

Shooting: Jones pleaded not guilty to 15 charges

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Jones is being charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, felon in possession of a firearm, two counts of tampering with a witness by physical force or threat and use of a firearm during a crime of violence.

The charges were announced by the U.S. Department of Justice after a two-month, multi-agency investigation into the gun used in Goodding's death.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Leah K. Bolstad.

Jones was in custody in Clatsop County Jail Thursday awaiting arraignment in Portland.

The Clatsop County District Attorney's Office filed similar charges against Jones. District Attorney Josh Marquis said someone can be prosecuted for the same crimes in state and federal court.

Jones has pleaded not guilty to 15 charges in Clatsop County Circuit Court and is scheduled for a status hearing later this month.

Goodding was shot and killed in February while attempting to arrest Ferry on a felony assault warrant.

Ferry, a Seaside man with an extensive criminal history, was shot and killed by another Seaside officer. An investigation found that the police shooting of Ferry was justified.

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fund, a hotel-room tax fund, for parks-and-rec projects.

"Maybe not (for) maintenance but, potentially, way-finding signage and adding trails," she said. "Those are essentially creating new products to promote Astoria."

Other priorities

In addition, most of the advisory committee members believe the plan should reflect as priorities:

- reducing or eliminating expenditures that don't support the "core" parks-and-recreation assets and services — a move that may include selling, leasing, repurposing or scaling back maintenance on underused parkland;
- creating a parks maintenance plan that establishes standards for levels of care at each site, and prioritizes the backlog of deferred maintenance tasks;
- getting involved in city initiatives, such as Heritage Square and the Riverfront Vision Plan, that would involve the department and draw time and resources away from existing parks services;
- devising a master plan for Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton that includes figuring out how much of the 50 undeveloped acres on the 100-acre site is actually developable;
- and implementing the 2013 trails master plan.

Lil' Sprouts

Nemlowill questioned whether Lil' Sprouts Academy, a parks department-run day care center, should be considered a "core service."

The final master plan, she said, should explore ways the department might encourage other entities, whether public or private, to take over day care in the future.

Dulcye Taylor, a committee member and president of the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, agreed: "I never understood why day care and kids programs were under parks. I mean, that does seem like

the responsibility of the schools."

"Lil' Sprouts is really important," Nemlowill said, "and we have a responsibility to keep it going right now."

But, with the city facing minimum-wage increases over the next few years — which parents will have to pay for through increased user fees — "the day care's going to get tougher and tougher to staff and run," she said, "and it's going to take the focus away from keeping the Aquatic Center open and hiring lifeguards, which, to me, seems like more of a core service."

Discussing whether a new business could address the community's day care needs, Parks Director Angela Cosby said, "We currently have 70 children on our wait list, so there's a massive demand."

Scott Tucker, a committee member and superintendent of Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, said day care should remain a core service "until a comparable service becomes available."

"It just seems as though, potentially, somebody else could take the reins," Nemlowill said. "It doesn't necessarily need to be the city. Maybe somebody who's more focused on child care and not having to deal with a pool, and a cemetery, and 300 acres of parkland, and Astoria Column, a Chinese park and all that stuff."

Community input

Sisson will present a master plan update at a City Council work session Monday night.

The community will also have the opportunity at three open houses next week to give feedback on the draft master plan:

- a public meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Fort George Lovell Showroom;
- a drop-in public input session from 7 to 10 a.m. Thursday at Street 14 Coffee;
- a drop-in public input session from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Old Town Framing during the Second Saturday Art Walk.

Rails: Task force being organized

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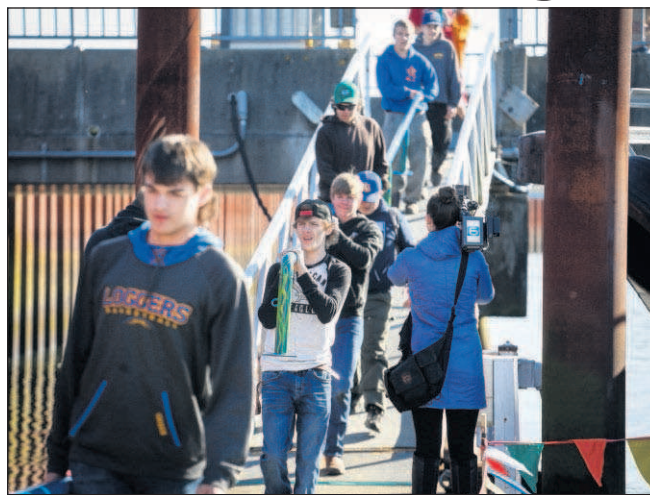
Sheridan's class, which has long partnered with Kampi's on school projects, takes over after the fabrication, painting the railings blue and decorating them with plants and sea creatures. "The only thing we request is no sea lions," Kampi joked, crediting Sheridan's class with the national and international news exposure.

