

# B. Project Support



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**Re: Northlake Community Wharf Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

4Culture, King County's cultural services agency, enthusiastically supports the proposed Northlake Community Wharf project at the old King County Metro Dock site on north Lake Union.

Ever since the Seattle/King County Task Force on Maritime Heritage issued its report in 2005, the Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) and other active local maritime groups have worked to make this particular recommendation a reality. One of the difficult challenges of the maritime heritage community was, and still is, the lack of working wharf space where historic vessels can be maintained in good condition for display. With the redevelopment of Lake Union Park, the south end of the lake is no longer an option for ships that need routine repair work not requiring a shipyard haul-out. The Metro Dock was recommended by the Task Force as a potential site for this important work.

For the past four years, with support from 4Culture and in partnership with Historic Seattle, CWB has worked tirelessly to build broad consensus for developing this site. Through countless discussions with Metro staff, and conversations with King County and City of Seattle officials, CWB has explored a range of options for acquiring site control. In the meanwhile, they have successfully secured over a half-million dollars in funding for improvements to the property.

CWB has also, since then, taken this concept to another level. In collaboration with the maritime community and the neighborhoods of Wallingford and Fremont, the proposed Northlake Community Wharf has taken new shape. Today, the concept for the wharf combines active educational programming for all ages, neighborhood access, small craft activities, water linkage with Lake Union Park – as well as historic vessel repair work. The vision for this place is dynamic, experiential, and unique, but grounded in the practical. There is no doubt this facility will be a cultural asset to the city, the county, and the region.

4Culture strongly encourages City and County commitment to making the Northlake Community Wharf a reality, and we look forward to lending our own support to this excellent project in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Kelly', written over a printed name and title.

Jim Kelly  
Executive Director



Association of King County Historical Organizations  
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August 6, 2009

The Honorable Kurt Triplett  
King County Executive  
401 5th Ave. Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Triplett:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Association of King County Historical Organizations (AKCHO), which represents more than 140 King County individuals and organizations working to preserve our county's history and heritage. Our membership includes the Center for Wooden Boats, and our Board of Directors would like to express our support for CWB's proposal to create a second campus at the north end of Lake Union.

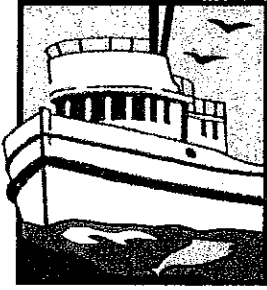
For the past several years, the one-third acre King County property, known as the Metro Dock, has been an unattractive and inaccessible part of the lake waterfront. For 33 years, CWB has enhanced King County's quality of life at its current south Lake Union location through hands-on history programs, festivals, special events and outreach to the diverse citizens of the county.

A second CWB Lake Union campus at Metro Dock will provide the same fun and educational maritime heritage activities as it has for decades at its current site. The new campus would benefit all King County residents by creating a new lakeside community gathering space. And AKCHO's membership looks forward to the expansion of CWB's public programs at the Metro Dock.

We ask that that you encourage the appropriate agencies to pursue options that would result in a CWB campus at Metro Dock.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Follansbee  
Vice President, AKCHO Board of Directors



## COASTAL HERITAGE ALLIANCE

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May 10, 2006

Dear HCPG Review Team,

On behalf of the maritime preservation organization Coastal Heritage Alliance, I welcome this opportunity to acknowledge our support and enthusiasm for this heritage capital project.

It is our opinion that few, if any, preservation challenges are as compelling and timely as the documented need to restore and maintain the state's fleet of historic vessels.

The proposed establishment of a Seattle Heritage Shipyard points toward the honoring and supporting of the goals, investments, decisions and designations that have been made in the past with regard to the maritime heritage of Washington State.

A maintenance facility dedicated to vessels of historic and cultural significance, while also teaching the next generation stewardship of these floating treasures, is a job worth doing – a project deserving of support.

We urge you to consider seriously both the short term merits and the long range benefits of this heritage preservation endeavor.

