like clarification from the Commission on charging versus non-charging for parking.

Commissioner Rubin asked for any questions from the Commission. Commissioner Short asked for clarification of the City's requirement for parking within 1,000 feet. Ms. Grage explained that City code calls for off-street parking to either be on the same lot or within 1,000 feet of the building it is intended to serve, except where a developed parking plan is in place.

Commissioner Niver noted the Port should be consistent with its Comprehensive Plan and inquired whether the Plan stated it was consistent with City rules. Executive Director Hyde confirmed that it did.

Commissioner Hopley asked for clarification on parking restrictions for commercial zones, such as the commercial marine zone. Ms. Grage noted the City has a list of uses for each zone as well as conditional uses for each. She observed that in many commercial zones, public, private and commercial parking were all permitted but with restrictions. These were listed in the City code for parking. Commissioner Hopley pointed out that this was a technical issue since the Port has said any parking policy would conform to the City code, and it sounded like a lease of parking to a business that was farther than 1,000 feet away would not be allowed.

Commissioner Rubin inquired whether the City makes exceptions for overflow parking, noting as example the Nelbro packing plant where parking was inadequate during seasonal workforce increase and employees were allowed to park elsewhere and were shuttled to the plant.

Mr. Measamer confirmed this, noting the Nelbro plant and the City has worked out a plan to bus employees in from off-site parking, taking pressure off of the neighborhood around the plant, which had inadequate parking. The plan was decided by the City Council.

Commissioner Short observed that the rule of 1,000 feet was to eliminate unnecessary traffic through residential zones. Commissioner Mooney noted that commercial parking was not permitted in residential zones without City approval.

Commissioner Rubin thanked Mr. Measamer and Ms. Grage for attending and inquired of the Commission whether it was sufficient to state that the Port's policy would comply with City code. Commissioner Niver noted that if the Port's plan was sufficient with its Comprehensive Plan, then it would already be in compliance. Commissioner Hopley favored specifically stating that the policy would conform with applicable City code.

Referring to the Alternate II draft, Commissioner Niver found the delegation of authority mentioned to be another question. He agreed that off-site contractors should not be a permanent use and should be moved to the temporary use category.

Commissioner Rubin explained that Executive Director Hyde had indicated that policy as of its last draft did not provide clear direction. He suggested the Commission return to that draft and insure it has clear direction for staff as well as contain a statement about adherence to City code.

Commissioner Mooney stated he did not agree with parking leased by the Port to others. Commissioner Rubin observed that the Port already leases parking. Executive Director Hyde noted that the Port also leases parking to courier services such as Fed Ex and UPS, providing them a place to park and load/unload vehicles on Curtis Wharf, as well as RV storage parking at the Airport. Commissioner Niver observed these are temporary uses, not outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Short noted that the courier services could be shifted to other areas if needed. Commissioner Mooney was of the opinion that RV's should not be parked at the Boat Haven and that the Port should consider parking fees for other than moorage and business tenants at the Boat Haven.

Executive Director Hyde inquired whether the Commission wished to place higher priority on fee-based parking than on free parking usage. Commissioner Rubin recalled the Commission's discussion about scarcity of parking being a deciding factor. He inquired if the Commission wanted to implement a permit or pay parking plan to insure priority parking needs were met. Commissioner Mooney noted the need for more adjacent property. Commissioner Niver noted that parking must be adequate to the facilities outlined in the Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Rubin inquired whether the determination of adequacy should be left up to the Executive Director. Commissioner Short believed temporary parking such as RV's at the north end of the Boat Haven was not a problem at present but the Executive Director should have the ability to make the Commission aware and then eliminate or move them if needed.

Commissioner Niver observed that future tenants were identified in the permanent usage section of the Commission's draft policy. Commissioner Hopley noted that early in discussions, the Commission had reviewed a chart of Comprehensive Plan land uses for the next 40 years

until the Port reaches projected capacity if that Plan was fully realized. Everything that fell below the line was identified as a permanent use that would need to be met and was already allotted parking for. He clarified that the Commission was seeking to prioritize the temporary, above the line, uses. He noted the Commission intentionally didn't spend time prioritizing Comprehensive Plan uses. The temporary uses would only be as space was available and the permanent use needs were met. He believed language should be specific that the Port would not enter into an agreement for parking that prevents other permanent uses. Commissioner Hopley further noted that the Port currently does experience scarcity of parking during festival times in Anacortes.

