December 14, 2022

Public Forum

6 Mile Zimovia Deep Water Industrial Site (Former Mill Property)

The purpose of the community forum was to identify property concerns, potentials, and types of uses that the community would like to see or would accept at the former mill site. It was to encourage a general discussion of a broad brush of possibilities and opportunities as identified by participants. A brief slide show was provided at the beginning regarding current property status information. Over 40 participants were then divided into 5 small work groups and led through a series of activities and discussions to ultimately provide KEY INSIGHTS regarding the property. Chris Mertl of Corvus Design was the forum facilitator.



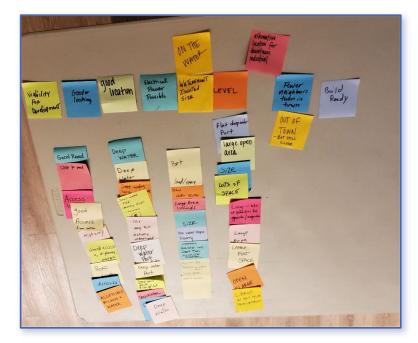
Small Group Discussions and Outcome

Each individual participant was asked to provide three STRENGTHS of the property – what makes this property valuable to the community for economic opportunity. The list of STRENGTHS includes:

Site Strengths (the number indicates the number of individuals who listed it as a strength):

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Participants were then asked to individually provide three WEAKNESSES of the property – concerns regarding future development. The list of WEAKNESSES includes:

Site Weaknesses (the number indicates the number of individuals who listed it as a strength):

10 Distance to town and amenities/ transportation

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- 5 No infrastructure
- 4 Age of site and buildings/ structural integrity
- 3 No dock
- 3 Proximity to residential/ impact to homes/ noise

Is it Too far from town and is wrangell equipped for major tourism development

Bike path doesn't extend to site

- Will take Time to improve
- Bad Access from road

Keep Channel construction or push out?

Ramp not developed

Old mill office and lots at entrance not available

Sunken Vessels

Site surface poor condition

Undeveloped

Small area for multiple uses

Big pile of sawdust remains

Extensive site Repair needs



Each Group then worked together through a series of exercises. This required considerable discussion and thought by each group to ultimately arrive at the group's KEY INSIGHTS, or pieces of advice regarding site opportunities and development.

- 1) TEAM NAME: Each group was first asked to provide a TEAM NAME, as the group would be reporting back to all participants along the way. This was a means to talk together, laugh, and reach an easy decision prior to more intense discussion.
- 2) OPPORTUNITIES: Each member on each TEAM was asked to provide three community needs. Those needs were written on sticky notes and placed on the recording sheet.
- 3) LOCATIONS: The OPPORTUNITIES identified in Step 2 were then separated based on where it was best located within the community. Should the OPPORTUNITY only happen or a best fit for the former mill site; Could the OPPORTUNITY be located either at the former mill site or elsewhere within town; Or, is the OPPORTUNITY best suited for another location than the former mill site.
- 4) SUPPORT NEEDS: The next discussion required each TEAM to select four OPPORTUNITIES that should or could be at the former mill site and write down for each the SUPPORT NEEDS – such as facilities or services – that are essential to its success.
- 5) ENHANCEMENTS: TEAM members were to identify other ENHANCEMENTS that would be needed on site base on development scenarios identified by the four OPPORTUNITIES and SUPPORT NEEDS.
- 6) FUTURE HEADLINE: TEAMS were to come up with a HEADLINE that might appear 20 years in the future.
- 7) KEY INSIGHTS: Based on the discussion to this point, each TEAM was asked to identify three KEY INSIGHTS, pieces of advice, main issues or concerns that continued surface during discussion.

The attachment to this document identifies the results of each exercise by TEAM. Following is a complete listing of all responses by EXERCISE.



1) TEAM NAMES:

Old Cool Guys and the Youngin' Yellow-Bellied Sap Suckers Progressives What's Cooking Bear Grease

2 and 3) COMMUNITY NEEDS/OPPORTUNITIES (All Teams)

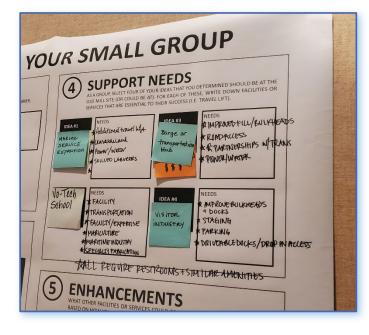
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Infrastructure Large Vessel Shipyard **Tourism Expansion** Larger Barge Facility Energy Generation – Plasma incinerator Renewable energy More industry **Tourist attractions** Automotive Shop Non-Seasonal industry More trails Lots for commercial fishing storage Tourism area improvements Childcare Housing Lots to build Long-term care/assisted Living Transient Housing **Recreation improvements** Affordable food Restaurant options Uplift on the downtown waterfront Vo-tech School Marine Service Center expansion Barge or transportation Hub Visitor Industry



