

PORT OF BROWNSVILLE COMMERCIAL LEASING UPDATE

The Port continues to receive letters of interest for both the residence and the fire hall annex. Over the next month the port will be considering these letters of interest and will proceed forward as the timelines allow. Any official lease must go to the commission for formal approval. Looks like there will be some potential options in front of the commission for commercial leases to help provide necessary revenue to the Port.

PORT OF BROWNSVILLE VACANT SLIP UPDATE

The Port continues to move forward making great stride on filling the vacant slips. With the addition of Jean to the office her efforts are continuing on getting all of the empty slips filled. This means that in just over two weeks she has successfully filled 15 slips and still continues to work down the waiting list to keep up these efforts. Great job Jean and all staff for these effort and getting these revenues back for the Port. We aren't at 100% yet but soon we will be hanging the "no vacancy" sign up!



RCO FUNDING UPDATE

The Port will find out this week if our project makes the funding cut at the RCO board meeting to be held on April 27. The staff suggested the funding should be well over \$8 million and the Port's request would be funded if they only receive \$3.2 million so we feel confident but won't celebrate until this is announced. We will keep you posted. If all goes well the Port will see a contract in July 2021 and will likely schedule the project in the fall of 2021 outside of the busy summer season.



PORT MANAGER UPDATE

The commission interviewed three candidates and are getting closer to hiring. A formal announcement will be coming so stay tuned!



SUNKEN VESSEL FUNDING UPDATE

At a Special Meeting of the Commission on April 27, 2021, the commission will consider giving authorization to the manager to sign a Release of Claims allowing the Port to receive their claim for funds involved in the December 2019 sinking of the vessel at the marina. This claim will be a reimbursement of already paid out disposal fees, supplies, staff time and anything related to the Port costs in the sinking of the vessel. This is long overdue and we are excited to finalize this process.

As the State of Washington transitions into Phase 3 the guidelines are becoming less restrictive. Please know that the Port will continue to take this phasing slowly with safety of tenants, staff and guests at the forefront of these decisions. Watching the current trends we all are a bit nervous that the state is entering a fourth wave of the virus. Keeping that in mind, the Port Office continues to be closed to the public. Office personnel will still be working and are available via email or phone. Fuel hours will remain from Tuesday – Saturday 8:30AM – 4:30PM. Please respect the health and well being of the office by abiding by these precautions. Masks are required in and around the marina.



Commissioners' Meeting:

The regularly scheduled meeting **will be May 12 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting will be hosted using Zoom. Meeting ID: 994 4996 3143 PW: 047074

To Access by phone, dial 1-253-215-8782 and follow the instructions to enter the meeting.