

January 25, 2011
5:30 P.M.
Newport, Oregon

The Technical Advisory Task Force held its inaugural meeting on the above date in Conference Room A of the Newport City Hall. Present were Jim Fuller, Anne Sigleo, Peter Lawson, Charlie Plybon, and Frank DiFilippis. Excused was Roger Hart. Absent was Joe Hayward. Also in attendance was City Council liaison Lon Brusselback, Mayor Mark McConnell, City Attorney Penelope McCarthy, City Manager Jim Voetberg, City Recorder/Special Projects Director, Larry Coonrod from the Newport News-Times, and Jenny Stokes.

Mayor McConnell welcomed the Task Force, thanked them for participating, and reviewed the charge of the Task Force.

ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

MOTION was made by Lawson, seconded by Fuller and Plybon, to elect DiFilippis as chair of the Task Force. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

MOTION was made by Fuller, seconded by Sigleo, to elect Lawson as vice-chair of the Task Force. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

It was agreed to hold the meetings, at least initially, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.

LIST AND PRIORITIZE TASKS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

McCarthy displayed a compilation of historical information regarding the charge of the Task Force. She agreed to provide each member with a copy of the information.

Fuller noted that this Task Force is not limited by the work of the previous task force. He added that there are many things that could be beneficial, including storm drains, or other usages to make sure that things are not going into the ocean that should not. DiFilippis noted that the Task Force needs to define the scope of work. Lawson mentioned that Gil Sylvia, chair of the Georgia-Pacific Task Force, had indicated a lack of substantial funding, and noted that this Task Force could use the funding for community involvement. Plybon noted that there are opportunities to leverage the dollars.

McConnell read the charge from City Council Resolution No. 3504. It was asked whether the charge is to establish an ongoing program. McConnell noted that this Task Force should designate what is to happen, and could, for example, require a match from a grant applicant.

Stokes suggested starting with the suggestions previously made by Hart.

A general discussion ensued regarding monitoring, water quality, turbidity, effluent, and methods of monitoring. Fuller mentioned that it would be beneficial to know whether

there are things in the effluent of particular concern. Lawson asked where the material in the effluent is actually going, i.e., where do we look for this. He added that the primary concern is whether it is safe. McConnell stated that people wonder/fear what is on the beach itself, besides the food chain. Plybon suggested that it would be beneficial to showcase/engage the public to answer questions and show what is happening. DiFilippis suggested including education/outreach in the scope. Voetberg noted that some issues might need a broader look, for example the fish in Newport.

DiFilippis asked whether the scope of monitoring would include sewage. A discussion ensued regarding the city's sewer outfall.

McCarthy agreed to request additional copies of the Georgia-Pacific's "Comprehensive Survey of the Aquatic Community in the Area of Georgia-Pacific's Outfall 001." She also agreed to post the executive summary from the document on the city's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.