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Waterfront Advisory Committee rolls up its sleeves and begins work

Citizens Group Convenes to Shape Riverfront's Future

Camas, Wash. – October 31, 2006 – Embarking on a multi-month mission to educate and engage the community and provide recommendations to the Port of Camas-Washougal and the City of Washougal on a proposed waterfront development, members of the Port of Camas-Washougal's Waterfront Advisory Committee convened for the first time this month. The 12-member committee, appointed by the Camas-Washougal Port Commission, is expected to complete its work by mid-2007.

Members of the Committee, selected by the Port Commission to represent a broad-based cross section of the community, are tasked with recommending "the wisest and best long-term use of waterfront resources for the maximum public benefit." The Committee will help carry forward the public input process for the RiverWalk on the Columbia development – a proposed public/private partnership between the Port and RiverWalk, LLC. The group hopes to present recommendations to the Port Commission for a blueprint of the mixed-use development that may include parks, open spaces, retail, restaurants, hotels, residential, commercial and some light industrial.

"Public input and involvement is critical to the success of the development," stated Byron Hanke, with the Port of Camas-Washougal. "Our goal is to have a sound plan at the end of this process that will represent a development that reflects the varied interests of our community, unique history of Washougal and increases access to an area that falls within the public's domain."

Developers envision an area that encompasses potentially 65 acres between the Columbia River and SR-14. Included in the development would be the existing marina area.

The Committee will undertake an intensive review of information provided by the Port and developers, and will seek input from citizens as it completes its task. At its inaugural meeting, the group members were formally introduced, reviewed their scope of work, set ground rules and dates for future meetings. The group will meet monthly through the end of the year, then will meet twice monthly to hopefully complete its work by late Spring 2007. The Committee's final recommendations will be presented to the Port, City of Washougal and RiverWalk, LLC for consideration.

The next meetings of the Committee, which are open to the public, are scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th and Wednesday, December 13th at the Port of Camas-Washougal, 24 South A Street, Washougal, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Members of the Waterfront Advisory Committee are:

Larry Blaufus
Jennie Brown
Russell Chambers
Paul Fearn
Charmaine Harvey
Sandy Krahn
Casey O'Dell
Roberta Tidland
Gary Simmons
Pat Sheaffer
John Svilarich
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