

Port of Cascade Locks

The Port of Cascade Locks Commission Business Meeting was held Thursday June 7, 2018 at the City of Cascade Locks Council Chambers, Cascade Locks, OR 97014.

- 1) **Commission meeting called to order:** CP Groves called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
 - o **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - o **Roll Call:** Commissioners Groves, Stipan, Bump, Lorang were present. Commissioner Caldwell was excused.
Others Present: GM Paul Koch, Port Attorney Tommy Brooks, Bridge of the Gods Manager Ryan Vollans, Accounting Specialist Melissa Warren, Justin Bernt, Chris Bores, Mark Sedar, Rachel Powlitz, Bill Hankel, Ken Royer, Marie Miller and Camera Operator Betty Rush.
 - o **Modification, Additions & changes to the agenda:** - Item 3e was pulled from the agenda.
 - o **Declaration of Potential Conflicts of Interest:** - None
- 2) **Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes) – None**
 - a. **Presentation from Dan Dulaney regarding the future of the Disc Golf Course in the Business Park and review of the original proposal –** Dan Dulaney came and discussed the vision for the future of the Disc Golf Course in the Business Park, keeping in mind that the course will go away if any property is lease or sold in the Business Park. GM Koch will look into Maintenance for the course in the meantime. Dan is moving to the East coast and would like to come out in the summers and work on the course. No action was taken.

Special Presentations & Reports by outside resources, staff & Government Officials –

- a. **Report of City – City Administrator Gordon Zimmerman** CA Zimmerman stated there has been a total of 96 building permits in the last year. This adds up to a total of a 20% increase in building in three years. He stated the final hookups where the waterlines meet the main water lines are being completed on the Water Project. It should be done in about a week, and the water tank project should be completed by the end of September. He stated the well development project will then start and added the City is excited about that. CA Zimmerman stated the preliminary applications are in for the Waste Water Treatment project with Oregon Business Development Department. Future electrical and power needs were discussed with the Commission.
- b. **Final report regarding Marine Park ODOT Overcrossing –** Justin Bernt, Engineer with ODOT was present to give the final report on the Marine Park Overcrossing project. Over the past three years, ODOT staff has met with the Commission as the design was being developed. ODOT was contracted with the work when the Port received \$800,000 in "earmarked" money a number of years ago to develop a safer entry into Marine Park. ODOT has coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and now has a final proposed plan for the design into the Park. Justin addressed the Commission stating that that ODOT has put together as much scoping as possible with the limited budget and limited resources and not a clearly defined estimate of costs. He stated he is unsure if the Tribes will be involved or if there will be archaeological or cultural sites involved. He stated the Railroad has been contacted and is aware that the facility will be built over the tracks. This

will involve negotiations and the RR is aware of this. All steel has to come from the United States, but there may be a waiver on the elevator as most are not made in the U.S. Justin stated SHPO will not approve any project until it is 60% planned. The latest rendering was shown. The alternative chosen was a staircase and elevator from Overlook Park into Marine Park. The timeline and schedule were also discussed. CP Groves said he does not see any issues. How to move forward was discussed. Grants applications, discussions with the Tribes and Railroad will be needed in order to begin. ODOT will have to contract this out. Bret Richards of ODOT will be retiring. GM Koch thanked ODOT and recommended that this project be referred to the Economic Development subcommittee for further development and possibly assign to the Legislative priority list.

COMMISSIONER STIPAN MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE PLAN FOR THE MARINE PARK OVERCROSSING AS PROPOSED BY STAFF OF ODOT AND REFER IT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORANG. The motion was unanimous. 4-0.

- c. **Status report #2 on Pony Task Force** - Marie Miller, Chair of the Pony Task Force reported that they have been meeting regularly carrying out the responsibility given to them by the Commission. She stated the preferred location for the new Pony building is East end is eliminated because of cost and lack of visibility. The other was the House 3 and the current site of the Museum, site of the current Museum. They took site tours of the Park had a full discussion and after full consideration decided to keep it in the current location for these reasons: they would have a visitor center, a living museum and a would raise \$2 million to build this. The House 3 incubator site would serve as an incubator site and after TIB moves out they would store there. Constructed by the end of 2028. One concept was the site selection is West of Museum. One oversees the Locks. Other elements would include an education program, wheelchair access and more parking. The purpose is to tie the community and the Pony building together. Concept 2 was chosen because it faces the river and locks. It will be centralized and next to the Museum and the Pony building. There will be more pathways tying the park together. The Task Force will continue to meet this summer and will work on costs and will come back to the Commission to report in August. Architect Mark Sedar showed some design concepts for the new building.
- d. **Report from Forest Service regarding status of hiking trails** - Rachel Powlitz from the US Forest Service in the National Scenic Area, was present and gave an update on the progress of the trails after the Eagle Creek Fire. She stated that today there are plans to open up the Pacific Crest Trail and most of the trails east of Cascade Locks next week. Wyeth trail will not open at the campground yet. Rachel stated that Starvation Ridge has opened. The trails in the burned area will have limited access. There will be 25 feet on each side of the trail open. Hikers could be cited if they leave the trail, stating there are safety and environmental reasons. Rachel stated that there 90 miles in the NSA that were burned. In May, 60 miles have been assessed. Some are being cleared of limbs, logs and rocks. The trails are being rebuilt but not up to standards, however there are winter trail maintenance plans to improve the trails. She stated that there were many seasonal workers hired to get the trails opened. Many were seasonal fire fighters. She stated the remaining hazards are rock slides, fragile soils, burnt and standing trees and falling rocks. Land slides are triggered by heavy rains as well and may happen five years after decomposition of the roots after the fires. Rachel stated that the trails west of Multnomah falls may open by the end of the year. The trails in the middle were hit the worst and there is no timeline to open them. CP Groves


asked about the timeline for opening for the Historic Highway. Rachel stated they have been assessed but have not necessarily worked on. Many are very dangerous and are still closed and there are ongoing conversations as to when the highway will open. Granting and funding for emergency fire services were discussed. Rachel stated there are many volunteer organizations involved as well to help restore the trails. CP Groves stated last week there was a "flare up" at Herman Creek and is concerned these things could happen over the summer. He wrote the Governor that Cascade Locks does not have adequate fire services and it is a good idea to clean up the area around Cascade Locks. He also stated flying drones over the area to keep an eye on hot spots. Rachel stated there was a hot spot in March by McChord Creek. It was a smoking tree in the snow. They put a sprinkler on it and it went out. Rachel stated to report any flare ups. She acknowledged it is a risk and there is a fear here.

e. Report on BUILD Grants -- Removed from agenda

4) Commissioner and Commission sub-committee reports: CP Groves stated there was an Economic Development subcommittee meeting and discussed what the Port has done to help the City and its electrical needs, adding that the City does need more electrical power. He said the Fire Department is paid off. He said the rates will be raised this year. Commissioner Lorang stated that City tax revenue has increased as well. CP Groves stated there will be a Joint Port/City meeting on June 25 to discuss working together and the ongoing projects.


5) Adjournment: COMMISSIONER CALDWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BUMP. The motion was unanimous. 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Port of Cascade Locks:



Jess Groves, President
Port Commission

Attest:



Joëinne Caldwell, Secretary
Port Commission

DATE APPROVED: 7/20/18

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