



**MEETING NOTES
CENTRAL WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING #22 October 19th, 2012
3:30 — 5:00 PM Room #1610, Seattle Municipal Tower**

Meeting Attendees

Committee Members & Advisors

- Maggie Walker, Co-Chair
- Charley Royer, Co-Chair
- Carol Binder
- Patrick Gordon
- Bob Davidson
- Gerry Johnsen
- John Nesholm
- Ed Medeiros

City Staff & Consultants

- Marshall Foster
- Angela Brady
- Nathan Torgelson
- Bob Chandler
- Peter Hahn
- Diane Sugimara
- Christopher Williams
- Norm Schwab
- Ken Johnsen
- Erin Tam

Additional Attendees

- Mark Dublin
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Subcommittee Reports

- **Finance & Partnerships Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The Finance & Partnerships Subcommittee met recently to review the Local Improvement District (LID) and the City has hired a manager for the process; we are hoping to bring closure to that in 2014.
- **Design Oversight Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The Design Oversight Subcommittee has met a number of times, and covered four critical parts of the Waterfront; we have also developed a set of recommendations on the PC1 site.

- **Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The Outreach Subcommittee has slowed down, and will likely meet quarterly in 2013; in the meantime, Waterfront Seattle has been participating in fairs, festivals and “pop-up” booths in parks.
- **Long Term Stewardship Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
 - The Long Term Stewardship Subcommittee (LTS) co-chairs, City staff and consultants met recently to discuss where the Subcommittee will be going in the coming months; major tasks include looking for things that make sense from a long-term maintenance perspective as design progresses, and getting more specific about building blocks for funding.
- **City Staff:**
 - The LTS Subcommittee will be on hiatus until work is ready on the maintenance and operations plan; members will work with Finance & Partnerships and Design Oversight Subcommittees in the interim.

City Updates

Seawall DEIS

- **City Staff:**
 - We’ve received and reviewed seven GCCM proposals and narrowed it down to four finalists; interviews will be taking place on Nov. 6-7th, and we’ll select the contractor on Nov. 9th.
 - The draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released Nov. 13th with a 30-day public review comment period; there will be a public meeting on Dec. 5th and the comment period will close Dec. 13th.
 - Draft 60 percent design is on track and the Design Oversight Subcommittee reviewed some of jco’s conceptual designs for the seawall public realm; it is due to be submitted on Nov. 9th and completed in December, and permitting is also on track for completion next summer.
 - J. Wieland is meeting today with Muckleshoot & Suquamish tribes to discuss Cultural Resources Assessment.
 - Also, an update on staffing: J. Murphy is going to be transitioning into the role of Seawall Project Manager while J. Wieland will continue to be in charge of the environmental component; J. Murphy and B. Holloway will be the new seawall project team moving into construction, consolidated under A. Brady.

MOUs

- **City Staff:**
 - We’ve made good progress with the Seattle Aquarium and Pike Place Market MOUs, which are high-level and lay out the path forward to creating a Project Development Agreement.
 - The Pike Place Market MOU is a bit more detailed, and has a more aggressive timeline that also lays out the path for a potential property conveyance from the City of Seattle to the Market.
 - City Council review is scheduled on Nov. 26th and Dec. 7th, with a goal of legislation adopted by year-end.
 - Pike Place Market Committee members J. Schmidt & J. Savitt have asked the Central Waterfront Committee co-chairs to meet with them on October 22nd.

Colman Dock

- **City Staff:**
 - We’ve been working with D. Moseley and his team on a passenger-only ferry issues, including replacing Marion St. Bridge, looking at option of Columbia St. as alignment for new bridge, and options for providing public access to elevated views at the end of the facility.
 - A proposal was also formally presented today for a possible private development that would be leased-back to the ferry system; the terminal would then be on Pier 48, rather than Pier 52.

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
 - In a recent meeting with Representative F. Chopp, he expressed interest in being helpful and putting funding in the state budget for design and infrastructure improvements to Colman Dock.

