

MINUTES
WORKSHOP SESSION
OCTOBER 12, 2004
PORT COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Vice President Jim Bergeron called the workshop session to order and took roll call.

Commissioners present: Jim Bergeron, Dan Hess and Don McDaniel. Larry Pfund arrived during the meeting, Glenn Taggart is excused.

Staff present: Bill Cook, Ron Larsen, Rita Fahrney and Port Attorney, Heather Reynolds.

Others present: See sign-in sheet.

COLUMBIA PACIFIC AIRLINES PRESENTATION. Ron Larsen announced John Overholser, a principle with Columbia Pacific Airlines, will give a presentation on his new air carrier service. Also in the audience are members of TSA (Transportation Security Administration), Rob Mangold who chairs the Air Carrier Taskforce Committee, Bruce Conner with Sundial Travel and Roilyn Williams who will be working with John on operations pertaining to the new service.

John Overholser stated the service is more than a vision, it's a reality. A plane is in place, a twin-engine 10-seat Navajo Chieftain and he is now working with the FAA to do the paperwork needed. Overholser remarked he hopes to start the service with three flights a day to Portland, beginning early next year. He has hired three local people and everyone he has talked to in the community has been supportive and enthusiastic. Ron Larsen added the Port wants to do whatever is necessary to make John's venture successful which includes the Port putting together a security plan in accordance with TSA regulations and there will also need to be a security plan approved for the airline. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the space needed for the terminal facility.

Discussion followed about the security requirements. Steve Crawford of TSA explained some of the challenges that may be encountered getting through the security requirements, especially with the tight restrictions in place since 911.

STAFF REPORTS

Bill Cook reported on the following:

- Staff is working on boat yard policies and procedures and is working out a plan to allow public access to the facility on the week-ends.

- Two yacht manufacturers have contacted the Port interested in setting up businesses in the boat yard. He commented about the value of maintaining marine waterfront land for future development.
- The haul-out facility has conducted 43 lifts through September.
- Englund Marine is progressing with final design developing and electrical re-route planning underway.
- Bornstein's development is also proceeding; the Requests for Proposals for architect resulted in seven proposals. These have been narrowed to three that staff and Howard Clark will be meeting with on Wednesday.
- The Conference Center planning is behind in demolition about eight months. OPSIS will be meeting with the taskforce team soon. An enhanced rendering of the Conference Center plan is forthcoming.
- The River Trail from Holiday Inn Express to Portway Street has been graded and is ready for paving.

Commissioner Hess asked for a dredge update and commented about concerns he heard from the Bar Pilots about a hump in the slip where a cruise ship was docked. Cook replied the dredge crew is ready to begin dredging; however, there are issues on a permit, due to DDT's found in slip one. He further explained there is no hump in the pier one slip and this was verified by recent, accurate soundings done with the Port's new soundings computer program.

Ron Larsen reported work is beginning on developing a new Airport Master Plan. A meeting with the commission to discuss policy-type issues is needed. It was agreed to hold a meeting at 4:00 p.m on October 28th.

Commissioner Bergeron briefly reported on a meeting in Vancouver set up to meet with politicians regarding the issue of dredge spoils across the jetty. He noted a new director will be hired at CREST.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.