Kampi estimated his welding classes and Sheridan's artists can finish 400 feet of railing a week, hopefully lining the docks by June.

Sheridan said her students will be plenty busy, painting the railings, about 25 large-scale, space-themed murals for the school's upcoming prom and a large, mountainous backdrop her students were recruited to make for the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Budding partnership

Knappa students were first introduced to the Port when commercial property developer Terry Lowenberg bought and donated two large metallic salmon signs the students had made for the annual Knappa Schools Foundation auction. The first went up at the West End Mooring Basin in May. The east end sign went up Thursday after students and



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Students from Knappa High School were followed by a small media contingent from KOIN 6 as they and Port of Astoria staff installed rails at the East End Mooring Basin Thursday.

Port staff finished installing the first portion of railings.

The Port had been quoted as much as \$500,000 by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to install similar railings, which the Port had heard was a successful sea lion deterrent at other marinas on the West Coast.

By working with the students, the Port's Permit and Project Manager Robert Evert estimated the agency could fence off all the docks at the east end for \$15,000, including a \$2,000 donation from Columbia Steel co-owner Tim Hill, who also runs J&H Boat-

works in a hangar at the Port's North Tongue Point facility. The students provided free labor to fabricate the rails, while gaining real-world welding experience.

Northward migration

Even if the railings successfully clear the Port's docks, sea lions are still expected to crowd the Columbia River foraging for smelt, salmon and other locally abundant fish runs.

Robin Brown, head of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Mammal Research Program, said biologists are working on a guess-

timate of 40,000 sea lions migrating north to Oregon, Washington state and British Columbia from rookeries in California this spring and summer. Earlier this month, Brown said, the state counted 3,800 sea lions at the East End Mooring Basin, an all-time high, along with more than 700 in Rainier.

The animals are migrating north as their traditional foraging grounds in California are going fallow amid warm El Niño waters devastating nearshore species such as sardines and squid. Since they were covered under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act in the early 1970s, the population of California sea lions has catapulted from an estimated 10,000 to more than 300,000.

The population growth, along with the predation on endangered salmon runs, has spawned a debate on whether they should still be protected under federal law.

Port Commissioner Bill Hunsinger has been organizing a sea lion task force made up mostly of fishermen to lobby for thinning the animals' numbers.

• **Online:** Check out a video of the sea lion railings at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2zlcflwfo>

Housing: It has not grown with population

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Cronin described a troubling disparity between the income of homeowners versus renters he called the "Astoria Gap." According to his research, the average annual income for Astoria homeowners is \$58,000, while Astoria renters have an annual income of \$25,000.

While the gap is significant, some pointed out the goal should be about providing more places for people to live, rather than creating more homeowners. Many homeowners do not live in the county anyway, some added.

As the population grows in Clatsop County, housing has not

"We are not producing enough units. Period," Cronin said.

Hansen said she has heard stories about employers having to put new hires up in hotels, or people turning down jobs because they could not find a place to live.

Ideas to curb the housing issues are being developed, she said. One option is for cities to create a regional coalition that works with the private sector.

"We really need the elected officials to buy in on this because it will require political will," she said.

Homelessness

When the topic of homelessness was brought up, many

complimented Astoria City Councilor Drew Herzig for his work helping to launch a warming center downtown.

Herzig admitted the warming center should not be considered a solution by any means. He wishes he could work himself out of a job by the community finding ways to keep people off the streets.

"We know we are just a temporary fix, and we are not addressing all the needs," he said.

County Commissioner Sarah Nebeker suggested local leaders lobby the state Legislature for assistance. The question then became what exactly does the community need from the state to address the homeless prob-

lem? Some answers included more help for the mentally ill and more affordable housing.

The community leaders did not leave the meeting with any concrete solutions, but felt they could build on the open dialogue moving forward.

Mays, who retires when the new county manager Cameron Moore takes over, was applauded at the end of the meeting for coordinating the event.

"I hear out in the community a lot a tremendous appreciation and respect for Rich Mays, and that he is going to be very much missed," Astoria City Councilor Cindy Price said. "I thank you very much for suggesting this meeting."



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