

Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2011

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 2011.

Composition of NAC

NAC community representation is comprised of eight voting members, four from each community. Representatives serving their communities for the 2011 term were:

Magnolia Community Club

Diana Dearmin, President
Nancy Bainbridge Rogers
Fred Rapaport
Gene Hoglund
Steve Erickson, Alternate
Bruce Carter, Alternate
Tom Tanner, Alternate

Queen Anne Community Council

Ellen Monrad, Chair
Don Harper
Kirk Robbins
Jim Smith
Glenn Avery, Alternate

Bruce Laing served as NAC Chair and Cecil Gray served as Interim Chair during 2011. Their services were provided through 501 Commons, a non-profit organization. Christa Dumpys, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, 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 2011 are: Kathy Bahnik, George Blomberg, Dan Burke, Fred Chou, Rosie Courtney, Sally del Fierro, Joseph Gellings, Mark Griffin, Eric Hanson, Michael McLaughlin, Joe McWilliams, Mike Merritt, Paul Meyer, Gerri Poor, Ellen Watson and Christine Wolfe. 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.

General Value of NAC

The Magnolia Community Club 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.

Ongoing Issues for NAC

During 2011 the issues below were the most significant to NAC.

1. **The Viaduct Replacement.** NAC has continued to express concern that the proposed replacement solution, including its ancillary alterations to related arterials such as Mercer Street and the new Alaskan Way, and the timing and budgets for construction as well as future tolling, is not adequate to serve the Port's interests and those of the Magnolia and Queen Anne communities in general and specifically not adequate to accommodate Terminal 91 truck traffic.
2. **Cruise Operations.** NAC continues to be concerned with the following aspects of Cruise operations: Noise levels of ship public address systems; Impact of cruise generated vehicular traffic on parking at Terminal 91 and on peak traffic volumes in the vicinity of Terminal 91.
3. **Terminal 91 Uplands Development.** NAC seeks to stay abreast of, and influence, any plans that potentially alter or guide development of the "uplands" (North Bay).
4. **Traffic.**
 - a. NAC community members praise the Port for resuming the periodic traffic studies in accordance with the Short-fill Agreement, causing the studies to be usefully structured, and having the contractor for these studies interpret and discuss study findings with NAC.
 - b. The studies confirm that several traffic thresholds continue to be exceeded.
 - c. NAC continues its discussions of the significance of those threshold excesses and what possible actions might be appropriate.
 - d. NAC members reaffirm the understanding with Port Commissioners and staff that the following is the agreed approach: Should possible amendment of the existing NAC agreement be considered, Port staff will informally "scope" specific issues and use the scoping process as a basis for discussion with NAC. Informal dialog will be completed prior to any formal triggering or proposal for amendment.

Of Specific interest to the Commissioners.

1. NAC community members continue to urge the Commissioners to review and discuss with SDOT and WSDOT viaduct replacement plans and actions. NAC is concerned the replacement plans are inadequate to fulfill the transportation needs of the Port in general and most specifically the Terminal 91 area.
2. Discussions continue on a proposed placement of a combined sewer overflow (CSO) installation and a potential land exchange in the lower Smith Cove Area involving a Seattle owned playfield which is used for up to U10 soccer and is open for other uses. NAC community members are indeed pleased with the apparent cooperative negotiations by all parties involved, and ask for continued disclosure to the general public for reaction and full consideration.

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 annual report on behalf of the Magnolia and Queen Anne communities. We will be happy to respond to any questions or concerns you might have.