PORT OF ILLAHEE 2014 MEETING MINUTES



THE PORT OF ILLAHEE OF KITSAP COUNTY REGULAR MEETING.

SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

MEETING DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

MEETING TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: 5500 ILLAHEE RD BREMERTON, WA 98311

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: All

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Jahaske, Irwin and Judy Krigsman, Roy Barton

- (1) THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING WERE READ AND APPROVED AS WRITTEN.
- (2) VOUCHERS WERE AUDITED AND CERTIFIED BY THE AUDITING OFFICER AS REQUIRED BY:<u>RCW 42.24.080.</u>
- (3) EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED AND RECORDED ON A LISTING WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD, AS REQUIRED BY <u>RCW 42.24.090.</u>

(4) GENERAL FUNDS VOUCHERS: #3521 THROUGH # 3532 APPROVED TO PAY VOUCHERS FOR A TOTAL OF: \$3,504.33

(5) TREASURE REPORT: As of 12/04/2014 General Fund: \$90,833.56 Investments: \$308,335.55

(6) COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:

- 1. A crane on a barge was observed picking up logs from the water in Port Orchard Bay today.
- 2. Friends of Miller Bay asked Commissioner Aho about setting up a Port District, he suggested that they develop a subarea plan.

(7) DOCK MANAGER'S REPORT:

- 1. Missing wheel on ramp to the near float: Recommended that Commissioner Magill purchase with credit card
- 2. Piling Maintenance: Waiting for bids
- 3.

(8) COMMUNITY INPUT

- 1. Meeting place is not accessible for all, ADA
- 2. The value of 5560 Ocean View property was questioned, is it "underwater"? No answer to either.
- 3. Illahee Store potential meeting place?

(9) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **1**. Illahee day:
- 2. Illahee store:
- 3. 5500 Illahee Rd:
- 4. 5560 Ocean View Blvd: Carpet is paid for, needs to be installed. Property Mgr will coordinate, \$879.89
- 5. Comprehensive Plan: Commissioner Aho is working on a 2015 plan
- 6. Gifted Properties:
- 7. Renew Loan for 5560 Ocean View Blvd: everything looks to be on track
- 8. WPPA dues increase: no response back

(10) NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion for the Port to contribute \$2,500 toward the purchase of Timbers Edge for the Illahee Preserve (community involvement budget item) Don Jahaske presented the proposition, there was discussion, Commissioner Aho made a motion, Commissioner Schaefer seconded. Question. Vote, Commissioner Aho yes, Commissioners Magill and Schaefer no. The Campaign, motion and map are attached
- 2. ADA to be part of the 2015 plan

(11) PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

- 1. Possible ADA locations were discussed
- 2.

ADJOURNED AT: 6:00 PM

Next scheduled meeting: January 14, 2015 @ 5:00pm Next All Ports meeting January___ 2015 @6:00pm

Commissioners

Cassie Magill

James Aho

George Schaefer

Campaign to Purchase Timbers Edge

Unique Opportunity. We have a unique opportunity to save and preserve some of the most sensitive natural features in one of the most populated areas in the county. The target of the campaign is the 36 acre Timbers Edge (TE) development adjacent to the Illahee Preserve and Illahee Creek.

Brief TE History. The mostly small lot (40' by 90') development was fought by the community (opposed by more than 700 residents), but approved by the Hearing Examiner. A bankruptcy ensued several years later, and the new owner and developer are planning to either sell or develop the property.

The Property. The 36 acre property consists mainly of forested plateau and sloped riparian areas that abut Illahee Creek. On the east end of the property is the site of the four acre Avery Homestead. The map shows how critical the property is to the Illahee Preserve, the watershed, wildlife corridors, and proposed trails between the Preserve, Puget Sound, and Illahee State Park.

Nine Month Reprieve. The current owner and developer understand the impacts their plans pose to the future of the Illahee Preserve and the community, and have agreed to give the Illahee Forest Preserve and the Illahee Community groups a nine month reprieve to raise the funds for its purchase. Otherwise the project will go forward with 87 homes. Purchase deadline is targeted for August 15, 2015. **Half Price Purchase?** The property purchase price is \$1,700,000 with the property owner agreeing to contribute \$500,000. Additionally a trust representative was approached and may substantially contribute, with the total of these representing roughly half of the purchase price. Other organizations, trusts, foundations, businesses, and interested individuals like you must contribute the remaining \$850,000.

Why contribute?

- It would prevent blockage of Preserve properties and provide trail and wildlife connectivity.
- It would prevent a pressurized sewer main running through Illahee with major cost impacts.
- It would help maintain the recharge of the critical Manette aquifer (already impacted).
- It would insure the base flows in Illahee Creek affecting salmon are not further degraded.
- It would lessen further storm water impacts to Illahee Creek, the culvert, and Puget Sound.
- It would eliminate a major increase in vehicle traffic along Fir Drive NE.

What If Funding Is Not Raised? If the funding is not raised, the Illahee Community Club and the Illahee Forest Preserve groups have agreed to support the development.

Donor Wall. A donor recognition wall is being planned at the Illahee Preserve's Almira entrance for gifts of \$1,000 or more. The goal is for \$400,000 to come from major donors and organizations, with the remaining \$400,000 from individual gifts of \$10,000 (10), \$5,000 (20), \$2,000 (50) and \$1,000 (100).

How to Contribute? Contributions can be made to the Illahee Forest Preserve, 6253 East Blvd, Bremerton, WA 98311 (until a land trust is selected to broker contributions). Contributions of \$1,000 or more are considered contingent upon the purchase, and will be returned if Timbers Edge is not purchased. The Illahee Forest Preserve is a 501.c.3 nonprofit and donations may be tax deductable. Contributions for the 2014 tax year must be postmarked or received by December 31, 2014.

Your help and support of this critical capital campaign are greatly appreciated!!!

(For more information: illaheepreserve.org or illaheecommunity.com)

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