Commissioner Rubin inquired of the Commission whether the resolution should give the Executive Director the ability to put pay parking in place to deal with scarcity. Commissioner Short was of the opinion that the question of instituting pay parking should be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Niver believed that delegation to the Executive Director should be a separate resolution and not addressed under this policy. Commissioner Hopley agreed, noting there was a difference between a parking policy and a parking plan derived from that policy. He believed the Commission should set policy and the Executive Director should create a parking plan based on that policy and bring that plan back to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Hopley also wished to address concerns he had heard voiced over the Alternate II draft and how things of that nature are presented. He noted it was the policy of the Commission not to do things behind closed doors. He explained that the Commission President is authorized to have discussions with the Executive Director on the draft, but wished to be clear that the Alternate II draft had not been discussed by the Commission prior to this meeting.

Executive Director Hyde explained that he had drafted the Alternate II draft himself, using his expertise as a registered professional engineer, and posted and sent it out in an open and transparent manner in order to be provocative and stimulate discussion about some ambiguities in the last draft from the Commission.

Commissioner Rubin noted in summary that the next draft of a parking policy should state that the Port's policy was consistent with City code and that staff would work up a parking plan including provisions for pay and permit parking, with the matter of delegation to be taken up at a later date and once the parking policy had been adopted.

Commissioner Rubin called for a short break to allow those members of the audience who had come solely in regards to the parking policy discussions to have the opportunity to leave, and then returned to the Regular Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Interlocal Agreement with the City of Anacortes for Treatment of Storm and Process Water from Pier 2 -

This item requested Commission approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Port and the City for discharge of storm and process water from Pier 2 to the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility. Due to increasingly stringent regulations regarding the discharge, processing and treatment of water at marine terminals and other industrial facilities, the Port has determined the best method of handling storm and process water from Pier 2 was by discharging it to the City's facility which is best able to accommodate and handle the discharge. Executive Director Hyde reviewed the item and explained that the Port has been working with the City for about a year on the Agreement which is amenable to both parties and has been thoroughly reviewed by

Port legal counsel. Under the terms of the Agreement, the Port will pay the City a General Facilities Charge of \$639,349.00, payable in equal annual installments over a ten year period consistent with Anacortes Municipal Code, at 6% interest. The Port is paying on a gallon per gallon basis at about 30,000 gallons per year. The City will control the Port's two pumps via telemetry and can shut off the Port's pumps when needed, for example, during larger storm events. The Port will be able to retain the water temporarily at Pier 2 with improvements to the Port's detention pond and concrete curbing. Executive Director Hyde explained the other option would have been for the Port to build its own treatment plant and operators, which was projected to be more costly.

Commissioner Rubin called for any discussion and hearing none, called for a motion. Commissioner Mooney moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Anacortes for the discharge of Storm and Process Water from Pier 2 to the City's Waste Water Treatment Facility. Commissioner Short seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Terminal Use Agreement with Sulex, Inc. for the Shipment of Prilled Sulfur at Pier 2 –

Executive Director Hyde introduced Mr. Charles Montoya, head of the Sulex construction team for the new plant improvements being made by that company at their facility on Farm to Market Road to accommodate the prilled sulfur.

Executive Director Hyde reviewed information presented previously regarding prilled sulfur, a byproduct of the refining industry, its uses primarily as fertilizer, the participants in the venture, and local stakeholders. The Terminal Use Agreement is for 5 years with the option for 5 more. Both the Port and Sulex have an opt-out clause with two year's notice. Sulex will pay the Port fees for wharfage, service and facilities, and environmental fees, starting at \$12.50 per ton in year one and diminishing to \$10.50 a ton in year five to incent additional volumes. Vessel restrictions will be to the current bulk loading equipment, 40 foot draft with 106 foot beam width. Standard boilerplate language for indemnification and insurance as well as handling charges are included in the Agreement. The Port has obtained all permits and will install air monitoring equipment. If approved, the first ship would arrive for loading in August of this year.

