



**MEETING NOTES
CENTRAL WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING #17 February 9th, 2011
3:30 — 5:00 PM Room #4080, Seattle Municipal Tower**

Meeting Attendees

Subcommittee Members & Advisors

- Charley Royer, Chair
- Maggie Walker, Chair
- John Nesholm
- Gerry Johnson
- Patrick Gordon
- Mark Reddington
- David Frieboth
- Carol Binder

City Staff & Consultants

- Marshall Foster
- Steve Pearce
- Nathan Torgelson
- Christopher Williams
- Bob Chandler
- Norm Schwab
- Peter Hahn
- Goran Sparrman
- Erin Tam
- Erin Pressentin-Taylor

Additional Attendees

- Louis Aloin
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Subcommittee Reports

- **Design Oversight Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - In response to our recent memo, jcfo has presented a new iteration of the Overlook fold to the Design Oversight Subcommittee, including important adjustments and improvements to the program space.
 - Our discussion of the changes was positive and there is significant support among Subcommittee members, although some housing questions still need to be resolved.
 - We received a clear description of the mobility approach today, as well, and, while the process is continuing, we're also seeing support of the street design from Subcommittee members.
 - We recently met with several City Councilmembers to provide them with more insight into the work that is going on within the Design Oversight Subcommittee.

- **Long Term Stewardship Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - C. Damon from HR&A Advisors will present ideas for funding operations and maintenance (O&M) to the Long Term Stewardship and Finance & Partnerships Subcommittees next week.
 - This information will comprise the basis of our section for the strategic plan, and we'll also be including some potential funding sources and opportunities within the plan.
 - Right now, we anticipate that annual O&M costs will be approximately \$2.5 million per year; we expect to have some dedicated public funding as well as income-generating and other sources.
 - We also discussed the operating entity in our last meeting and feel that starting it sooner rather than later will allow us to begin research, develop plans and lay the right groundwork more quickly.

- **City Staff:**
 - The O&M funding approach is similar to signature parks in other cities, with base-level City funds supported by philanthropy, sponsorships, revenue-generating activities and concession agreements.

- **Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The community forums at Town Hall have begun, with specific topics including: Climate & Context; Mobility & Access; Environment & Ecology; Setting the Stage and Uniquely Seattle.
 - We've received a lot of interest from the public and have had very good turnouts at the forums, including lively discussion and positive feedback from participants.
 - We have also issued an RFI for summer events and we're looking for an event producer, promoter and plan to implement a series of events on the Waterfront; the RFI is due in three weeks.

- **Finance & Partnerships Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The Finance & Partnerships Subcommittee has been participating in several workshops and joint meetings with the Long Term Stewardship and Design Oversight Subcommittees.
 - We've been discussing the notion that funding should be fungible for all project elements, and we're trying to figure out how to align everything so cash flow is consistent with sources and uses.
 - We may develop a matrix of the plan and review the funds required for each element per year; we would then solve to that number with the mechanisms that are readily available.
 - The project begins with the viaduct, the street, the seawall and the public realm; if everything is done with state, City, LID, public money and eventually philanthropy, it's very encouraging. <confirm>

Working Group Debrief

- **City Staff:**
 - The Waterfront Working Group, which includes the Mayor, City Councilmembers and Central Waterfront Committee Co-chairs, recently had a positive first meeting.
 - We now have a better sense of timing, how funding tools could work and potential packages; the group will be giving direction on how to present these decisions and shaping how they are made.

ACTION: Design Oversight Subcommittee Co-Chairs to arrange a design briefing with the Mayor's staff.

Seawall Schedule Update

*Committee reviewed and referenced documents including: *Elliott Bay Seawall Project Schedule*.

Schedule

- **City Staff:**
 - Team reviewed Elliott Bay Seawall Project Schedule including coordination milestones, process milestones, major milestones and milestones with public notice through 2013 for:
 - Environmental Compliance & Project Permitting
 - Design Process
 - Project Costs & Funding
 - Construction
 - Federal Agenda & Ongoing Feasibility Study

RFQ

- **City Staff:**
 - While our existing team will continue work on the environmental, permitting, planning and outreach components, we are also soliciting a new team for final design and project management support.
 - We're timing release of the RFQ for late February, with three weeks for qualifications; we would like someone from the Central Waterfront Committee to be engaged in the selection process.
- **Executive Committee Members:**
 - Is the integrity of the schedule subject to change because of the nature of the RFP process and the exercise of bringing a new team on?
- **City Staff:**
 - While there will be a number of important check-points over the next four months, we'll have our first test permitting in early March, which is much more critical to the design schedule. <confirm>

Strategic Plan – Outline & Schedule, Subcommittee Workshops

- **Consultants:**
 - We have been holding strategic plan meetings with Subcommittees to question how they want to articulate various aspects of the plan; the goal is to have the draft completed by March 15th.
- **Executive Committee Members:**
 - About 175 people attended the forum last night and, for those who asked about the next step, we have shared information about the strategic plan.
 - The document will continue to evolve, but eventually the City will become the keeper; the initial version should be seen as a draft form.
 - Ultimately, it's important to keep in mind this is a document to capture the Committee's recommendations.

Additional Items

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs:**
 - While the Full Committee has not been meeting as frequently, it's important that Committee members remember to advise the co-chairs about any conversations with members of the press.
- **City Staff:**
 - We may also want to develop a protocol in terms of communication between Committee members, co-chairs and Councilmembers.