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Port of Camas/Washougal President Rich Gunderson has announced that at the next Port meeting the Commissioners will likely consider calling for the formation of a citizens' advisory committee to help with the planning of the RiverWalk development. "This is an important community project, and it's been our intention for some time to seek citizen involvement to develop the direction the project will take."

RiverWalk is a proposed concept to develop the waterfront into a mixed use development featuring increased public access to the river, park(s), open space, retail and office space, and residential areas. The concept was developed by RiverWalk LLC, which is partnering with the Port to conduct a feasibility study of the project.

"We have discussed this with the City of Washougal and we both feel that we would like to have broad representation from the community involved in the planning," said Gunderson. Washougal Mayor Stacey Sellers said they have talked with the Port about this and believe this is a healthy way to approach the project. "We like this direction and think the Port is on the right track using a citizens' advisory committee," said Sellers.

The Port will hold its next regular meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup> in the Port Meeting Room, 24 South 'A' Street, Washougal, with Executive Session at 3:00, and Open Session beginning at 4:00 p.m.