Executive Director Hyde noted that the Port is also forming a Marine Terminal Advisory Committee (MTAC), just as it has for the Boat Haven and Anacortes Airport.

Commissioner Hopley observed that provisions for the MTAC were included in the Contingency Plan which he had reviewed last week. He noted the Plan states the Port will adopt the standard of 8 parts per billion at the property line, a generally accepted odor threshold, and a pretty vigorous standard. He inquired whether the Contingency Plan was an attachment to the Operating Agreement and was signed by all parties. Director of Operations & Facilities Hachey confirmed that it was. Commissioner Hopley reviewed Clause 13 of the Agreement regarding the responsibility for spills or environmental pollution as well as mitigating odor, for which he had concerns, seeing no clause for not accepting product. Director Hachey noted that the Port and Sulex are working under two different permits. The parts per billion maximum for odor for Sulex is 55 ppb. The Port will monitor the smell at its site. Once the prills are accepted on the conveyor belt at Pier 2, the Port becomes responsible for the product until it is in the hold of the ship. If odor readings at the fence line exceed 8 ppb, there are operational things that can be done to handle such an occurrence. However, neither Sulex nor the Port can operate beyond its

permits conditions. Commissioner Hopley noted the 8 ppb was primarily self-imposed with the actual permit being for ambiguous.

Hearing no other questions for staff, Commissioner Rubin called for a motion. Commissioner Short moved to authorize the Executive Director to execute the Terminal Use Agreement with Sulex, Inc. for the shipment of prilled sulfur at Pier Two. Commissioner Mooney seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for any additional discussion.

Commissioner Hopley stated that he appreciated that the Port had a standard of 8 ppb, which he deemed a real step in the right direction, which would be closely monitored. He noted he would vote in favor of the motion on the condition that the Port would have the ability to request a reduction in the prills concentration. He noted that 85% of emissions come from ship's holds. Director Hachey observed that the test shipment performed last year was new product taken directly from the refinery. The prilled sulfur will sit and be stored at the plant facility so it will have a longer time to de-gas and the smell to dissipate.

With discussion concluded, Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Material Procurement Authorization for H₂S Monitoring System at Pier 2 –

Executive Director Hyde briefed the item which requested purchase of a hydrogen sulfide gas monitoring system for Pier 2, in order to monitor levels of H₂S during the loading of sulfur prills. The system included two "OdoSulf" "nose" components, a weather station, computer control center and odor plume display and was approved by Northwest Clean Air Agency. The monitor for this system will be linked to the Port website. A spike in odor alerts key personnel including Port and Metropolitan Stevedoring. The Port worked with its air quality consultant CH2M Hill to identify a monitoring system that would meet the permit requirement for low level H₂S detection and also be a reliable, cost-effective, and information tool. The system costs, including project administration are projected at \$71,696.00. He introduced Environmental Administrator Thoman who was present to answer questions.

Commissioner Rubin called for a motion. Commissioner Short moved to authorize a material; procurement budget totaling \$71,696.00 to be spent from the General Fund to obtain an H₂S monitor as required by the Northwest Clean Air Agency Permit. Commissioner Niver seconded the motion. Commissioner Hopley stated it was important for a portion of the monitoring to measure the plume in its highest concentration, near the hold of the ship. Administrator Thoman explained that although a monitor would not be placed in the ship's hold, the Port would have two monitors, one at the loader and the other likely near Randy's Pier 61. Following a brief period of additional discussion about monitor location, Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

Material Procurement Authorization for Cap Sante Boat Haven West Basin Redevelopment Project, E & F Docks Replacement, Project #CSBH-08C –

Executive Director introduced Project Manager Jenkins Dossen who briefed the Commission on the item to authorize staff to proceed with material procurement elements associated with the replacement of E & F Docks at the Cap Sante Boat Haven. Manager Dossen noted the project entails the demolition of the existing 1968 floats and replacement with the same type of concrete monolith floats as C & D Docks with steel pilings replacing creosote timber pilings, and with new power pedestals and lighting. The new docks will also have ladders, fire extinguishers

and cabinets. Bellingham Marine will construct the new docks at their manufacturing plant in Ferndale via a quality controlled process. Floats will be delivered in October. Bellingham Marine's bid came in approximately \$400,000.00 under budget. Staff will come back to the Commission to accept the contract installation.

