



Historic South Downtown Pier 48 Community Coalition

Meeting Information

Date: Nov. 17, 2023
Time: 10-11:30 am
Place: 450 S. Alaskan Way 9th Floor

Objectives

To organize a community-based coalition of parties interested in the redevelopment of Pier 48.

Meeting Notes:

(Follow up items are **highlighted**)

Welcome & Introductions

In attendance:

Pier 48 Today

View slide deck from meeting [HERE](#)

- Slide deck includes maps and visuals of Pier 48 overwater and uplands portions
- WSDOT owns overwater portion of pier
- Groups involved or interested on the site
 - o Chinese Expulsion Memorial
 - o Tribes
 - o Ferries – Kitsap, Des Moines
 - Kitsap has federal \$\$ intended to expand foot ferry service with P48 at a preferred site
 - We are much closer to electrification of our foot ferry fleet than the big boats
 - Foot ferry electrification can be framed as a small ask with big wins
 - It is increasingly more expensive to convert out big boats to be hybridized and we do not have all the technology to fully convert big boats to electric
 - Foot ferries cost far less to completely electrify (as opposed to hybridized)
 - Serves as major opportunity for regional connectivity, more people in the city without cars
 - Kitsap views P48 as a regional asset
 - o Green Space/ water regional connections
 - o C40 Reinventing Cities Contest

What should the coalition goals be?

Group Examined the following Purpose Statement:

This committee exists to bring together various community interests to partner with the interested governmental entities to ensure community-focused planning and development of the site.

Notes and Feedback from the Group:

- Include language that creates intention for public use of space
- Include a nod to folks that have the money to invest in this development
- Emphasize
 - o History of site
 - o Explicitly include/prioritize/center tribal connections
 - o Cultural connections
 - o Environmental concerns/issues
 - o Economic vitality
 - o Regional importance
- Include potential for habitat improvements
- Define “community-focused”: public, collective, inclusive, mutual
- Center community voice
- Define the project and understand it will change as we work together

HSD staff will workshop Purpose Statement and send it out to the group for another round of feedback.

What should the scope of work for the coalition be?

We know that the project planning should include community voices, public decision-makers, and funders

Three areas of focus:

- Define project, what are we building toward?
 - o How do we move the existing work forward (I.e. we are not starting from zero – we have prior design work and community outreach)
 - o “Community” -- defined locally at first, who is impacted most directly or first
 - o Historical and cultural values, explicitly including tribal communities
 - o Environmental/Natural, including Habitat Restoration
 - o Regional connections, partners
 - o Must be environmentally and economically sustainable
- Potential Ownership Structures
- Funding options and revenue models
 - o Funding models not limited to PPP
 - o Friends of Waterfront mixed funding options possibly good precedents
 - o Revenue structure

- Clean-up funding options; environmental justice EPA, NOAA Grants (2022 funding ask by DOT was for \$20 million for demolition and possibly cleanup)
- Outdoor Recreation Legacy Fund (NPS)
- AVOID:
 - parking lots
 - Government planning done before public engagement

How often and when to meet?

- Every six weeks starting Jan 2024
- You will receive a calendar invite from Ashley Holland
- What additional partners should we invite to the coalition?
 - Office of the Waterfront
 - Na'ah Illahee Fund
 - Maritime/Industrial Workforce Dev
 - Environmental (particularly clean water and marine restoration) interests
 - Maritime Heritage Area
 - Tribes
 - National Parks Service Klondike Museum
 - Stadiums
 - Transit Choices Coalition
 - Birds Connect (formerly Audubon Society)
 - Urban Forestry?
 - Senator Emily Randall's Office – Kitsap
 - Angie Brady
 - Sen. Emily Randall's Office/Staff

Topics for the Next Meeting:

- Who is responsible for remediation? HSD Staff will research – all remediation funding requires site control
- What policy is WSDOT working on for 2024 legislative session? How can coalition assist?
- Are any partners working on transportation legislation this session?
- C40 Contest, any update? (OPCD)