

Port of Cascade Locks Special Work Session Agenda
Tuesday June 2, 2015
6:00 pm
City of Cascade Locks Council Chambers
Cascade Locks, OR

- 1) **Commission meeting called to order**
- 2) **Roll Call** – There were self-introductions. Those attending were: Commission President Jess Groves, Commissioner Joeinne Caldwell, IGM Paul Koch, Interim Economic Development Manager Don Mann, Marketing and Development Manager Holly Howell, Secretary Sally Moore. Also incoming Port Commissioners John Stipan and David Lipps were present. Representing and attending from Friends of the Gorge were: Kevin Gorman Executive Director, Eric Lichtenthaler, Board Chair, Vince Ready, Vice- Chair, Keith Brown, Former Chair and Treasurer, Gary Bushman, a Land Trust trustee, John Nelson, a Land Trust trustee, Ken Denis, a 20 year Board member and Renee Tkach, Project Manager for Gorge Towns to Trails.
- 3) **Business Discussion Items**
 - a. **Discussion with Friends of the Gorge**

Interim Economic Development Manager Don Mann discussed the Economic Development of the Port stating that Bear Creek Holding, maker of wood pellets has purchased property in the Port Business Park. This will add up to 10 new jobs within the next two years. He stated the Port has finalized a 10 year lease with the Puff Factory. They will add up to 20 new jobs. The Puff Factory is also working with the Port to purchase 4+ acres to build a new processing manufacturing facility in 2016-17. The Port is working with Heuker Bros to purchase a 3+ acre parcel for the purpose of constructing and operating a new fish processing facility. The Port is continuing discussion with Nestle Waters. Mr. Mann added that he has been working with Oregon Business Development to assure the Port's Business Park has all the needed infrastructure for a possible Data Center location. The Port is taking advantage of State financial programs for business growth. Mr. Mann said the Port continues to partner with the City of Cascade Locks to build out new water and power infrastructure within the Business Park for ongoing Business Development and job recruitment.

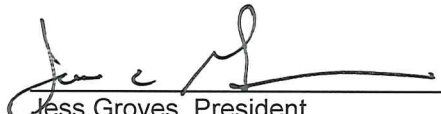
Marketing and Development Manager Holly Howell presented the recreation highlights of the Port with a rack card of the Cascade Locks 2015 Community Events as well as the Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA) calendar of events for 2015. (Exhibit 1) Staff Howell discussed the Beach expansion project and stated this would meet the goals of increased success for sailing, public swimming, tribal fishing and habitat restoration. The Business Park has an easyClimb Trail and a Disc Golf Course. She discussed the Marine Park Overpass Project that would connect from downtown CL and go over the train tracks into Marine Park; providing a safer access into the Park. Staff Howell discussed bridge safety for non-motorized users; stating that a regional coalition of Port, PCTA, Friends, and the City of Stevenson are working to improve safety. A feasibility study was conducted in 2013 and local partners recently fundraised and conducted a Engineering Cost Analysis to cantilever an additional lane off the side of the existing bridge. Renee Tkach, (FOG) Project Manager for Gorge Towns to Trails spoke of the Gorge Towns to Trails: Making the Connection. (Exhibit 2) She stated the vision is for a 200 mile trail system and wraps around the Columbia Gorge, linking communities with recreation, benefiting tourism and highlighting and enhancing the beauty and wonder of the Columbia Gorge.

IGM Koch discussed the OneGorge Coalition stating it was formed to work with the Scenic Act for full implementation within the entire Scenic Area. Traffic and parking were discussed as tourism increases.

Both Boards discussed mutual items of interest that is beneficial to the communities of the Columbia River Gorge.
- 4) **Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Port of Cascade Locks:

Attest:



Jess Groves, President

DATE APPROVED: 6-3-15
Prepared by: Sally Moore