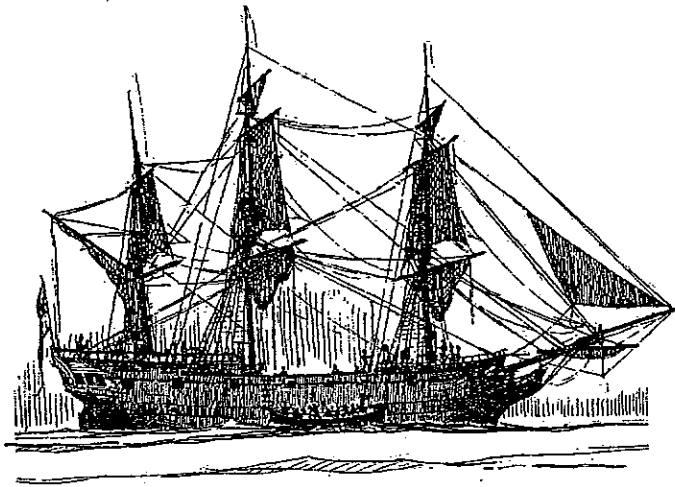
With your grant support, Coastal Heritage Alliance, in solidarity with Historic Seattle and 4Culture, is committed to leading this project for the good of the community.

If further information or clarification is needed on the nature of our preservation activities, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Michael Vlahovich'.

A. Michael Vlahovich



Discovery Modelers Education Center, 860 Terry Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109 • (206) 282-0985

**RE: Northlake Community Wharf**

To Whom It May Concern:

Discovery Modelers Education Center high endorses the Northlake Wharf on Lake Union and the proposed use of maritime education and restoration programs under the guidance of The Center for Wooden Boats. The Northlake Wharf could become a place where all ages can come, feel welcome, learn, participate and enjoy maritime heritage.

Other maritime partnerships could be offered for even a greater use of this Northlake location and a greater benefit to the public!

The Center for Wooden Boats has a proven outstanding success in Waterway 4 and with the addition of the Northlake property it would be a continued success on the lake. A place to meet all future needs.

It should not be forgotten that Seattle is a major port with an outstanding maritime past and without its maritime history would not exist as it does today.

Opening up the Northlake site to maritime public benefit provides another important focus on a great heritage. Let us make the Northlake Wharf alive with activity! There can be no better public benefit.

Sincerely,

Colleen Wagner  
Discovery Modelers Education Center

The Northlake Wharf  
to whom it may concern;

I highly endorse the Northlake Wharf on Lake Union and the proposed use of maritime education and restoration programs under the guidance of the Center For Wooden Boats. The Northlake Wharf could become a place where all ages can come, feel welcome, learn, participate and enjoy maritime heritage.

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# FLOATING HOMES ASSOCIATION

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15 August 2009

Re: Northlake Community Wharf

To whom it may concern --

We enthusiastically support the "Northlake Community Wharf" project on North Northlake Way, just west of Gasworks.

This is a rare opportunity to add more public access to Lake Union. The waterfront lot is already publicly owned and has been unused for years. The Center for Wooden Boat's planning to revitalize the site is well underway and features their "hands on" approach to maritime heritage at little ongoing public cost. We get a new park, almost for free.

The proposal emphasizes attracting people to the site. Fremont and Wallingford have long needed community centers. This plan promises them a place of their own.

The presence of the CWB also adds a dimension that makes a compelling contrast to the experience available at nearby Gasworks Park. While Gasworks' lawns provide spectacular panoramas of downtown and Lake Union, its design is geared more toward passive viewing with limited access to the beach. The CWB, on the other hand, is in the business of drawing people onto the water. They give sailing lessons. They rent rowboats. They teach boat-building classes. Rather than shooing people away from the shoreline, they create opportunities to use it.

They do have an ulterior motive. Their mission is to teach and preserve our maritime heritage. They encourage the public to get involved because they have decided the best way for people to learn is by doing. But the Center for Wooden Boats is a museum at heart, and this facility will naturally become a focus for knowledge about this particular location and its unique history. This is a chance to capture another bit of our legacy before it slips away.

What's not to like? Free park. Community center. Public access to boats and the water. Mix a little history with a few good things now, and we give an amazing gift to the future.

The Floating Homes Association



FREMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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August 26, 2009

To whom it may concern --

The Fremont Chamber would like to extend its support to the Center for Wooden Boats North Wharf project on North Northlake Way, to the west of Gasworks Park.

The proposal emphasizes attracting people to the site and to the surrounding area. We feel this community-oriented project will be a benefit to Fremont. We also see opportunities for partnership between business and the Center.

