

Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015

The Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) is pleased to provide the Port of Seattle Commission with this report of its activities for the years 2014 and 2015.

Composition of NAC

NAC community representation is comprised of eight voting members, four from each community. Representatives serving their communities were:

Magnolia Community Council

Carol Burton, President
Nancy Bainbridge Rogers
Fred Rapaport
Tom Tanner
Bruce Carter, Alternate

Queen Anne Community Council

Ellen Monrad, Chair
Glenn Avery
Don Harper
Jim Smith
Charles Bookman, Alternate

John Kriese served as NAC Chair. His service was provided through 501 Commons, a non-profit organization. Pam Xander, of SoundEarth Strategies, Inc., prepared summaries of each NAC meeting. Rosie Courtney is the primary Port representative and staff support for NAC. Additional Port staff that attended one or more meetings in 2014 and 2015 are: Jim Anderson, George Blomberg, Mike Burke, Fred Chou, Marie Ellingson, Greg Englin, Joseph Gellings, Mike McLaughlin, Mike Merritt, Paul Meyer, Lindsay Pulsifer and Christine Wolf. Marni Heffron, Heffron Transportation, briefed NAC on traffic studies prepared for the Port.

Meetings

NAC met monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. The principal activity was dialog among NAC members and between NAC and Port staff regarding Terminal 91 including the North Bay area. NAC also discussed issues geographically adjacent, or outside NAC's purview, that could affect Port operations within the NAC area. Staff participation included briefings, updates, and responses to NAC questions and concerns. Detailed summaries of each meeting are available in the Minutes posted at

<http://www.portseattle.org/Supporting-Our-Community/Community-Engagement/Pages/NAC.aspx>.

General Value of NAC

The Magnolia Community Council and the Queen Anne Community Council affirm that NAC has a constructive and positive value to both the Port and neighboring

communities. Participants all view the committee and its meetings to be informative, cooperative, and a desirable forum for discussion and consensus building. The underlying Short Fill Redevelopment Agreement (NAC Agreement) has proven effective for its purposes to date.

In 2014, NAC was not consulted in advance in two instances where decisions were made that fall squarely within the consultation provisions of the Agreement under which NAC operates. While not the norm, the two instances were the Terminal 91 lighting project and the relocation of the fire boat. In both these instances, NAC members learned about these developments from direct observation or community contacts. The Port staff were very responsive once the NAC members called the projects to their attention, but the commitment to consult NAC in advance was at the beginning of 2014 being honored in the breach, not in the spirit of the Agreement. With the recent change in the management and regular participation at NAC meetings by the Maritime Division Managing Director, the Port of Seattle seems to be paying more attention to NAC including bringing matters to NAC before they happen, not after.

Representatives from both community councils appreciate the opportunities to meet with Commissioner Courtney Gregoire and Port CEO Ted Fick. Lindsay Pulsifer's (Maritime Division Managing Director) participation in NAC meetings is also much appreciated. The discussions with these senior individuals demonstrate the Port's continued commitment to working with its Terminal 91 neighbors.

Ongoing Issues for NAC

During 2014 and 2015 the issues below were the most significant to NAC.

1. Terminal 91 Lighting Replacement

- a. In July 2014, a NAC neighborhood representative discovered the City of Seattle issued a permit in June 2014 authorizing replacement of lighting at Terminal 91, including the cruise parking lot, with new LED lighting.
- b. A Port representative provided a briefing to the NAC on the replacement project during the September 2014 meeting. The Port is replacing existing lights with new technology (LED) together with new fixtures, shields, and controls. The new lights will be installed on existing poles.
- c. Lighting and lumen levels are critical elements of the NAC agreement. The Port said it will take steps to respond to complaints about lights and will make lumen level measurements to ensure compliance with the NAC agreement. The NAC established a subcommittee to track the issue and to provide for a more rapid turnaround of information.
- d. Installation of lights and controls and the major portion of the shields were completed in December 2015. We are awaiting commissioning, which is scheduled for March 2016. Adjustments are being made and will continue to be

made as needed to insure compliance with the NAC agreement. Neighborhood representatives have asked for written standards on how the new lights will be controlled. In addition, they have asked the Port to provide guidance to ship captains to minimize the impact of ship lights on neighbors.

2. Terminal 91 temporary fireboat facility

a. In May 2014, a NAC neighborhood representative discovered the Port of Seattle had issued a SEPA determination for a temporary fireboat facility at Terminal 91. The SEPA was for actions necessary to relocate the Seattle Fire Department fireboat facility from the Colman Dock to Terminal 91 while the seawall work is underway. NAC members had numerous questions about the plan, including several about noise and lighting.

b. In June 2014, NAC members toured the Colman Dock fireboat station and received an overview of fireboat station operations. The Port provided copies of plans, permit applications and the SEPA checklist for the new temporary fireboat facility at Terminal 91. The Port said their procedures should prevent a failure to inform the NAC about changes at Terminal 91 from occurring again.

3. Traffic

NAC community representatives discussed revising traffic monitoring provisions in the NAC Agreement. Traffic counts have exceeded trigger levels (in the NAC Agreement) for a number of years. The discussion originated from a proposal from the Port's contractor, Heffron Transportation, to change frequency of reporting, data collection, and trigger levels. The NAC neighborhood representatives believe it is inappropriate to change the NAC agreement at this time because neither the Port nor the city has developed a plan for the area.

4. Bike Trail

NAC community representatives support the idea of an east-west pedestrian/bicycle trail across port property at Terminal 91. An east-west trail would link the new Smith Cove Park with Centennial Park, and it would link up with a connecting trail being developed in the W Galer St. right-of-way to provide a direct and convenient link between Magnolia and the regional trail system that passes through Centennial Park on its way downtown. NAC members participated with Port staff and city officials in an informational tour of the Port property that would be crossed by a new trail link. The Port CEO and also the Maritime Division Managing Director expressed their support for the idea to NAC.

5. Terminal 86 Public Art Proposal

a. Betty Winfield briefed the NAC on her ideas for public art on the Terminal 86 silos. The NAC did not take a position on her ideas and recommended she contact neighbor councils to get their input on the proposed project. The NAC agreement states "NAC has, in the past, also been used as a forum to discuss and resolve problems over Terminal 86. NAC may continue to discuss and

resolve problems over Terminal 86, but Port operations at and development of Terminal 86 are not subject to any of the provisions of this Agreement.”

6. Other Topics (See Minutes for details)

- a. Expedia re-location to the former Amgen facility
- a. King County CSO construction details
- b. The newly formed Seaport Alliance between the Port of Seattle and the Port of Tacoma
- c. Tank Farm cleanup activities
- d. Magnolia Bridge replacement planning
- e. Terminal 91 Building W-50 (Northwest Harvest Building) demolition
- f. Reorganization of the Seaport and Real Estate Divisions of the Port of Seattle
- g. Planning for Fishermen’s Terminal

Of Specific interest to the Commissioners.

NAC community members urge the Commissioners to continue to engage with City of Seattle leaders and to advocate for a more holistic approach in the city’s planning activities. Planning for the Ballard Interbay area should include potential impacts on Terminal 91 and traffic flow on adjacent streets. The continuing viability and replacement of the Magnolia Bridge is of particular importance.

Other Matters

We invite each and all Commissioners to attend a NAC meeting at your convenience. Meetings are usually on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM in the Port’s third floor east conference room.

NAC thanks the Port Commissioners for the opportunity to provide this report on behalf of the Magnolia and Queen Anne communities. We will be happy to respond to any questions or concerns you might have.