



**MEETING NOTES  
CENTRAL WATERFRONT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**MEETING #15 December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
12:00 — 1:30 PM Room #1600, Seattle Municipal Tower**

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**Meeting Attendees**

*Committee Members & Advisors*

- Maggie Walker, Co-Chair
- Gerry Johnson
- Patrick Gordon
- Ed Medeiros
- John Nesholm
- Bob Davidson
- David Freiboth
- Mark Reddington

*City Staff & Consultants*

- Marshall Foster
- Steve Pearce
- Nathan Torgelson
- Jennifer Weiland
- Peter Hahn
- Bob Chandler
- Norm Schwab
- David Graves
- Ayelet Ezran
- Ken Johnsen
- Ethan Bernau
- Erin Tam
- Erin Presentin-Taylor

*Additional Attendees*

- Felicia Nitu
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**Subcommittee Reports**

- **Design Oversight Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
  - We've been meeting twice monthly to review the framework plan and have held working sessions with focus groups; we've also discussed public art, the seawall and preliminary phasing.
  - We have another focus group meeting coming up to look at retail uses; we'll be having joint meetings with the Finance & Partnerships and Long Term Stewardship Subcommittees, as well.
- **Finance & Partnerships Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
  - Our Subcommittee will be meeting with the Seattle Aquarium, Pike Place Market, the commercial pier owners and Washington State Ferries in the next few weeks to discuss partnership agreements.

- **Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
  - We conducted a walking tour on the Waterfront last week to discuss spaces for events in 2012; we may be forming a separate Subcommittee to further evaluate opportunities.
- **Long Term Stewardship Subcommittee Co-Chairs:**
  - Our Subcommittee has met with several experts and they've reinforced our sense that the operating entity must be set-up in a way to provide funding for what we anticipate to be heavy usage.

### **City Overview of Timing / Constructability of Various Elements**

\*Committee reviewed and referenced documents including: *Waterfront Seattle Project Timing – Grouped Geographically.*

- **City Staff:**
  - Subcommittee referenced project name, notes, zone, partnerships, earliest construction date and timing for Waterfront, Seawall, WSDOT/WSF, partner and joint projects in the following groups:
    - Main Corridor—ROW Acquisition for Alaskan Way, Seawall Phase I: Washington Virginia, Viaduct Demolition Part I: King to Union, Viaduct Demolition Part II: Union to Battery Street Tunnel, Battery Street Tunnel Decommissioning, Elliot-Western Connector: Pike to Battery, Alaskan Way: King to Pike, Linear Public Space: King to Union, Railroad Way, Columbia Street, Seneca Street, Replacement Marion Street Pedestrian Bridge to Colman Dock, Overlook Fold Part I: Structural Support for Lid, Lenora Street Overpass.
    - Central Public Spaces—Historic Pier Walks/Wraps, Pier Slips, Pier 62/63 Part I (Pier Replacement), Pier 62/62 Part II (Enhancements), Union Street Overlook Part I (Pier Replacement), Union Street Overlook Part II (The Cloud), Aquarium Expansion, Overlook Fold – Part II (Overlook Zone Including Lid over Roadway), Overlook Fold Part III (Step Zone), Overlook Fold Part IV (Market Zone).
    - East-West Connections—Main Street Pedestrian Improvements, Broad Street Pedestrian Improvements, University Street Pedestrian Improvements, Union Street Hillclimb, Pike Street Connection/Hillclimb Assist.
    - Colman Dock + Pier 48—Washington Street Boat Land, Colman Dock Part I (Pier Upgrade + Reconfiguration), Colman Dock Part II (Sun lawn, Fold + Retail Gallery), Firehouse Slip, Fire Station No. 5 Rebuild, Yesler Way Pedestrian Bridge to Colman Dock, Pier 48 including Pioneer Square Beach + Seawall South of Washington Street.
    - Belltown—Blanchard Street Overlook, Bell Street Extension, Belltown Balcony.
    - North Waterfront—North Alaskan Way Part I (Temporary Lane), Seawall Phase II (Virginia to Broad), North Alaskan Way Part II (Final Reconstruction Incl. Promenade), Vine Street Pedestrian Bridge, Battery/Vine/Clay/Broad Overlooks + “Getdowns” to the water.
    - Transit + Parking—North-South Transit on Alaskan Way, Trolley Bus Connection (Colman Dock), Replacement Parking.
  - A few important notes surrounding the Waterfront Seattle project timing:
    - This schedule shows when we could physically build pieces of the project.
    - However, it is not a phasing plan and we have set financial constraints aside.
    - It also doesn't reflect what may happen when we get into permitting discussions.
    - Work on the piers can be done independently, and we can do most of that work from the water.
    - Pier 48 is being used for staging, and will likely not be available until 2020.
    - One challenge is this area has a high level of contamination due to historical coal use in ships;
    - One way to mediate that is by capping it, perhaps with a beach.
    - It has not been previously done, but negotiations are taking place in trading overwater coverage.

## **Committee Discussion**

### **Project Elements**

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
  - Which items are funded? Are the East-West connections within the budget, and where would the funding for Colman Dock come from? How is the scope of the jco contract written?
  - We'll need to determine which elements we can raise money to fund, and considerable work would be needed first to clarify scope, concept and program components.
  - It would be nice if Pier 48 could be completed by 2020 as part of a grand ribbon cutting; the question is whether there's an appetite for that, and it's not clear we're all in agreement.
  - It might be interesting to see a diagram of the core project, and contrast what is funded against elements that are dependent upon future investments.
  
- **Consultants:**
  - The contract lists which projects are moving forward, and the core area includes the Overlook fold, Aquarium dock, the piers, roadway, linear elements and tidelines, but Pier 48 will not be taken further.
  - While not everything on this list is within the scope, what we want to hear from the Committee between now and June is which elements we are moving forward on.
  
- **City Staff:**
  - The discussion needs to focus on where we put the emphasis and which projects are within what order; we are not funded to carry certain project elements much further than they are right now.
  - The East-West Connections are within the scope, but not funded, and neither is Colman Dock; Pier 48 could be part of the phasing plan, but we need to consider year-round programming and access for other uses.
  - We may want to add Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) to the matrix, as well, which is a Seattle Public Utilities project.

### **Street, Parking & Transit**

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
  - Is the Stakeholder Committee aware of the split grade crossing? How many parking spaces will be lost? It would be great to have a timeline overlay of the comprehensive transit plan.
  
- **City Staff:**
  - We can provide information about the spaces impacted during construction, as well as where parking is private and public; the question will be what we're doing permanently.

## **Summarize Conclusions & Next Steps**

- **Executive Committee Co-Chairs & Members:**
  - We'll have further discussion about timing and constructability with each Subcommittees to download the knowledge they've acquired to this point and bring continued coherence to the conversation.
  - The Executive Committee will then discuss priorities and we also have some elected officials that are also coming together to review this; it will require a lot of coordination.