The Center for Wooden Boats brings a new element to the Fremont neighborhood, complementing Gasworks Park with its proximity to the park. While Gasworks' provides spectacular views of Lake Union and downtown, its focus is on land-oriented activities, not water. The North Wharf project, on the other hand, is very water-oriented and would be an excellent location to connect Fremont with the working water. With its location near industry, and with a focus on preservation and historical significance this working museum / community center will help bridge the often felt gap between public access and industry.

We hope this project will help connect Fremont and Wallingford, land and water bringing many elements together in a public space that has been so long under utilized.

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*The Fremont Chamber of Commerce strengthens the business climate  
and improves the quality of life in the Fremont area.*

The  
**FREMONT**  
Neighborhood Council

May 26, 2009

To whom it may concern

The Fremont Neighborhood Council would like to express its support for The Center for Wooden Boats' efforts to create a maritime activity and community center on the north shore of Lake Union. This project increases the livability of north-end neighborhoods by creating better access to Lake Union, increasing the amount of usable community space for community gatherings, and engaging our collective maritime heritage.

The site has lain dormant for too long. A remnant of the Lake Union's industrial past, this blighted piece of public property has been an under-maintained and unattractive feature that closed off the lake from public access. The Center for Wooden Boats' plan to improve and revitalize the site is a long overdue effort to better utilize our public waterfront.

This project lies on the east edge of the Fremont neighborhood and its proximity to our neighborhood makes it a significant project for us. It is conceivable that the visitors to Northlake Wharf could participate in a boatbuilding class or watch professional shipwrights ply their trade, then take a short stroll along the Burke Gilman trail and visit the Fremont Market. Residents could buy lunch in Fremont then take a small boat for a picnic on the lake, or row to Lake Union park and hop onto the streetcar for a day downtown. Northlake Wharf will add a piece of vibrancy to the north shore of Seattle and provide the opportunity for a waterborne connection to the downtown core..

We at the Fremont Neighborhood Council are excited about this project's development and look forward to participating in the community design process to help shape and form the idea into a reality.

Cordially,



Norma Jones, President  
Fremont Neighborhood Council



**F°GWP**

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13, November 2009

Re: Northlake Community Wharf

The Friends of Gas Works Park Board, a community organization recognized for responsible stewardship of Gas Works Park, strongly endorses the Center for Wooden Boat's Northlake Community Wharf project proposal. The Community Wharf represents an excellent opportunity to provide additional, and much needed, public access to the Lake Union shoreline. By providing small watercraft rental and launch facilities just west of Gas Works Park, we believe the proposed center will expand the enjoyment of both Lake Union and the Park.

As demonstrated by the Center for Wooden Boats on the southern shore, the proposers are a committed and enthusiastic cadre of volunteers with the task and project management skills required to bring the vision to fruition. When developed, the maritime focused center will provide a compelling attraction for those with a desire to learn and engage. We believe a key aspect of the plan is the creation of general purpose community center facilities convenient to Wallingford and Fremont, and we look forward to increased public participation in local events as well as new growth in knowledge and awareness of Seattle history.

Sincerely,

Patrick Waddell  
FoGWP Board President



# Olmsted

## Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks

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To Whom it May Concern,

Friends of Seattle's Olmsted Parks (FSOP) is pleased to express support for the Center for Wooden Boats' (CWB) *Northlake Community Wharf* proposal as described by CWB Board Members Chris Butler and Jake Beattie during FSOP's August 2009 Board Meeting. The proposed Wharf would activate a parcel of Metro-owned property just west of Gas Works Park as a community rowing and sailing center, a heritage vessel restoration exhibit, and a public open space. This proposal provides a significant opportunity to build upon the essential open space network envisioned by the Olmsted Brothers for the City of Seattle over a century ago and to reinforce the spirit of design embodied by the esteemed landscape architecture firm. Elements of the Community Wharf proposal that echo the Olmsted Brothers ideology include:

#### Public/Democratic Space:

Referenced in the Olmsted Brothers' 1903 report on Parks, Parkways and Playgrounds for the City of Seattle, Gasworks Park and South Lake Union Park, situated on the north and south shores of Lake Union respectively, comprise counterbalanced open spaces that today provide key public access to a quintessential Seattle experience – the view of the City from the water's edge. The proposed Wharf would increase public access to the shoreline and would offer public meeting space within the restored existing structure.

#### Genius of Place:

The Wharf would help to preserve the historic character of Lake Union as a working waterfront, rehabilitating an existing site structure as a heritage vessel restoration exhibit.

