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At a special meeting held on Thursday, September 21, 2006, the Commissioners of the Port of Camas/Washougal appointed 12 people from a field of 64 candidates to serve on the newly formed Waterfront Advisory Committee. "We received 64 applications for this committee and are very pleased at the caliber of those applying" said Rich Gunderson, Commission President. The Port used a matrix system to insure that all sectors of the community would be well represented. "We feel this group will do a great job of representing the Camas Washougal area and provide the Port solid recommendations regarding the project" said Gunderson. The twelve committee members are:

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

Additionally, the Commissioners are considering adding to the Committee a youth representative from a local high school at a later date.

The Advisory Committee's charge is ***"To recommend the wisest and best long-term use of waterfront resources for the maximum public benefit."*** The Advisory Committee will be guided by a third party professional facilitator hired by the Port, and will have access to all available information concerning the waterfront area as well as feasibility work being completed by the developers, RiverWalk LLC. The Advisory Committee is expected to take approximately 6 months to finalize their recommendations for the best development options. Those recommendations will be given to the Port Commissioners.

Appointed to serve for one year commencing October 1st, the Committee will convene its first meeting some time next month with approximately 12 meetings initially anticipated. All meetings of the Committee will be posted on the Port's Web site and will be open to the public.