<u>4)</u> <u>SUPPORT NEEDS</u> (the four selected OPPORTUNITIES of each TEAM and SUPPORT NEEDS essential to the success of that OPPORTUNITY: Expansion of Marine Service Center/Larger **Barge Facility** Bulkhead Travel Lift: Major Grant funding Barge ramp/dolphins Merchants Utilities Utilities Earthwork Bulkhead Economic Diversity: Marine Barge Lines: Utilities Bulkhead Earthwork Dock Vendor space/Jobs/businesses Lease/Sell Lots Once Developed: Renewable resource/recycling stream Design Lots Industry Diversification: Site Development **Energy Plan** Utilities **Centralized Waste** Value Added Logging/Kit homes: Large Vessel Ship Yard: Utilties New Lift Survey Lots Reinforced Platform **Expand Marine Service Center** Utilities Deep Water Landing Plat Travel Lift **Tourism Expansion:** Dock for haul out Move Barge companies Chandlery New ramp Relocation of Barge Lines to former mill site Bulkhead Utilitiess Utilities Barge ramp Infrastructure: Security Fencing Lift stations Office Sewer Main Tourism: **Electric Distribution** Utilities – Bathrooms Possible Water Capacity Dock and Terminal Buildings Marine Service Center Expansion: Transportation College/vo-tech: Additional Travel Lift Utilities Lease Land Power/Water **Buildings** Transportation Skilled Laborers Dormitory Larger Marine Service Center: **Dock Development** Utilities Earthwork Lift equipment **Covered Work Areas** Shuttle/Transportation Year Round Long-term employment Utilities Earthwork Vendor Space

Vo-Tech School: Facility Transportation Faculty Expertise Mariculture Marine Industries Specialty Fabrication



Barge or Transportation Hub: Improved fill/bulkheads Road Access Partnerships with Transportation providers Power/Water Visitor Industry: Improve bulkheads/docks Staging Parking Drivable Docks/Drop in Access

5) OTHER ENHANCEMENTS (other services identified by all TEAMS that would be needed on site to benefit the four OPPORTUNITIES):

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6) FUTURE HEADLINES

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7) KEY INSIGHTS (all TEAMS):

Need for utilities Money – Investors – Grants People – Skilled Trades Creating a multi- purpose facility to diversify opportunities Investing in baseline improvements Consolidate Ownership: develop strategic long term plan; community driven management; property tax roll; market Maintaining value and quality of life Need to diversify and grow economy Any solution will require a base level of development Strategic Funding **Regional Waste Processing** Certify the Development Process with Goals, Timelines and Follow-through Partners and/or Funding Opportunities or Challenges of mixing Industry Prioritizing workforce development specialized Vo-tech Facility





SUMMARY OF FORUM DISCUSSION

ATTACHMENT A:

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EXERCISE RESULTS BY TEAMS:

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OTHER ENHANCEMENTS: Vendors Trade School Apprenticeships

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Yellow-Bellied Sap Suckers

<u>COMMUNITY NEEDS:</u> Year-round employment Property on Tax rolls Mining processing complex Small Coast Guard Station Cultural Tourism Recycling Center School/Education Reform Child Care Facility Telecommunications- Live here work online Housing Expand Marine Service Center Tourism College/Technical School Relocation of Barge Lines to site

SUPPORT NEEDS:

Expand Marine Service Center Deep Water Landing Travel Lift Dock for haul out Chandlery Relocation of Barge Lines to former mill site Utilities Barge ramp Security Fencing Office Tourism: Utilities – Bathrooms Dock and Terminal Transportation College/vo-tech: Utilities Buildings

Transportation Dormitory

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<u>FUTURE HEADLINE:</u> Wrangell Shows Steady Economic Growth While Maintaining Smalltown Charm

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What's Cooking:

<u>COMMUNITY NEEDS:</u> Centralized SE Waste disposal Opportunities in energy development Housing Stable Workforce Jobs Industry Diversification Infrastructure Large Vessel Ship yard Tourism Expansion

SUPPORT NEEDS:

Industry Diversification: Energy Plan Centralized Waste Large Vessel Ship Yard: New Lift

Reinforced Platform Utilities Plat Tourism Expansion: Move Barge companies New ramp Bulkhead Utilities Infrastructure: Lift stations Sewer Main **Electric Distribution Possible Water Capacity** Buildings **OTHER ENHANCEMENTS:** Marine Services welders, painters etc

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