#### Comprehensive Approach:

The Wharf would improve the connectivity of public spaces that frame Lake Union, anchoring the north and south shores with public gateways to the lake and extending the public presence established by Gas Works Park toward the west. The Wharf could also help to reinforce the seam between the park and the surrounding neighborhood by improving the sense of entry to the park on the west end.

#### Restorative and Recreational Space:

The Olmsteds consistently advocated the healthful influence of open spaces within an urban environment as restorative and recreational space, particularly as part of an interconnected system of open spaces like Seattle's. Though the proposed parcel itself is relatively modest in size, it would provide improved visual access to the "borrowed landscape" beyond its boundaries, and it would provide a recreational gateway to the open waters of Lake Union, a central but often overlooked open space in the heart of the City.

FSOP is encouraged by CWB's approach to the Wharf and interested in further participation as the proposal is developed.

Sincerely,



Brooks Kolb  
FSOP President



# United States Department of the Interior



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 25, 2009

Mr. Kurt Triplett  
King County Executive  
Bank of America Tower  
701 Fifth Avenue, Ste. 3210  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Triplett:

The National Park Service (NPS) would like to express our support for the creation of a Northlake Community Wharf project on the north end of Lake Union in Seattle.

The NPS is the nation's lead preservation agency, overseeing the National Register of Historic Places and the National Historic Landmark programs as part of its stewardship responsibilities. We provide technical assistance to NHLs through our Partnership Programs, helping to ensure irreplaceable cultural resources are preserved for future generations to experience.

Over the years, the NPS has learned of the difficulty NHL vessel owners have had in securing adequate dock and moorage space for conducting maintenance work on these significant maritime resources. The city of Seattle is home to numerous historic ships and four of them are National Historic Landmarks, the highest recognition a privately owned cultural resource can achieve. By establishing this wharf and providing a facility for owners of historic vessels to complete much needed repairs and preservation maintenance work, the County would be part of an exemplary partnership and fulfill its preservation mandate. The County was and remains an active participant in the Seattle-King County Maritime Heritage Task Force, created in May 2005 to consider some of the critical issues facing the region's historic ships. One of the recommendations from the Task Force was to identify a permanent location where historic vessels could conduct maintenance work. King County continues to have a critical role in the preservation of the region's maritime resources if they are to survive into the future.

We urge you to support this project and make this vital piece of the maritime preservation puzzle a reality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rory Westberg  
Deputy Regional Director, Pacific West Region  
National Park Service





**NWSeaport**  
Maritime Heritage Center

November 13, 2009

**RE: Northwest Seaport's Support for the Northlake Community Wharf Project with The Center for Wooden Boats**

To Whom It May Concern:

Northwest Seaport supports efforts by King County 4Culture, Coastal Heritage Alliance, Historic Seattle and The Center for Wooden Boats to establish a working shipyard at the north end of Lake Union, Seattle, for the restoration and preservation of National Historic Landmark and other historic vessels in King County and the broader Pacific Northwest.

Few organizations or businesses still do this type of work, so this site will be very unique and important. The Pacific Northwest's fleet of historic vessels cannot be restored or maintained without an active shipyard, and we believe that the proposed site will help establish the necessary accommodations for wooden ship preservation as well as educate the public about the importance of these vessels in the region's maritime history.

Furthermore, the mission of The Center for Wooden Boats' second site is in keeping with Northwest Seaport's dedication to preserving and interpreting Puget Sound and the Northwest Coast's maritime heritage by developing maritime-based education programs for a broad community. Northwest Seaport is a major supporter of this project and will continue to help in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fitzgerald  
Vice President  
Northwest Seaport

# SEATTLE PARKS FOUNDATION

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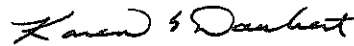
Executive Director  
Karen Daubert

*Improving  
and expanding  
Seattle's parks  
and green spaces.*

I am writing in support of Center For Wooden Boats North Lake Union Project. The Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) has been a key partner of Seattle Parks Foundation since our doors opened in the Armory Building at Lake Union Park over eight years ago. Since that time, we have worked together on many Lake Union projects including Lake Union Park and the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop master plan.

