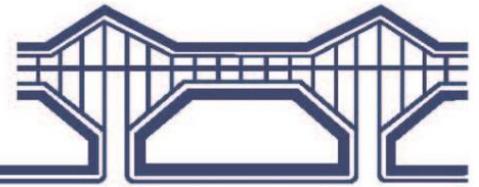


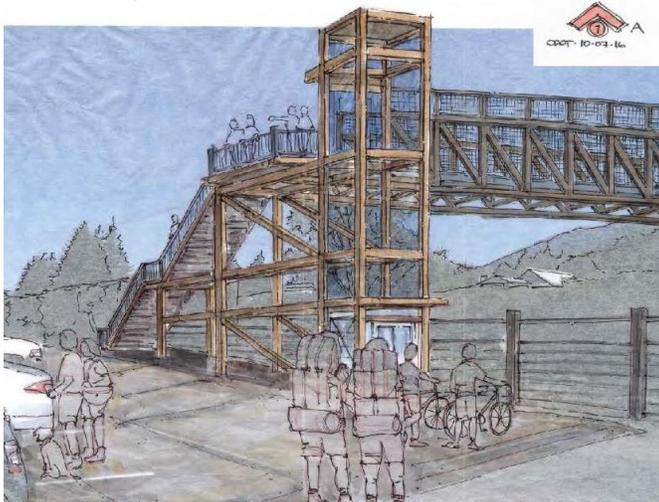
Port Report



Port Progress

The Port Commission and staff have been hard at work over the last year to move our community forward. Below is a quick update of our progress:

- The Port Commission has approved the design concept for the proposed overcrossing into Marine Park. The design is bicycle friendly and will provide a safe alternative entry to Marine Park for pedestrians.



- Created 32 jobs in the community and brought two new businesses to town this past year. (Renewal Workshop and Perceptual Testing)
- Optioned Port property in Downton to Ravenwood Group Inc. for future residential and retail development to begin later this year.
- Sold two lots to Thunder Island Brewery for the permanent home for our local brewery.
- Began discussions with Mt. Hood Meadows over potential employment, parking and housing needs within the Port District.
- Began discussions with Hood River County over economic development enhancements.
- Began the planning for construction of Flex Buildings 2 and 4 to house new businesses already committed to occupy the space.
- Sold a lot on WaNaPa Street to Jumpin Jax Java. (Now converting to a real estate office)
- In discussion with three new businesses in the Business Park.
- Working with CGRA, built a paved boat ramp at the sailing beach.
- Completed the installation of a new road, water, sewer and electric service at the Business Park.
- Began the engineering scoping of 5



Ravenwood presenting plans for the Parkview property to Economic Development Sub-Committee.

transportation projects to aid local economic development efforts.

- Port Commission President appointed to the NOAA Regional committee on the salmon sustainability.
- Port Commission president appointed to the ODOT regional Transportation Advisory Committee.
- Repaired the boat launch toe solving a long standing problem dealing with boat trailers.
- Provided the leadership for the creation of OneGorge, the National Scenic Area economic advocacy group.
- Adopted a multi-year plan to enhance the Pavilion facilitating increased use and revenue generation.
- Adopted the Toll Technology Plan for the Bridge of the Gods (BOG).
- Adopted the 15 Year Maintenance and Preservation plan for the BOG ensuring that the BOG remains at 80,000 lbs.
- Adopted the Seismic Plan for the BOG.



Pavilion's new service counter with sink and under-cabinet refrigeration completed as part of the 1st year of the Adopted Pavilion Enhancement Program.



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Pony Building Status

The Port Commission appointed Pony Advisory Committee has completed most of its work in the development of recommendations to the Port Commission. The Committee has been charged by the Port Commission to develop a general design for the new structure as well as make recommendations about building location. The Committee has been asked by the Commission to hold a public “listening session” before making a final presentation to the Commission. The Advisory Committee has held five work sessions and reviewed six different options for the location of the new structure. The Port received a \$10,000 grant from the UPRR to come up with plans for a new Pony Building. At the beginning of the process the Committee established some basic foundational assumptions which include that the Pony should stay in marine Park, there should be some sort of visitor center attributes to the new building, better signage is needed, there should be interpretive or display space and space for children to learn history. The Committee will hold a community listening session on May 17. The Committees draft final report including possible new building location as well as a general design for the new building will be discussed. The general public is encouraged to attend to comment on the work of the Committee. Following the listening session, the Committee will present its final set of recommendations to the Port Commission on June 1 at a regular Port Commission meeting. Anyone interested in the project is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting:

May 17, 2017 at 6 pm in House 3.

“We Speak the Gorge” Training

The Columbia Gorge Tourism Alliance, working with Travel Oregon, will offer free frontline staff training entitled “We Speak the Gorge” in the Marine Park Pavilion on May 15, 2017. “Our goal is for everyone greeting visitors to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area – from hotel and winery staffs to gas station attendants and retail clerks – all speaking the same language – “We Speak the Gorge”, said Mike Glover, Hood River County Chamber of Commerce CEO. “This is all about best serving our visitors while growing our sense of community and strengthening the bonds between neighbors.” The training also aims to help frontline ambassadors ensure visitors enjoy the Gorge safely and avoid crowds while experiencing stunning vistas by going early, east, north or midweek. Attendees will learn to educate visitors about respecting local cultures, practices and resources, protecting vital habitats and helping local communities in Washington and Oregon prosper by shopping locally. A new “Ready, Set, Gorge!” brochure that will be distributed this spring and summer throughout the Gorge will be shared at the training. Participants will also receive topical fact sheets to assist them with visitor questions. To take advantage of this training, register online at: <https://goo.gl/forms/ofqk5NJayahCVKs93>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The City of Cascade Locks is seeking energetic and community committed individuals to serve in the volunteer fire and life safety service. Training is offered along with the great feeling of helping your community. Contact: 541-374-8510