PORT OF THE DALLES COMMISSION

Regular Session Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 14, 2021 Port of The Dalles Office, The Dalles, Oregon

The Regular Session Meeting of the Port Commissioners was called to order by President Greg Weast at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL Executive Assistant Toepke

COMMISSION Greg Weast, Robert Wallace, Staci Coburn, David Griffith, John Willer

<u>STAFF</u> Andrea Klaas, Executive Director; Jennifer Toepke, Executive Assistant; Anna Shank-Root, Land Use Strategist & Policy Analyst; Bill Dick, Attorney; and Angie Macnab, Contracted Port Bookkeeper

GUESTS Scott Baker, Executive Director, Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE President Weast

AGENDA CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS None

OATH OF OFFICE Attorney William Dick

Commissioner Position 1 Robert Wallace Commissioner Position 3 John Willer

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Commissioner Greg Weast, M/R. Wallace S/S. Coburn, Motion Approved Unanimously Vice-President: Commissioner Wallace, M/S. Coburn S/D. Griffith, Motion Approved Unanimously Secretary: Commissioner David Griffith, M/S. Coburn S/R. Wallace, Motion Approved Unanimously Treasurer: Commissioner Staci Coburn, M/R. Wallace, S/D. Griffith, Motion Approved Unanimously

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Commissioner John Willer

PUBLIC COMMENT OR QUESTION None

COMMUNITY PARTNER UPDATES Scott Baker, Executive Director, Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation

- ➤ Parks received an ODOT Bike and Pedestrian Grant for \$2.6 million to construct the Mill Creek Greenway, a spur of the Riverfront Trail. Their application was the highest scoring in the State. The trail is intended to be 3 miles long to link the West side of town kids will have a safe way to get to the swimming pool.
- > A large part of the community does not use the swimming pool due to barriers like cost and transportation. The Park's has scholarships for families in need. LINK provides free transportation.
- Sorosis Park: Park's received advise from 3 arborists they all said the trees had to come down. 485 in 2021; 110 in 2020; 155 in 2019. The intent is to make Sorosis Park better than it was. Robust public outreach is happening this summer to hear what the community wants the park to look like. It is not possible to do it alone they are asking for help from the City, County, plus grants and Federal funds opportunities. The fundraising goal is \$1.1 million the \$100k is for the extra's.
- Commissioner Coburn thanked ED Baker for his hard work on funding and success.
- Commissioner Griffith asked if there is any traction for a Dog Park? ED Baker explained that when John Chavers approached the Park's Board, he was saying the Dog Park would be on Port Property so the Parks Board did not move forward with their planned Dog Park. Now that The Dalles Mainstreet is no longer pursuing a Dog Park Parks & Rec will probably be looking into a Dog Park but first there is a ton of deferred maintenance to be accomplished and the skate park project was never completed so these will be addressed first.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS As included in meeting packet, plus Commissioner Weast "nominated" newly sworn in Commissioner Willer to join Executive Director Klaas on KODL Coffee Break

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. June 9, 2021, Regular Session Meeting Minutes were Approved by Consensus
- 2. June 2021 Financial Reports were Approved by Consensus
- 3. Nominate Executive Assistant Toepke to Wasco County Economic Development M/G. Weast, S/D. Griffith, Motion Approved Unanimously
- 4. Update Columbia Bank Account Signers: Remove past Commissioner Mike Courtney & add Commissioner John Willer were Approved by Consensus

REPORTS

- 1. The Dalles Marina, LLC: Q4/FY 2020/2021 Report Owner-Operator Macnab
- 2. Staff Report Executive Director Klaas Stands as included in meeting packet, plus: The Columbia River Gorge Commission Management Plan was put in place, but that does not mean that it cannot be modified. If there is a change in conditions, it would be opened and changed. For example, it says there is X acres available for business, if/when the Google Gorgeous Project starts, we'd need to remove land from that so going back to expand the Urban Growth Boundary. What is needed are predictable steps forward whether its 100 or 20 steps there needs to be a straightforward process.
- 3. RARE Report Land Use Strategist and Policy Analyst Shank-Root Stands as included in meeting packet
- 4. Committee Reports
 - ➤ Community Outreach Team Commissioner Weast It looks like the team trip to Washington D.C. may happen in September Congressman Bentz is ready to meet in person.
 - > Wasco County Economic Development No Port representation until EA Toepke is accepted on committee
 - > Urban Renewal Commissioner Coburn There was no meeting in July
 - ➤ Dufur Commissioner Wallace Thank you to everyone for visiting Dufur last month. We need to have another meeting there so Commissioner Coburn can join and see the new revamped Dufur. There are several fires in the area large and small. 35-40 days ahead of the season. It's cooked some cherries right on the tree's and killed some fish locally and throughout the region.
 - ➢ Griffith All about Cherries in the month of July (provided meeting attendees with a handout). The Chamber keeps growing and networking. Executive Director Klaas will be the speaker for the Chamber's Government session.

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 7:54 P.M. & EXECUTIVE SESSION COMMENCED AT 7:55 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M. & REGULAR SESSION RESUMED AT 8:11 P.M.

COMMISSION CALL

- 1. Commissioner Griffith Thanked Andrea & Angie for what they did at the Marina [related to the fire].
- 2. <u>Commissioner Wallace</u> Doesn't know if there is an emergency preparedness plan but staff did great, all very organized.
- 3. <u>Commissioner Coburn</u> Thanked staff for work at Marina. Told a story reference a guest inquiring about the city & river proves that the wayfinding signage will be quite useful!
- 4. <u>Commissioner Willer</u> Glad to be here looks forward to rebuilding the Marina for bigger and better, to make it safer and better.
- 5. <u>Commissioner Weast</u> Agrees with what all Commissioners said about the Marina was out of town and found that when he suggested something it was already done. Real Estate Committee Robert Wallace to replace former Commissioner Courtney.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE PORT COMMISSION, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

PORT OF THE DALLES:

Greg Weast, President Board of Commissioners

David Griffith, Secretary Board of Commissioners

DATE APPROVED: August 11, 2021

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