The North Lake Union Project is an exciting opportunity to provide more public access to Lake Union – a lake that is severely lacking in public access sites. This project involves the entire community including three neighborhood groups working together around one exciting goal. It is adjacent to the Cheshiahud Lake Union Loop path for which we have been working for the past year and which includes a section of the Burke Gilman Trail and references this site. And it is an excellent example of partnering with many organizations around a unique site. In many ways, it is similar to what we faced when we first started working on Lake Union Park: a site that is publicly owned but unused and inaccessible to the public.

Sincerely,



*Karen Daubert*  
Executive Director  
Seattle Parks Foundation



**King County**

**Ron Sims**

King County Executive

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May 11, 2006

John S. Chaney, Executive Director  
Historic Seattle  
1117 Minor Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: **Use Agreement: North Lake Union Metro Facility and Docks  
Seattle, Washington**

Dear Director Chaney:

This letter of interest confirms and supports discussions between my office and Historic Seattle Preservation and Development Authority ("Historic Seattle") to secure a long-term agreement for use of the property known as "Metro Dock" located at 1445 North Northlake Way in Seattle, Washington.

The purpose of the envisioned agreement will be to facilitate the development and operation of an historic vessel restoration facility as recommended and endorsed by the *Seattle/King County Task Force on Maritime Heritage Final Report*.<sup>1,2</sup>

It is our mutual intention to finalize an agreement that will develop and maintain the property in keeping with 1) the Task Force recommendations 2) the best interests of King County, and 3) best interests of the general public.

It is also our mutual intention to develop, as far as is practicable, an agreement that will allow Historic Seattle to pursue both financial and in-kind support for development of an historic vessel restoration facility, including Historic Seattle's grant request to the Washington State Heritage Capital Projects Fund.

This letter is not a binding offer. A formal agreement would be evidenced by a legally binding document approved and executed by my office and Historic Seattle, in compliance with King County code and regulations. Action and approval by the Metropolitan King County Council is also anticipated.

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<sup>1</sup> *Seattle/King County Task Force on Maritime Heritage Final Report*, December 6, 2005, pp. 19-23.  
[http://www.4culture.org/preservation/maritime/4Culture\\_MaritimeReport.pdf](http://www.4culture.org/preservation/maritime/4Culture_MaritimeReport.pdf)

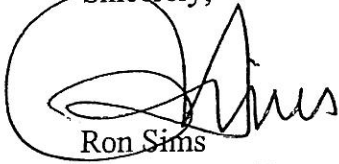
<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*, Appendix H, *Proposal by the Coastal Heritage Alliance*, Captain Mike Vlahovich, pp. 11-14.



John S. Chaney  
May 11, 2006  
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I look forward to a prompt conclusion of our fruitful discussions and an execution of a long-term agreement for use of the Metro Dock property.

Sincerely,

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Ron Sims  
King County Executive

cc: The Honorable Larry Gossett, Metropolitan King County Council  
The Honorable Bob Ferguson, Metropolitan King County Council



October 3, 2008

**Re: Center for Wooden Boats North Lake Union Expansion**

The South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors Community Council (SLUFAN), the designated community organization representing planning and other issues in the South Lake Union neighborhood, strongly endorses the proposed Center for Wooden Boats (CWB) campus on north Lake Union.

This 1/3 acre, undeveloped property known as the Metro fuel dock can be transformed by CWB into an attractive and active maritime heritage center.

We can think of no better use of this derelict site than to create a public resource that provides access for the public to fun and educational programs and that supports our historic ships.

For a vision of the maritime museum hub at Lake Union Park to be fully realized there needs to be a complimentary location for the ongoing preservation of landmark vessels. This site has the proven capacity to maintain the 120' historic schooner Zodiac. The Metro property also adjoins a shipyard with dry docks. We feel there is no better place on Lake Union for maritime preservation to meet preservation requirements and be publicly accessible.

We are excited that the CWB will be the lead organization in this initiative. For 32 years, CWB has been enhancing the South Lake Union neighborhood through their hands-on history programs, festivals, special events, and their attention to community building.

The Metro site has impressive views from Capitol Hill to Queen Anne. With its proximity to Gas Works Park, the two public spaces could eventually extend into one another. As more people move into the Lake Union neighborhood, this new campus will become increasingly important as a lakeside open space.

As the community council for the South Lake Union neighborhood, we look forward to a nearby destination on the lake that is attractive, active, and an extension of the CWB public programs benefiting our community.

