

MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004
PORT OF ASTORIA COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Chairman Larry Pfund called the Special Meeting to order and took roll call.

Commissioners present: Don McDaniel, Jim Bergeron, Glenn Taggart, Dan Hess and Larry Pfund.

Staff present: Peter Gearin, Bill Cook, Ron Larsen, Rita Fahrney. Port Attorney, Heather Reynolds arrived during the meeting.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AND ORDER NO. 2004-13.

Bill Cook advised staff is seeking authorization to pursue a Transportation Enhancement Grant available through ODOT to connect the Astoria RiverTrail to the Port of Astoria trail system. The trail would encompass the Hamburg Street area to the western edge of pier three (north tip). In order to complete the trail it will be necessary for the Port to acquire 7.5 acres of land owned by the Division of State Lands. An appraisal done in 1999 applied a value of \$180,000 to the land. The program fund allows for purchase of property. The total cost of the project is \$675,990. A Port match of \$69,424 can be used from the Astor West Urban Renewal funds. The City of Astoria will be asked to send a letter of support for this grant at their board meeting. The funds would be secured for an approximate October 2005 time frame.

Commissioner Bergeron inquired whether the trail would be locked in forever, given the grant conditions, precluding use of the area in the future. He noted the property is high value and it would be wise to retain the ability for change for future options. Discussion followed. Commissioner McDaniel noted the resolution is authorization to apply for the grant. The Commission will have the opportunity to review the conditions prior to acceptance. Some discussion followed on future uses of the land and cost sources, including use of the Astor West Urban Renewal funds.

Commissioner Bergeron moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-13 Authorizing the Port of Astoria to apply for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for Development of a Public Access Trail at the Port of Astoria. Commissioner Taggart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the special meeting was adjourned.