

**WATERFRONT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**\* INITIAL MEETING SUMMARY\***  
**OCTOBER 23, 2006 - 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**MEETING ATTENDANCE:**

Port Representatives

Rich Gunderson

Jim Carroll

Alan Hargrave

Sheldon Tyler

Byron Hanke

Committee Members

Arnold Cogan, Facilitator

Jennie Brown

John Svilarich

Pat Sheaffer

Gary Simmons

Robert Tidland

Sandy Krahn

Russ Chambers

Charmaine Harvey

Paul Fearn

Larry Blaufus

Barbe West

Casey O'Dell

Arnold Cogan, Facilitator, opened the meeting at 6:15 and introduced himself to the Committee members and outlined his role as facilitator. Rich Gunderson, Port Commission President, welcomed the Committee and thanked them for their participation.

The Committee members then introduced themselves and completed the following sentence: "At the end of this process, I will be satisfied if..."

Jennie Brown: "...this facility brings more amenities to our community."

John Svilarich: "...no one is completely happy and everyone has been heard."

Pat Sheaffer: "...I can understand the financial viability of the project."

Gary Simmons: "...we have a long *and* short-term plan to bring together the cities of Camas, Washougal and the Port."

Roberta Tidland: "...this national historic park becomes a centerpiece of this project."

Sandy Krahn: "...we can build Washougal into a planned, well-thought-out destination in a manner of northwest style."

Russell Chambers: "...develop a project which spurs economic growth while enhancing livability."

Charmaine Harvey: "...we come up with an economic plan which preserves the unique area we have."

Paul Fearn: "...if we are able to really discuss all the concerns and bring all ideas together, creating a development which enhances the community and brings economic and cultural benefits.

Larry Blaufus: "...there is nothing in the plan that we can't live with; a project that contains economic development, employment and recreation; a place that permits one to live, work, and play."

Barbe West: "...we have created a healthy place scaled to pedestrians and connected to our larger community."

Casey O'Dell: [Excused absence. Arrived late.]

Arnold summarized the members' comments; there were no changes. He then introduced Byron Hanke, Project Coordinator.

### Byron Hanke

Welcomed the Committee members, introduced members of the audience from RiverWalk on the Columbia, LLC, a partner in the development project, and explained what Ports can and cannot do. Byron explained how the committee members were selected, and clearly stated that NO decisions for the development have been made. The concepts that have been presented thus far are simply that – an idea of what the area *could* look like. The Committee, in their role as representatives of the community, will be expected to recommend to the Commissioners *their* ideas for waterfront development. He described the Committee's work as an investment in the future. Byron explained in more detail the 'advisory' nature of the Committee: "What do the people think? What do they want?" He asked them to keep in mind three factors when developing their recommendations: (1) economic factors/revenue generating (2) is it an attraction - enticing people to come to the area? and (3) how does it 'fit in'?

Notebooks were distributed to the Committee members and contact information was reviewed and corrections were made.

### Roles and Responsibilities

Arnold discussed the content of the document "Roles and Responsibilities for work with the Waterfront Advisory Committee to the Port of Camas/Washougal" and it was decided to add 'financial information/budget breakdown' to the list. Arnold asked the committee members to bring ideas for any other additions to this list to the next meeting. Contact with the media was discussed and the need to have a protocol.

#### Port's Responsibilities

Logistics and new material  
Meeting summaries  
Meeting notices

#### RiverWalk's Responsibilities

Provide factual information as requested.

## Conduct of Meeting

Arnold recommended that decisions be made by consensus and, after discussion, there were no objections. Arnold and the members discussed whether or not there should be a chair appointed to speak for the committee and/or to formalize the opening and closing of each meeting. The consensus was that as the members get to know one another and each one's strengths and weaknesses, spokespersons may be chosen to speak on specific subjects to the media and the public. Arnold will continue opening and closing the meetings in his role as facilitator.

## General Discussion

The Committee talked about one-on-one conversations and/or emails between Committee members that take place apart from the meetings. It was concluded that any ideas that would be beneficial to the Committee's mission would be presented in full to the members at the next scheduled meeting.

The Committee was encouraged to request outside speakers, demographics, or any other information they might need to assist in their mission. It was explained that their final recommendations will be made to the Port Commissioners, and that the Commissioners will be the decision-makers regarding acceptance or rejection of the Committee's recommendations.

Byron Hanke and Sheldon Tyler used an overhead photo/map to outline the 40 acres currently owned by the Port, and the potential addition of 25 acres from Hambleton Lumber. The committee was encouraged by Byron to consider all 65 acres in their discussions of the "wisest and best long-term use of waterfront property" (from Mission Statement).

Committee member Roberta Tidland outlined the 3.88 acres the Port acquired from the Van Vleet family on the same overhead photo/map. She stated that she wants to maintain it and enhance the history of the area.

## Meeting Notices:

Call Roberta Tidland and mail written material to her; email all other Committee members.

## Before Next Meeting:

Have copies of studies done over the last 10 years, with summaries. Make both available to Committee members.

## Next Meeting: November 29, 2006 – 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Have a calendar available to schedule future meetings. Agendas will be fashioned around schedule of meeting topics and long-range goals.

Discuss private property acquisition.

Sheldon to speak on dealing with the media: what are the protocols?

Add to "Roles and Responsibilities," if needed.

### Future Meetings

Arnold's long-range view is that meetings should be scheduled at least through June of 2007, the frequency to be determined. The remaining meetings in 2006 will be: November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and concluding at 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the Port.

### Public Comment (8:25 p.m.):

#### Susan Stauffer:

Will the public have access to all materials in advance of the meetings, so they can have informed questions ready?

Will the committee welcome counterpoint information being provided to it?

*Byron:* The Committee will take Susan's questions under advisement.

#### Marianne Guetter:

Also would like copies of the information the Committee is getting.

Warned the Committee members that acquisition of private property is being looked at by the developer. She said that as a private citizen she wouldn't want her property looked at if it wasn't for sale.

*Byron:* Reminded Marianne that the Port would like a copy of the tape she's making of this meeting, and would pay for the copy.

#### Bill Ward:

Suggested that the Committee begin with a blank sheet of paper and make their recommendations from that point. Not look at a predetermined layout.

It would behoove the committee to involve the community, and report to the community.

Suggested use of a PowerPoint presentation so everyone in the room can see what's being discussed.