

Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2008

The Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) is pleased to provide the Port of Seattle Commission with this report of its activities for the year 2008. The NAC and the communities we represent offer this information as part of our very important and valued communication link with the Port.

Composition of NAC

NAC community representation is comprised of eight voting members, and two alternates. Representatives serving their communities for the 2008 term were:

<u>Maanolia Community Club</u>	<u>Queen Anne Community Council</u>
Nancy Bainbridge Rogers (Pres., MCC)	Ellen Monrad (Pres., QACC)
Marianne Parks	Don Harper
Kevin Patrick	Kirk Robbins
Fred Rapaport	Jim Smith
Steve Erickson (Alternate)	Ron Mason (Alternate)

Bruce Laing served as NAC Chair and Cecil Gray served as NAC Interim Chair during 2008. Their services were provided through Executive Services Corps of Washington, a non-profit organization. Christa Dumpys, City of Seattle; Department of Neighborhoods coordinator for the Queen Anne and Magnolia District, provided a valuable link between NAC and the City. Pam Xander, of Xander & Associates, provided environmental consulting services and prepared summaries of each NAC meeting. Marie Fritz is the primary Port representative and staff support for NAC. Additional Port staff that attended one or more meetings in 2008 are: Mark Griffin, Sally del Fierro, Phil Lutes, Mike McLaughlin, Joe McWilliams, Paul Meyer, and Geri Poor. NAC especially appreciates the attendance of commissioner Gael Tarleton and the briefing she presented in June.

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 and 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 minutes of each meeting are available.

General value of NAC

All participating parties affirm that NAC has a constructive and positive value to both the Port and neighboring communities. Participants all view the forum and its meetings to be informative, cooperative, and a desirable forum for discussion

and consensus building. The underlying NAC agreement has proven effective for its purposes to date.

Ongoing Critical Issues for NAC

During 2008 the following issues were the most significant to NAC:

Reaching an understanding, captured in writing, between the Port Commission and NAC as to what would constitute a written "trigger" for a potential amendment of the formal NAC agreement. NAC members and Port representatives agree that any perceived need for change would best follow the approach described in the section "Of specific interest to the Commissioners" on page 3, below.

Proposed North Bay development itself—its status, its design, and its impacts.

Potential traffic impacts from transfer of cruise ship operations to pier 91, specifically, volumes, flow design, and City actions affecting traffic **to/from** cruise terminal.

Potential impacts upon **Port/NAC** area resulting from external issues, the most important being a viaduct replacement. Others that NAC followed were BAT lanes on Elliott Ave, fire station #20 replacement, and a potential jail sited at Inter-Bay.

Potential opening of vehicle **access** on the north end of North Bay.

General topics reviewed through out the year

NAC monitors many topics related to pier 91 and North Bay:

- Noise
- Traffic issues
- Construction activities at and around terminals 90 and 91, specifically the cruise terminal
- Dredging operations
- Tenant activities and changes, **e.g.**, Korry Electronics proposed lease, Carnitech **signage**.

Additional information presented to NAC

Port representatives have been forthright in sharing information of possible relevance to NAC. Examples include:

- Motions of the Port of Seattle Commission.
- Port environmental impact issues.
- Lease to First Student for bus parking.
- Cruise Industry Waste Management Practices and Procedures.
- Prospective planning for cruise terminal operations.

This material was reviewed and discussed by NAC participants who uniformly appreciate the availability of such information.

Other matters

NAC appreciates the invitations it has received to Port sponsored events, such as the Fall "101" educational tours and the open house for Magnolia and Queen Anne Communities.

Of Specific interest to the Commissioners

Plans for development and operations at both Terminal 91 and North Bay raise the potential for conflicts with provisions of the Short Fill Redevelopment Agreement (Agreement). NAC believes, and both Port Commissioners and staff have mutually agreed, the following approach is desirable and will be the approach taken: Port staff will *informally* "scope" specific issues and use the scoping process as a basis for discussion with NAC. This informal dialogue **will** be completed prior to any formal triggering or proposals regarding the existing Agreement.

NAC members worry about a viaduct replacement having negative impacts upon Port operations, specifically the cruise terminal, in the NAC area. We encourage the Commissioners to assess the attributes of a replacement that **would** be vital to the Port and to strongly asset these to influence the decisions that will be eventually made by the State and City. The Port's interests are crucial and the Port is one of very few entities that has the ability to influence those decisions.

NAC extends an invitation to 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 at the Port's third floor east conference room.

Conclusion

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