In response to questions from the Commission, Manager Dossen explained that there would be no need for opening in the dock surfaces for light filtration. This issue was resolved with the Department of Ecology last year. The main walkways will be ten feet wide with six foot and five foot fingers. The existing E & F Docks walkway will be removed and a new concrete connection to C & D Docks and the Central pier will be installed.

Executive Director Hyde observed the following funding sources: 2010 LTGO Build America Bonds - \$4,500,000; A Boating Infrastructure (BIG) Grant of \$1,500,000 and Port construction project funds. No dredging is needed at this time pending the outcome of the State of Washington's decisions regarding dioxin.

With discussion concluded, Commissioner Rubin called for a motion. Commissioner Mooney moved to authorize a budget totaling \$3,374,000 to be spent from the General Fund and Construction Fund to complete the procurement elements of the Cap Sante Boat Haven West Basin Redevelopment Project, E & F Docks Replacement, Project #CSBH-08C. Partial funding of \$610,276 will be reimbursed to the Port from BIG Grant – Pier 2 funds. Commissioner Niver seconded the motion. Commissioner Rubin called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Draft Resolution No. 1232 – Port Real Estate and Property Acquisition Policy –

Commissioner Rubin noted the highlighted section showing changes suggested by the Commission when the draft policy was last discussed. Executive Director Hyde reviewed the Commission's criteria and the actual disposition of Port properties, indicating the Port has close to the Commission recommended percentage of property for economic development, a lower that desirable percentage for public access, a high percentage of buffers, close to the recommended amount of waterfront property, and a high amount of mitigation property (some of which is required). Aerial photographs of Port properties were overlaid with indicators of each type of criteria represented.

Commissioner Rubin opened discussion, noting the draft resolution included a new statement dealing with demand and the need for additional properties, which he read aloud. Commissioner Short agreed with the updates to the draft. Commissioner Rubin questioned the word "significant" in the sentence to "...maintain a significant amount..." Commissioner Mooney supported the wording, noting the Port should look to obtain properties adjacent to current Port properties and thought that directive should be included, especially in light of the Commission's earlier parking discussion. Commissioner Hopley inquired whether that statement would in some way modify the percentages discussed.

Commissioner Rubin noted that at the last discussion, the Commission had decided the one item that was not included that needed to be was for staff to be looking, to be prepared and to anticipate need. Commissioner Niver requested the word "economic" be removed so that the policy statement would be all-inclusive. This met with the approval of the Commission as did

leaving the word “significant”. The resolution will be brought back for final discussion and action at the next regular meeting.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Remote Meeting Attendance / Tele-conferencing –

Commissioner Rubin asked for discussion on the attendance of meetings via speakerphone or other tele-conferencing method. He noted it could be difficult for the Commissioner calling in to the meeting to hear the other Commissioners and occasionally vice-versa. He inquired whether the Commission wished to revisit either upgrades to equipment or to disallow attendance in this manner for meetings. Commissioner Mooney noted he had participated in meetings in this manner, on average twice per year, and that he had experienced trouble hearing all speakers clearly. Commissioner Short suggested the Port Commission consider skipping a meeting during the slower months of January and February, allowing for vacations. Commissioner Mooney favored the purchase of better equipment. Commissioner Rubin requested that staff look into the costs and functions of newer equipment.