Budget & Scheduling

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
 - What are the priority pieces for design? Are there implications for us in the Mayor’s budget? As you move forward with sequencing, I suggest being mindful of implications on sources and uses, and that CWC has a role.
- **City Staff:**
 - We’re currently working through these with the design team, and met this week to discuss schedule in detail; we are looking at what can we construct when, when can we accelerate and when we’ve laid out the funding.
 - We should have something together by January, and could have a working session then to get your thoughts; the budget is as we have discussed and proposed.

Follow-up Discussion: CWC Charge, Subcommittee Roles Going Forward

*Committee reviewed and referenced documents including: *CWC...V 3.0 – Charges & Guidelines*.

- **City Staff:**
 - We need to define the major things that the Central Waterfront Committee (CWC) is now aiming to achieve, as we’ve done with each previous version—how do we frame the third version of the CWC?
 - Committee reviewed V 3.0 Charges & Guidelines, including: “Steward” the Framework Plan and Concept Design...Now that the Vision is in Place; Implement the Core Projects consistent with the CWC Strategic Plan; Ensure Broad, Innovative Engagement; Goals; CWC Structure & Approach Going Forward.
- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
 - It’s important to express that we’re shifting from prospective to implementation mode, which will help us build momentum—we need to define the mission we’re serving and create an identity to match that.
 - We need to develop constructive relationships with business organizations; we also might want to show bond oversight as one of the functions we’re fulfilling.
 - As the project progresses, I suggest that we consider ways to broaden the conversation about who gives direction, decides what to do and how that relates to programs and finance.
 - We’ve created expectations, and need to have a clear understanding before we narrow programs or uses—until now, “Waterfront for All” has been our mantle.
 - In terms of activation and programming arts and culture:
 - It’s still unclear now where Friends picks up things on this list, and how they interact.
 - Do we need another Subcommittee, or does that belong with Friends of the Waterfront?
 - When we talked about the future entity managing the Waterfront, programming was part of that
 - Friends should ultimately be a full partner with the City in carrying out some responsibilities
 - There’s a high degree of expectation Friends of the Waterfront will step-up in a material way
 - Friends has started thinking about developing a network of supporters in major buildings in the LID
 - However, while structures have been drawn to show a Committee of Friends, they’re still getting activated.
 - An early win could be great activation on the Waterfront, including artist projects.

- **City Staff:**
 - To have a great summer next year, someone must have ownership now—perhaps there’s a working group in 2013, and then it transitions to Friends thereafter? We could have a working group that comes back quickly to this Committee with recommendations?
 - We’re hoping to work with Office of Arts & Culture on one percent for activation and interventions; we could also send out an RFP like we did last year.
 - In addition, should we broaden the circle to engage stakeholders now that we have an endorsed vision? Should oversight become a stronger theme, now that real funding is being committed?
 - What can we do on the Central Waterfront that can’t be done elsewhere? That’s a great constructive question. It seems co-chairs should bring any specific material changes to this Committee now for resolution.
- **Consultants:**
 - This summer we had a working group of people with tried and true knowledge, if we could reconvene that group, perhaps we could do this for 2013, and have Friends thinking for 2014.

Next Steps

- **City Staff:**
 - We’ll bring an updated version of this to the next meeting, then it goes to Council and the Mayor and the CWC co-chairs have brought it to them in the past; by January we hope to have a resolution.
 - Some terms on the Central Waterfront Committee also conclude at the end of the year, so we’ll need to figure out what to do, and that will be an agenda item for next time.

Additional Comments

- **Public:**
 - I spent some time this summer in Nordic country and took video footage of streetcars going through Waterfront areas, which I’d like to share with anyone interested.
 - On Waterfront Seattle, I’d like to ride a streetcar past a working harbor, and then have an outdoor dinner on my way to take the Victoria Clipper, to catch a train to Portland or flight to Copenhagen.