

## **Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee Annual Report 2020 and 2021**

The Terminal 91 Neighbors Advisory Committee (NAC) is pleased to provide the Port of Seattle Commission with this report of its activities during 2020 and 2021.

### **Composition of NAC**

NAC community representation is composed of eight voting members, four from each Magnolia and four from Queen Anne. Each community council also has members who serve as alternates. As of December 2021, following are the representatives serving each community:

<u>Magnolia Community Council</u>	<u>Queen Anne Community Council</u>
Stephanie Ballard, President	Paula Mueller, Chairperson
Fred Rapaport	Don Harper
Lynn Hogan	Denny Bird
Janis Traven	Erik Smith

Weldon Ihrig, NAC Chair, is presenting this report. His service is provided through 501 Commons, a non-profit specializing in providing access to volunteer resources.

Over these two years, long-time members of the NAC have retired. These include Jim Smith from Queen Anne, an original NAC member, along with Bruce Carter from Magnolia. Ellen Monrad of Queen Anne and Lynn Hogan of Magnolia, both of whom were previously president or chairperson of their respective community councils. Their contributions will be missed.

Rosie Courtney is the primary Port representative and staff support for NAC. Pam Xander of Environmental Science Associates (ESA) serves as environmental liaison and Nicole Lobodzinski prepared summaries for each NAC meeting. Additional Port staff that attended one or more meetings in 2020 or 2021 are: Kelli Goodwin, Mark Longridge, Geri Poor, Eric ffitch, Kyra Lise, Lindsay Wolpa, Mick Schultz, Earl Parker, Katherine Goodman, Marie Ellingson, Sally del Fierro, Elena Franks, Srinivas Pendikatla, Kathleen Hurley, Lily Ninburg, Joanna Florer, Kathy Bahnick, Joseph Gellings, Stephanie Jones-Stebbins, Ilays Aden, Alex Adams, Ryann Child, Nicola Graham, Matthew Mateo, Sabrina Bolieu, Dave McFadden, Emily Roder, Jon Sloan, and Elise Lasky.

Following are guests that attended NAC meetings during 2020 and 2021:

Isabella Schwartz	Seattle Public Utilities
Laura Jenkins	City of Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods
Josh Castle	Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI)
Michelle Miranda	Pioneer Square Residents Council
Gary Abrams	Pioneer Square Residents Council

### **Meetings**

NAC generally met monthly on the third Wednesday of the month. These past two years have been especially challenging with the disruptions due to the COVID pandemic, but the Port staff have found ways for the NAC to continue to meet virtually. Their flexibility in adjusting to the ever changing situation to enable the NAC to continue to meet has been exemplary. Thanks to Rosie and her associates for their efforts.

The principal activity was dialog among NAC members and between NAC and Port staff regarding Terminal 91 operations and including the North Bay area. NAC also discussed issues related to geographically adjacent areas, but outside NAC's purview, that could affect Port operations and/or the two neighborhoods as well as the Interbay 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 <https://www.portseattle.org/page/terminal-91-neighbors-advisory-committee>

### **General Value of NAC**

The Magnolia Community Council and the Queen Anne Community Council affirm that the NAC continues to have a constructive and positive value to both the Port and neighboring communities. Participants all view the committee and its meetings to be informative, cooperative, a desirable forum for discussion and consensus building as well as an opportunity to prevent/resolve potential areas of misunderstanding. The underlying Short Fill Redevelopment Agreement (NAC Agreement) has proven effective for its purposes to date.

### **Ongoing Issues for NAC**

During 2020 and 2021 the issues below were the most significant to NAC.

1. Traffic. Monitoring trends in traffic reported in the annual Traffic Study mandated by the NAC Agreement. Due to the pandemic, temporary reductions in cruise activities and other Port activities as well as the adjacent Expedia campus and overall commuter traffic reductions, the annual traffic study was temporarily deferred for 2020 and 2021. The NAC will continue to monitor the situation and decide when to resume the annual traffic studies. Until such time, the study for 2019 functions as the most recent traffic data available.

2. T-91 Development & Construction. Port plans of most interest to NAC include: the economic development projects on the T-91 Uplands on the north side of the Magnolia Bridge; review any suggested considerations of opening the North Gate and whether such plans comply with the existing Short Fill Redevelopment Agreement; and monitoring the projects to replace the pier fenders and old creosote piles.
3. Noise and Light. Noise and light issues arising from tenant, construction, as well as ground lease activities at the T-91 complex.
4. Interbay Projects. Continue to monitor potential traffic impacts from neighboring projects including the expansion of Tiny Homes Village on the Tsubota site, future of Armory site, Expedia campus plans and Sound Transit alignment plans as well as supporting the industrial zoning for the area.
5. Magnolia Bridge. Planning for the replacement of the Magnolia Bridge.
6. Environmental Projects. Monitoring the Port's continued progress toward a cleaner air and water environments, which are appreciated and encouraged.
7. Maritime improvements at T-91 included in the Port capital budget
8. Other Topics (see minutes for details)
  - a. Expedia's employees return to working in their offices
  - b. Armory site development planning
  - c. Sound Transit and King County Metro Smith Cove station and alignment planning
  - d. Environmental issues/projects at T-91 and Smith Cove areas
  - e. Fishing Pier Project
  - f. Cargo congestion and supply-chain issues
  - g. Seattle Storm Facility Rezone
  - h. Cruise Operations
  - i. Magnolia Bridge Replacement
  - j. SPU 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave West Drainage Improvements

**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 as well as retain the focus on lands for industrial/maritime focused activities. Planning for the Ballard-Interbay area including Terminal 91 properties have become more complex and interconnected. While many of these projects are beyond the scope of the NAC Agreement, all have potential impacts on Terminal 91 and traffic flows on adjacent streets.

**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.

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.