With appreciation,

Steven Paget  
For the SLUFAN Board

SLUFAN Board members:

*Steven Paget, Chair SLUFAN CC Board*

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cc: Center for Wooden Boats



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Rory S. Rutledge,  
Owner, Stoneway Hardware

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

To whom this may concern,

Stoneway Hardware has been a part of Fremont/Wallingford and the Lake Union Community for over 22 Years. We have seen many positive and negative changes take place in the community. For over 15 Years, Stoneway Hardware has been a major contributor to the Center for Wooden Boats Annual Auction Fundraiser.

The creation of a new maritime learning center would be one that the whole city would be proud of, to take part in it's development, growth and ongoing educational opportunities along with utilization of the property as a free park.


With the greater Seattle area's emphasis on cleaning up properties that have been neglected or underutilized, and considering the rich maritime heritage that Seattle has, why wouldn't we want to keep the heritage preserved for all to enjoy and learn from?

A maritime learning center would also be a stimulus for the youth of the area, enriching lives through teaching skills and giving more options where learning is stimulated with a 'hands on' environment.

The wharf would provide an excellent place for Seattle and surrounding School Districts to use for field trips as an ongoing learning experience for teaching about our area's historical significance.

Stoneway Hardware supports the Center for Wooden Boats efforts to obtain and develop a maritime learning center, the Northlake Wharf project.

Sincerely,



Rory S. Rutledge

# THE STEAMER VIRGINIA V FOUNDATION

August 25, 2009

RE: The Center for Wooden Boats Northlake Community Wharf Expansion

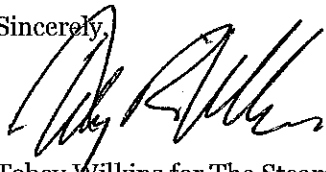
The Steamer Virginia V Foundation, charged with the preservation and recent restoration of the National Historic Landmark Vessel, S.S. *Virginia V*, strongly endorses the proposed expansion by The Center for Wooden Boats at the north end of Lake Union.

As a working landmark vessel on Lake Union, we can think of no better use of the now-unattractive and inaccessible King County property, known as the Metro dock, than to create a public resource that provides access to the lakes for fun and educational programs that support our historic ships.

The Steamer Virginia V Foundation is currently partnered with The Center for Wooden Boats in many exciting arenas including the maritime museum hub "at lake union park." The prospect of a complimentary maritime museum focused on the ongoing preservation of landmark vessels is of particular interest to our organization. This site has the proven capacity to maintain our 125' historic ship and to provide a much-needed passenger pick-up location at the north end of the lake.

We are excited that the CWB will be the lead organization in this initiative. The second campus will provide the same fun and educational maritime heritage activities enjoyed at the south end of the lake, and will also create a new lakeside community gathering space. We of The Steamer Virginia V Foundation look forward to the expansion of CWB's public-benefitting programs at the Metro dock site.

Sincerely,



Tobey Wilkins for The Steamer Virginia V Foundation  
President

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## Wallingford Community Council

October 1, 2008

To Seattle Parks Foundation and The Center for Wooden Boats:

The Wallingford Community Council enthusiastically supports both the improvement of Waterway 18 and The Center for Wooden Boats' proposal to develop King County's property adjacent to Waterway 20 for a Northlake Maritime Community Center. Maintaining, protecting, and enhancing these projects as shoreline resources is consistent with both the 1998 Wallingford Neighborhood Plan and the 2002 South Wallingford Amendment. It is directly relevant to the goals and recommendations in the 2002 plan as these uses increase the Wallingford's community's access to Lake Union and celebrate the maritime industrial tradition of the area.

The renewal of Waterway 18 preserves and enhances the largest publicly accessible waterway on Lake Union. Owing to its wide beach and gently sloping shore, it is an ideal site to launch or land hand-powered boats. While it has been well used by the rowing and paddling communities, the site has been underused by the general public due to the presence of litter, encampments and illicit activities. Waterway 18 is an idyllic setting and provides refuge for visitors as well as ducks, salmon, and other native wildlife. The Wallingford Community Council applauds the effort to enhance public access and habitat features, transforming the site into an inviting park-like atmosphere on north Lake Union.