Commissioner Hopley noted that the Port has a five member Commission, with only three needed in attendance to have a quorum and conduct business. He found use of the speakerphone disruptive and didn't know if an upgrade to the system would improve that disruption. Commissioner Rubin noted that there was more to communication than listening, taking into account facial reactions. Commissioner Niver noted there are very few government meetings that are as open as the meetings of the Port, in which the Commissioners engaged in real debate and not merely speeches. He believed having the Commissioners present was best and found the telecommunication attendance a failure.

Sulfur Dust –

Commissioner Hopley noted that the Port Commission had talked a little about the potential for sulfur dust which had very small particles and can become airborne and act like a gas. He noted sulfur is not reactive but was still a concern. He explained he had contacted Dr. Peter Clark who authored an article on the corrosiveness of sulfur on steel and the rusting it can cause. He spoke to the need to be aware of the corrosion due to the large amount of steel in the Pier 2 area. Commissioner Hopley didn't think this would be a large problem, but encouraged staff to stay on top of that aspect. Executive Director Hyde noted that Sulex was supplying new trucks, a sweeper, misting, and complete cleaning of the loader, and use of the truck wash as part of the process to minimize any dust.

COMMUNICATIONS

Puget Sound Rope Office - Executive Director Hyde reported that a tentative date of April 29th had been set for the groundbreaking for the Puget Sound Rope office building, pending Commission approval of the bid amount later this month.

Community Tour – The next tour of Port projects will be held April 11th, starting at 4 p.m. at the former Scott Paper Mill Site and Seafarers' Memorial Park area, which was coming along well.

Opening Day of Boating Season – Executive Director Hyde noted that the Port would hold its second annual opening day celebration on the 7th of May on the Central Pier at Cap Sante Boat Haven.

Passagemaker Magazine Trawlerfest will be in its 4th year here May 9-14th. Commissioner Rubin noted that the Port of Anacortes and Cap Sante Boat Haven made the cover of the magazine this month.

The grand re-opening of the Seafarers' Memorial Park will take place on May 20th beginning at 11:30 a.m. A Ribbon Cutting ceremony and community barbeque are among the events planned.

Also on the 20th is the annual Waterfront festival Kick-off Dinner, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Transit Shed, followed by the Waterfront Festival May 21-22nd at the Boat Haven.

Coming this summer to the Boat Haven is a concert by Jesse Colin Young, appearing August 6th at the Seafarers' Memorial Park. This paid concert is separate from the free Friday night concerts with tickets available at brownpapertickets.com or by calling the Snohomish Artists Guild.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Executive Director Hyde reviewed the Commission's upcoming meeting schedule. The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Skyline Beach Club. The Commission will hold one regular meeting in May on May 7th in the Commission Meeting Room. The second regular meeting in May will be cancelled as members of the Commission and staff are attending the Washington Public Ports Association spring meeting in Blaine.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Rubin opened the public comment period for items not on the regular agenda.

1. *Mr. Tom Glade, 210 Mansfield Court, Anacortes, addressed the Commission. He noted he had grown up in Texas and his grandmother was an orphan of the 1900 flood and Texas City disaster that occurred when a ship loaded with ammonium nitrate caught fire, spread to a second ship and killed a large number of firefighters. He noted ammonium nitrate was much more harmful than sulfur. Mr. Glade explained that at his company's test lab they have a large hydraulic pump which once broke a fitting and shot a geyser of oil up and burst a light bulb, setting off a fire. At each exit there is a large red button to hit to shut all of the pumps off. Siting the recent 9.0 earthquake in Japan, Mr. Glade noted that things happen and should be discussed as possible, such as a fire on a ship with sulfur. He noted that sulfur doesn't blow up but can make a poisonous gas. He suggested random fire drills as they have at his boat building business.*

Hearing no one else with a desire to address the Commission, the public comment period was closed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Short moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Niver. Commissioner Rubin called for the vote on the motion, which carried unanimously and at 9:49 P.M. the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Keith Rubin, President

Pat D. Mooney, Vice-President

Ray Niver, Secretary

Steve Hopley, Commissioner

William L. Short, Commissioner

Julie Johnson Lindsey, Executive Assistant
April 7, 2011