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Mr. Bob Hyde, Executive Director

Today is a special day, a day to remember, and one that will give to all of America a new President. But, I would like to remember this day and never forget that you had given the MV Kalakala an opportunity to present a shared vision for a future prospective project.

Before, I get started I would like to extend my appreciations to you, all the commissioners, and your staff for allowing the Kalakala Alliance Foundation an opportunity to present a prospective MV Kalakala private-public partnership scheduled November 6, 2009 at 7PM.

For nearly 5 years I have been involved with efforts to help transform the misperceptions of the MV Kalakala, not as a derelict and abandoned ferry, but one that was once proud, honored, and respected within our entire Puget Sound community and renowned world-wide as the "World's First Streamlined Art Deco Ferry". I am very happy to be given this privilege to represent the Kalakala today. But, I represent only one of the 100's if not 1000's of past volunteers that have offered their support over the past 10 years towards helping to save the Kalakala.

Today, the Kalakala and the 4 steel electrics (Quinault, Nisqually, Illahee, and Klickitat) all have an opportunity of a lifetime. The State has treated the 4 steel electrics well since 1951. But, they have actually served the people and communities for 80 years. They can become of value to the Kalakala and a community if the State allows us to purchase them instead of sending them to Mexico as scrap. It is a perfect time to help this crisis from happening as we are about to lose all of our significant physical maritime history past onto us by our forefathers.

I am going to present to you, the commissioners, staff, and your entire community members my spirit of community building. And, a reuse scenario of the 4 steel electrics can strengthen the Kalakala and a rural community like Anacortes. Without a reuse concept we can lose valuable future historic and maritime community transportation assets. We are seeking a shared vision for the Kalakala and the Black Ball Line as legends that never end, and a ship of a thousand years. But, we are under political pressures not measured by the depth of the seas, and we are in a crisis regarding the negotiable bidding process used by the State for the steel electrics. The Kalakala has been returned, and within our Puget sound community for 10 years. Until now the Kalakala had no voice, and today time is of the essence.

It will be difficult to present our prospective project within the total 15 minutes granted. But, we will provide a 5-minute speech, 10 minutes Power Point Presentation CD, and some other documents for your future review and potential discussion after the meeting. And, I regret to be unable to send the total Power Point presentation today. But, I will hand deliver the CD no later than 4PM to your office on the 6th, so that, you can download the file onto your computer.

Best regards,
Steve Rodrigues, President & Chairman, Kalakala Alliance Foundation

Attachments: Agenda & other scanned PDF file documents.

MV KALAKALA PORT OF ANACORTES MEETING AGGENDA

1) 5 Minute Speech

A) Introduction

Seeking rural community and peace

B) November 4, 2008 Kalakala Alliance Foundation Cover Letter to Port of Anacortes

C) Prospective Private-Public Partnership

MV Kalakala reuse as a Maritime National Landmark

Public-Private Charitable Trust

Kalakala Alliance Foundation

Port of Anacortes

MV Kalakala

D) MV Kalakala and Black Ball Line Petition Status

Hope to encourage Port of Anacortes and WSDOT meetings

Port of Anacortes Nov. 6, 2008 7PM

WSDOT (Chief of Staff)& WSF (Exec. Dir.) meeting Nov. 7, 2008 1:30PM

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/mv-kalakala-black-ball-line.html>

www.kalakala.org

E) USDA, Evergreen Community Development, and Rural Washington Loan Funding alternatives Phased funding for soft costs, construction, and other capital improvements

F) Tax-Exempt Bond scenario alternatives

G) Proposed “It’s the Water” LLC Project Team members

H) Attachments: Scanned PDF Files

1) RCW 53.08.110

Gifts-Improvements

2) MV Kalakala National Register of Historic Places- March 22, 2006

3) MV Kalakala Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places – January 27, 2006

4-5) Kalakala Business Plan cover Page & Table of Contents – November 23, 2006

6-8) The vision KALAKALA design drawings August 2004 by Alan Nielsen (3 pages)

9) Kalakala Alliance Foundation Certificate of Existence/Authorization 1/23/92

10) Kalakala Alliance Foundation – Who we are (1 Page)

11) Kalakala-National Registration Nomination- City of Tacoma (1-Page)

Future i.e. letter to City of Anacortes- Certified Local Government (CLG)

2) 10 Minute Power Point Presentation Slides (2 sec intervals w/ little oral descriptive comments