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Point Number 1 – The Community

In the Advisory Committee Charter there are several principles which "...should serve as core values to inform the proposal". Principle number 4 is:

"A positive contribution to the local community (e.g. health, transportation, property value, recreation facilities, and opportunities)."

Let us look at each of these five core values that should have a positive contribution to the local community.

1. Health - Air toxics will go from 20 times the state threshold to 55 times the state threshold. Noise, light, and vibration will increase. Degradation of the local community. How do you mitigate for asthma in children?
2. Transportation - Approximately 2000 cars and trucks a day will be added to North Hayden Island Drive. Currently the traffic is about 2000 cars a day so that is a 100% increase with up to 205 of those being trucks. Degradation of the local community.
3. Property Value - Property values will decline in the Manufactured Home Community. It will be turned into an industrial slum. Negative contribution to the local community. Equity is one of the guiding principles of the Portland Plan and the Manufactured Home Community fits the definition of an Environmental Justice Community. Would this kind of neighborhood degradation be allowed to happen in Alameda or Dunthorpe? Probably not.
4. Recreation - After development, one will have to walk 6000 feet along an industrial fence and under docks to get to a truly open beach. Currently the entire beach on West Hayden Island is unencumbered. But trails will possibly be added to WHI so that will maybe offset the loss of unencumbered beach. This is probably a push maybe a small positive.
5. Opportunities - If this means job opportunities then one has to be a Longshoreman to get a job and I know of only one in our community and he is already employed. People for the jobs will not be local. This is a push.

So, out of five core values, 3 of them will be negatively impacted by development and two will be a push. There is no positive impact on the local community as a result of West Hayden Island development. None.

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Point Number 2 – The Process

I am making my second point as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee. I have been on the committee for the last couple of meetings and a couple before that and was a member of the Community Working Group for the 2 years that it met.

I feel that the process has broken down and is out of control and that this is primarily due to trying to force too much work into too limited of a time frame. In the last meeting (7 hours long) we tried to get through voting on 120 different items in addition to trying to look at the Mayor's 11th hour proposal and somehow fold it into the 120 items. It was unmanageable. We did not even get to the Health Analysis.

In this type of process we should be able to boil down the 120 items into 10 to 20 truly pivotal points so that somebody could fairly easily wrap their arms around those 10 or 20 points and reach a rational decision. The Advisory Committee is far from being able to do that. I think this could be done but not in the time frame we are working with.

To recap:

1. The positive contribution for the local community is not there, in fact the community is badly degraded, and
2. The process has broken down and is out of control.