

Harbor Square Redevelopment

The Port of Edmonds acquired these properties, in 2006 as part of a restructuring related to contamination of some of the land. The property is subdivided into several parcels which comprise a total of approximately 11 acres, of which 7.5 acres could be redeveloped. The 3.5 acre difference represents properties not currently available for redevelopment because they are subject to long term leases occupied by the Harbor Square Athletic Club and the Harbor Inn. After the possible redevelopment by the combined owners of Skippers, Old Safeway and Harbor Square was abandoned, the Port decided to pursue redevelopment options of its property independently.

After receiving input from consultants LMN Urban Design in 2009, four alternatives ranging from no change to mixed use up to 5 stories were presented to the public in the summer of 2009 for comment. In addition, the Port visited several community organizations, including ACE, to get comments on those alternatives. Since those presentations, the Port has worked with consultants (Makers) to develop additional alternatives. It has also formed a “steering committee” comprised of representatives of various interest groups in the City to provide input. ACE members Darrol Haug and John Heighway are on that committee.

The Port plans to convene the steering committee the first half of this year and also to conduct at least two public forums to gather input on additional alternatives. It hopes to develop some sort of proposal for rezone in mid-2011.

Current information is available at the Port website. Go to http://www.portofedmonds.org/Harbor_Square_Redevelopment_Analysis.htm There may also be information available in the Port minutes at its site.

Details on the several parcels can be accessed through the Snohomish County Online Property Information at <http://gis.snoco.org/maps/property/index.htm>