

C.A.S.E. MEETING MINUTES

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Citizens Against Sea-Tac Expansion

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◆ Senator Karen Keiser: new 33rd District Senator 7:05 pm
- A State Senate Transportation Committee hearing will be held on July 18th. On the agenda is consideration of the need for a second regional airport. This is the first step of many to get the legislature to approve the study and proceed to site a new airport. Meeting to be held in neutral Wenatchee.

◆ Welcome comments by CASE President Brett Fish 7:10 pm
In the News:

The Port is shooting Canadian Geese across from Sunnydale grade school. The Port does the FAA requirement & the Fish & Wildlife permits to keep birds away from the airport. Brett contacted KOMO & KING TV and South and East County Journal picked it up along with Tacoma News Tribune... all talking about the geese. Brett then showed a recording of the KOMO TV New article questioning the use of firearms around homes, business and schools. The Port needs to disperse information to the schools before shooting.

The Highline Times ran an advertisement "10 Reasons for a Conveyor Belt". The Westcot Co. must be desperate to be running these ads. They are also running TV adds on CNN, History Channel, Cable News & Fox. For all of this media advertising blitz, as of this date, only 2 favorable e-mail responses to the Des Moines City Hall for the conveyor and close to 100 negative against... Westcot's media campaign is falling way short of their goal to get the Des Moines City Council to change its mind. Contact the Des Moines City Council...
citycouncil@cityofdesmoines.com

The Seattle P.I. ran an article about airfares. The US Transportation Dept. is asking passengers & airlines as to whether passengers should pay more to fly at busier times.

Seattle Times (April 30) Move by Maury Island to Save Land is underway.

A Dan Caldwell letter in the Highline Times pointed out the need for competition of companies to build the conveyor belt and that Westcot *would not* be a good candidate because it is incorporated out side the U.S. If for any reason Westcot abandons the project at any time, they could run from any legal action and the City of Des Moines would be stuck with the financial disaster of mopping up.

◆George Hadley: Commentary on "Natural Background" concentration of chemicals) 7:25 pm

George commented on the WA Administrative Codes of EPA's definition of "natural background" levels of metal/chemical concentrations: (paraphrased) "Anything that that does not show up as a result of *localized* human activity." This definition allows levels of contamination to be considered "natural" only if it cannot be blamed on one specific polluting event or entity. If there is generalized pollution (i.e. PCB's, gas spills, radioactive material from atomic bomb testing/Cheryonable) then it is considered "natural background". This is how the Port and EPA may be technically correct when they say gasoline is naturally occurring in the State of WA... but in reality we know better.

◆Shay Schual-Berke: (House Representative – 33rd Legislative District) 7:30 pm

The Dept. of Ecology has released arsenic number levels. Dept. of Ecology and King County are putting on an outreach seminar at Highline Community College June 11th & 19th to explain the arsenic situation.

◆Dave Upthegrove: House Representative (member of House Natural Resource Committee) 7:35 pm

The State budget allotted 8 million dollars for Dept. of Natural Resources to manage their aquatic lands, *which contains a proviso* that DNR does not change any of the aquatic reserve designations. It passed! This prevents the new Commissioner of Public Lands from eliminating Maury Island as an aquatic reserve with the stroke of a pen. This is a blow to any mining operations on Maury Island for at least one year. Dave & Allie Larkin took a DNR representative on a tour of Des Moines at low tide and explained the problems a conveyor belt could cause to the community and environment.

◆**Rose Clark:** (Deputy Mayor of Burien)

7:40 pm

The Toxic Waste section of the Dept. of Ecology are holding meetings on the arsenic issue in Burien, Normandy Park and environs. Rose was to have a meeting with a lady from that department and some of the water quality people. Rose mentioned Maury Island to her and the next day the lady called Rose back and said she could not meet with her until the litigation on Sea-Tac was over. Rose called her, and angrily said this issue has nothing to do with Sea-Tac. They finally decided to have the meeting. They have now had several meetings and are looking for people here to get the word out. The information that is coming from Ecology is not real good...not scientific. At a meeting with the Tukwila city council a question was asked about arsenic filtering down into the ground water and/or aquifer and Ecologies people said, "It doesn't affect water." We know that is wrong. Meetings are going to be held on the 11th and the 19th (of June) at Highline College to teach local electeds to take samples that can be tested in Ecologies labs. Rep. Shay Schual-Berke said these are open public meetings and she cannot imagine that people would have to sign in to attend.

◆**Al Furney:** Citizens for Des Moines Inc.

7:45 pm

They are involved in litigation with a city council member on conflict of interest charges and with four of the council members on illegal activities including illegal meetings among other things. Removal from office of the parties involved is a possibility. Legal action is moving forward and a recall is in the works. E-mails have been coming in fast and furious on the subjects, overwhelmingly in the favor of the Citizens for Des Moines group. The conflict of Interest case with Mr. Peterson is coming up soon and the citizens are hoping that Peterson will be removed from office at that time. The Group has begun to publish a newsletter and a website is up. It shows a vide- tape of the illegal meeting.

◆**Chris Cain:** The Port Observer Editor, Past & Future POS Candidate

8:40 pm

The Port Observer, (news paper) is at the printer, so not available at this time... It will soon be out. The Port has a well functioning PR machine that does a good job keeping things quiet that they don't want out. They are spending large amounts of money. Is it taxpayer money?? It is a bad scenario when public officials work to subvert the will of the people and destroy the environment. Example, our wetlands in Auburn? Runway is too short for cargo planes. (If they get it they will figure a way to make it longer). People are not paying attention. If they looked at it and paid attention this would not be happening. United Airlines did a study that stated that a third runway is not necessary at Sea-Tac. They say it will create jobs. Yes, short term, unsustainable jobs. This is not economic development. They should be working on cleaning up the toxic areas they have made already like Harbor Island.

◆**Chris ???** Sea-Tac Area Concerned Citizens

North Sea-Tac Park is what this group is concerned with. After the houses were taken out the airport promised to keep it as park. The northern part (220 acres) is developed with ballparks, community centers etc and the southern part as undeveloped wetlands and trails. There was an interlocal agreement signed between the city of Sea-Tac and the airport stating that the city would not argue with anything to do with the Port master plan and they will not do anything with the ACC and in exchange for that the city got money from the Port. Essentially the city of Sea-Tac was bought off. The agreement was recently amended that gives 55 acres back to the Port to develop as they see fit (industrial) and in exchange the city of Sea-Tac got 4 acres to put a maintenance shop on. They also got the promise of a trail through the west side of the airport property, which is not a possibility because of security. The Citizens went to the council meeting stated that this was a bad deal that should not take place and they were ignored by the council who did it anyway. Joe Brennan, Frank Hanson and Kathy Gehrig voted for the Port and Gene Fischer and Kay Lasco voted against the Port and for the residents. Now the group is on the council and coming from all directions. They are submitting amendments to the comprehensive plan etc. They found that the 55-acre give away was illegal according to the Plan. It is on the record now, the council has not responded. They are working to change the council in the next election.