

**PORT OF OLYMPIA COMMISSION
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION**

January 24, 2007

CALL TO ORDER

President Telford called the meeting of January 24, 2007, to order at 11:30 a.m. at the Port of Olympia Large Conference Room in Olympia. Commissioners McGregor and Van Schoorl were also in attendance.

Staff in attendance were: Executive Director Ed Galligan, Administrative Manager Jeri Sevier, Communications Manager Patti Grant, Airport Director Rudy Rudolph, Harbor Director Bruce Marshall, Public Works Director Andrea Fontenot, Marketing and Business Development Director Kari Qvigstad, Finance Director Steve Davis, Marine Terminal Director Jim Amador, Property Business Development Manager Sally Alhadef, and Property Director Heber Kennedy. Bob Goodstein and Carolyn Lake, the Port's Legal Counsel was also in attendance.

Public in attendance were as follows: Representing *The Olympian* was Jim Szymanski. Others in attendance included: Walt Jorgensen.

Port of Olympia SEPA Work Session

Mr. Goodstein and Ms. Lake provided the Commission with an overview of the SEPA history, purpose, goals, responsibilities, and evolution. They then reviewed the relation to other laws, and what actions are subject to SEPA. They discussed non-project action vs. project review and action. They discussed when a SEPA is required, the lead agency and it's responsibility, and the evaluation of a proposal. Mr. Goodstein and Ms. Lake discussed the categorical exemptions and some examples of those exemptions. They discussed the checklist and elements of the environment that must be taken into consideration. The presentation reviewed the identification of impacts and the consideration of mitigation. They discussed the determination of significance (DS) vs. determination of non-significance (DNS) and a mitigated DNS. Mr. Goodstein and Ms. Lake also reviewed the Port's process and policy.

The Commission indicated they would like for staff to provide an advisory at the next Commission meeting and begin discussion for recommendations to revise the current Port SEPA policy.

ADJOURNMENT

President Telford adjourned the meeting of January 24, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

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President

Vice President

Secretary-Treasurer