The Center for Wooden Boats efforts to create a maritime activity community center to the west of Gasworks Park is another step forward for the neighborhood vision. This site will serve the neighborhood's need for a visual and physical connection to Lake Union, create a community gathering space, and also help preserve the unique historic ships of our region while providing the public a chance to observe and learn about the traditional maritime skills once so prevalent along our waterfront. Historic small rowboat and sailboat rentals in the summer, classes in traditional skills, and the spectacle of traditional ship preservation will create vibrant activity on the site year round. Wallingford is currently launching a community center planning effort, assessing physical and programmatic resources in our area, and The Center for Wooden Boats' plan to incorporate the needs for community gatherings only cements the value of the project to the Wallingford Neighborhood.

As more people move into the neighborhoods that surround Lake Union, Waterway 18 and Northlake Wharf will become increasingly important as neighborhood open spaces that preserve public access to Lake Union. The renewed activity at these sites will truly be an asset for Wallingford and the city of Seattle as a whole. We also believe that these innovative restorations will be solid pilot projects, spurring the restoration of some of the other 35 street ends and Waterways that abut Lake Union.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary M. Heim".

Mary Heim  
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**RE: Northlake Community Wharf**

**To whom it may concern:**

**WWTA supports the Northlake Community Wharf project. Adding additional public access to Lake Union supports WWTA's mission: "to promote advocacy, education, and stewardship of public access to Washington's waterways for people in human and wind powered beachable watercraft."**

**This is a tremendous opportunity to gain public water access in Lake Union in addition to preserving and educating Washington's maritime heritage.**

**Sincerely,**

**Julie Anderson**  
**Executive Director**

**Resolution Number: 31161**

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**Text**

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WHEREAS, public access for citizens of Seattle and King County to green space and to waterways and shorelines are high public priorities; and

WHEREAS, there are rarely opportunities for expansion of parks or other facilities offering such access on our crowded waterways; and

WHEREAS, King County Metro Transit is in the process of declaring its North Lake Union dock site surplus property and is considering possible future uses or buyers; and

WHEREAS, there would be public benefit in keeping the North Lake Union dock site in public or non-profit ownership and dedicating it to water-oriented public use; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County Maritime Heritage Task Force stated in its 2005 report that there is a great need for a maritime heritage facility including repair workshops for wooden vessels and training facilities to teach sailing and other maritime skills, and the Task Force identified the North Lake Union site for such a facility; and

WHEREAS, the North Lake Union dock site was identified in the South Wallingford amendment to the Wallingford Neighborhood Plan as a desired location for a water-oriented community resource; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont and Wallingford Neighborhood Associations have endorsed the idea of a waterfront park on the North Lake Union dock site, and the inclusion of public meeting spaces for their use; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has dedicated \$500,000 to improvement of the site if matched on a two-to-one ratio, and those funds could be used to improve the existing on-site building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has appropriated \$50,000 in the 2009 Adopted Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation ("Parks") to determine if the site can be secured for future city park use; and

WHEREAS, Parks might consider such a site for purchase with various acquisition funds, including the Opportunity Fund from the 2008 Parks & Green Spaces Levy; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Wooden Boats, a Seattle non-profit corporation that for thirty one years has taught sailing, boat repair, and other maritime skills at its docks on South Lake Union, has expressed interest in being the key tenant for a water-oriented park and activity center at the North Lake Union dock site; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. The City Council supports the King County Council's work to maintain the North Lake Union dock site for public use and access, including as a water-oriented or maritime-related community resource. The site, commonly known as the Waterfront Parcel, is currently owned by King County Metro Transit, encompasses 56,498 square feet and is located at 1445 North Northlake Place, near Gas Works Park.

Section 2. The Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and King County Metro Transit should research and analyze the potential to transfer ownership and control of the North Lake Union dock site to the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation. Such analysis should include a review of i) site use history, ii) the condition of the buildings, piers and docks, and iii) any known or potential environmental contamination at the site or at adjacent properties, including contaminated sediments in Lake Union, and should include an analysis of the City's potential liability for environmental contamination should the City accept ownership of the site.

Section 3. Any subsequent property transfer or purchase and sale agreement should include language indemnifying the City from liabilities, costs, or damages related to or arising out of environmental contamination, which may exist due to the City's purchase of the property.

Section 4. If the North Lake Union site is transferred to Parks Department ownership, the Parks Superintendent, on behalf of the City, should negotiate a long-term tenancy agreement with the Center for Wooden Boats, for the purposes of expanding the Center's public programs and activities. The tenancy agreement should be negotiated on a market-rate basis and should take into account the public services to be offered at the site.

Adopted by the City Council the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

City Clerk

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