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From: roger wyant <haskinshillbilly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 9:50 AM
To: City Council; Goldstein, Jamie (jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: An alternative to tearing down the two buildings on the Wharf

<http://www.fresnohousemovers.com/>

I'm asking the council to consider seeking advice from a house mover company; to learn if the existing buildings can be moved off site and then returned when the wharf is completed. New construction with current requirements will be extremely drawn out and expensive. If you click on the link for <http://www.fresnohousemovers.com/>, you can see they have done environmentally sensitive projects before.

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From: Clark Cochran <clark.e.cochran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 9:01 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Capitola Wharf Resiliency Comments

Dear Mayor Brown, Capitol City Council members, and staff,

We are writing to include our names with all the residents who have strongly supported a quick restart of all the community benefits on the new wharf structure. We support fast tracking food trucks, bands, fishing, and a temporary bait shop structure to begin operations immediately upon opening the wharf to the public and operate as continuously as possible (weekends?) during the rebuilding of both structures.

I recently spoke with the bait shop owners and they were quite worried that they did not have the ability to rebuild themselves, so the process to identify investors, city and other government funds, and options like a Go Fund Me account need to be started for them and both buildings before the current wharf resiliency project is completed. Many interdependent things need to be decided before the buildings are rebuilt, so why not start immediately with an open call to local architects to submit concepts that can be voted on to minimize delay? Why not appoint a committee to start the process? Rebuilding both structures will take years so the city council needs to quickly create a complete wharf revitalization plan with an anticipated timeline and share it with the public without unnecessary delays.

Additionally, we have approved at least two measures that were intended to at least in part fund wharf maintenance and it doesn't appear that these funds were applied in sufficient measure to keep the wharf itself and the two buildings from disrepair. The storm surge just amplified the accumulated damage to the point they all became unusable. A skeptic would say maybe that was the plan. What measures going forward will the city use to provide enough reserve funds earmarked specifically for the wharf so there isn't a repeat in the next 40 years or less?

In closing, the wharf resiliency project needs to become the wharf revitalization project that will not be finished until the Wharf House and Bait Shop are once again in operation.

Sincerely,

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From: Drew Lind <andrewlind92@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Capitola Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project

Hello,

I am disturbed by the proposal to move quickly to demolish the Wharf House Restaurant and the Boat and Bait properties. Please consider the following points before doing so:

- 1) The assessment of "total loss" of the Wharf House Restaurant was done by the City's staff. It seems prudent given the nature of building and its popularity with the public to have a third party review the state of building and weigh in on the potential for repairs, if any. That review will not take a significant amount of time and will assure the public that due process was completed before one of the iconic buildings in the city is demolished.
- 2) Assuming that the conclusion holds that both buildings need to be removed, the City should open up the demolition bidding process to other contractors. This is a substantial change to the original contract which envisaged that all the piling and decking rehab work would be completed with the two buildings intact. It would not be unusual given the circumstances, to open the bidding process to those firms well-versed in demolition of old and unique structures. That strikes me as being fiscally responsible, if nothing else.
- 3) Moving forward with no plan for replacing the buildings and an implied promise to build something later with some un-identified funding source will leave the public with a bad taste in their mouths. This project spent considerable time in the review process prior to the letting of the contract to begin the work. Now a substantial change in that plan is occurring and there is no end game identified.

Thank you,
Drew Lind