



Port of Kingston Public Meeting

03/18/2014 7:00PM

Kingston Cove Yacht Club: 25878 Washington Blvd Kingston WA

Commissioners Present

Commissioner, Pete DeBoer

Commissioner, Walt Elliott

Commissioner, Bruce MacIntyre

Staff Present

Port Manager, David Malone

Recording Secretary, Christine Connors

Consultants Present

Edmonds Landscaping

Kitsap Community Foundation

I. Presentation by Port Manager

- David Malone explained the purpose of the meeting and introduced the landscape designer

II. Three (3) options presented by the landscape designer

Francis Spillane presented the three (3) design concepts

III. Public Comment

- Public discussion about parking options and concerns
- Various public stated concerns about having a clock tower as the focal point
- Public discussion about the viewing tower and how it is affected by the Kingston Inn
- Three were requests to take the GKEDC branding team into consideration such as a forest and cove theme
- Public member referred to Keith Gurneys experience and wanted to expand the concepts with his designs
- There was discussion on making this area appealing to local residents to utilize as well as tourists

IV. Presentation by Keith Gurney

- Mr. Gurney presented alternative designs
- He felt that this site was critical and difficult to see from the ferry holding lot
- Keith liked the previous concepts of having Orcas, a berm and the North Beach overlook
- Mr. Gurney was concerned with the lack of cohesion and that the elements were not integrated
- Mr. Gurney commented that when he met with the Complete Streets program manager, that they did not understand why the parking was being placed in the park and not further out in the street.

- Mr. Gurney let the public know that he has 35 years of experience developing waterfront parks and would like the opportunity to provide constructive suggestions to the Board of Commissioners and the Kitsap Community Foundation.
- Mr. Gurney felt that there was a better way to develop a more cohesive integrated design.

V. Public Comment

- There was discussion on the need to have restroom facilities
- There was a concern of the view that people have from the ferry holding area being the unsightly ferry buildings
- There was a recommendation to have a tower with stained glass on the top instead of the clock tower
- There was discussion on how to make a picture moment so that tourists will want to stop and have their pictures taken such as the gnomes at Kountry Korner.
- There was appreciation on the organic shapes in the three (3) concepts.
- Some public members were concerned that there was enough green space in Mike Wallace Park and requested more hardscape in the design.
- The Port Manager explained the process of applying for the grant and how it was funded.
- Kitsap Transit reminded the Port that the area sees a lot of traffic and that the buses will need room to turn, and pick up passengers without interfering with parked vehicles. They are supportive of having a covered bus shelter and are not concerned of where it is placed as long as it is feasible to the size of the bus.
- The Port Manager explained that the designer is taking notes on all of the comments, will draft a final plan, discuss the plan with the Kitsap Community Foundation/donors, submit to the Port of Kingston, Port staff will comment on the feasibility of maintenance and then it will be proposed to the Board of Commissioners.
- The final concept plan will be due at the April Port meeting.

VI. Adjourn: 9:30 PM

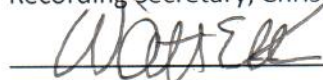
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