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**WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTS FINAL REPORT
TO PORT OF CAMAS-WASHOUGAL**

JUNE 4, 2007 -- The Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC), appointed by the Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioners, will present their final report on the preferred architectural features for a proposed waterfront development at a special public meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. A follow-up meeting is also scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. for the Port Commissioners to begin discussion on the recommendations in the WAC final report. Both meetings will be held at the port's main administration office, 24 South 'A' Street, Washougal, Wash.

The WAC final report includes recommendations that address best-use priorities for the economic, natural and social environments, with the long-term use of the waterfront in mind:

- ☞ The economic environment addresses integrated communities with housing diversity, shops, workplaces, parks and civic facilities essential to the daily life of citizens and ensures long-term economic growth for the community.
- ☞ The natural environment addresses the natural terrain, vegetation, parks, trails, greenbelts and protected wildlife corridors.
- ☞ The social environment addresses the potential for individuals to communicate, embrace culture and history, and connect with others in safe surroundings.

"The WAC members have worked hard to identify a list of preferred waterfront features," said Byron Hanke, port liaison for the WAC. "The committee looks forward to presenting their report to the Port Commissioners, and they will be present to discuss their recommendations and answer questions."

No decision has been made on selection of these concepts and/or their sites at this time. The full report, including public input, is available at the port's website: www.PortCW.com/riverwalk.htm. Background material is available for review at the port's administrative offices.

The Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioners will be reviewing these recommended concepts in upcoming public meetings and workshops. **The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. to begin discussion of the WAC's recommendations in their final report.** Please watch for future meeting announcements in the local newspapers or the port's website. If you would like to receive e-mail or special notifications on this project, please let us know at:

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PURPOSE OF THE WAC

The 13 WAC members, representing a wide range of interests in the community, were appointed by the Port of Camas-Washougal last September with the primary purpose to "recommend the wisest and best long-term use of waterfront resources for the maximum public benefit."

In the last eight months, the committee has met twice a month in public sessions to discuss a range of mixed-use waterfront features that would best suit the community including historic, recreational, residential, retail, and commercial uses. The WAC also took public input at every meeting, and at a public open house in March that drew over 260 citizens.

BACKGROUND

The Port of Camas-Washougal entered into a public/private partnership with RiverWalk, LLC, in November, 2005, to explore the feasibility of a 65-acre waterfront development known as *RiverWalk on the Columbia*, extending from Parkersville historic site upriver to the vacant property east of Hambleton Lumber.

"Consistent with the port's mission to generate economic benefits, the port wants to see the maximum benefit derived from the full utilization of the waterfront for our community," said port commission president, Rich Gunderson. "This investment could potentially add hundreds of jobs and inject millions of tax dollars into our community. We need to give this redevelopment opportunity its due process."

The two-year option agreement allowed for joint investment for site assessments and feasibility studies to master-plan for the proposed project. If the waterfront development proceeds, Riverwalk will be responsible for project construction costs estimated at \$300 to \$400 million. Pending community input, public process, and permitting, construction is projected to begin in 2008 with a build-out in six to eight years.

"This proposed waterfront project is not just about development," said RiverWalk principal partner, John McKibbin. "Our vision is to showcase a community asset, share the riverfront history, create jobs, attract tourism, and anchor Camas-Washougal as the gateway to the magnificent Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area."

More information on RiverWalk can be found at www.columbiariverwalk.com.

ABOUT THE PORT OF CAMAS-WASHOUGAL

Formed in 1935 by a vote of the local community, the Port of Camas-Washougal features a 400-acre industrial park, a 79-hangar general aviation airport, and a 350-slip pleasure boat marina. In addition, the port has 40 industrial tenants and over 125 acres for future industrial development. Popular with recreational and general aviation pilots, Grove Field airport also has a state-of-the-art fueling station and 14 tie-downs. The Port of Camas-Washougal marina, largest on the Columbia River, is adjacent to two restaurants, a launch ramp, a marina park, fueling station, guest docks, and homeport to the Vancouver and Dolphin Yacht Clubs.

More information about the Port of Camas-Washougal and its ongoing projects can be found at www.PortCW.com.