

PORT OF PORTLAND – WEST HAYDEN ISLAND
Draft Interview Protocol – Talking Points and Questions

Talking Points:

- **Introduction.** Oregon Consensus (OC) has been asked by the City and the Port to conduct a neutral assessment of issues related to the annexation, zoning and development planning for Port property on West Hayden Island. The City and Port are considering natural resource preservation and enhancement and marine industrial use for WHI. This effort coincides with community planning on East Hayden Island and planning for the new Interstate 5 Columbia River Crossing.
- **About OC.** Oregon Consensus is Oregon’s official program for public policy consensus building. OC provides consensus building, facilitation, mediation and other conflict resolution services to public entities and their stakeholders throughout Oregon. OC is a program of the National Policy Consensus Center in Portland State University’s Hatfield School of Government. OC’s mission is to promote effective and efficient approaches for collaborative governance on public policy issues in Oregon. OC offers state agencies, local government and the public a neutral forum and neutral services.
- **WHI Planning.** The Port owns 800+ acres of land on the West half of Hayden Island. The Port, in conjunction with the City, is initiating a process to annex the property into the City and to rezone the property for future use.
- **Request for Assessment.** Recognizing that there are a number of organizations and individuals with significant interest in issues related to zoning and development planning on WHI, the Port and the City consulted with OC regarding the use of a collaborative process to address these issues. OC recommended conducting this assessment to determine whether a collaborative process could in fact be convened to address and resolve these issues. If the assessment determines such a process may be valuable, OC will recommend a possible structure for the process and assist with convening the collaborative effort.
- **About the Assessment and Report.** The assessment will consist of a series of interviews with interested parties including individual or groups and including City officials and Port staff. Interviews will focus on understanding the parties’ interests and concerns and their willingness to participate in good faith in a collaborative process to address those issues. From these interviews OC will generate a report assessing whether a collaborative process might be helpful and if so what issues should be addressed, who should be part of the process, and how the process might be structured best to achieve a successful result.
- **This Interview.** The intent of this interview is to help OC get an understanding of your interests and your concerns related to planning and development on WHI and your thoughts about a collaborative effort to resolve those issues or concerns.
- **Confidentiality.** The report will collect the issues and concerns expressed in all of the interviews, but will do so without explicit attribution of specific ideas to individuals. In addition, if there are comments you would like to provide to OC in complete confidence, please note those comments and they will not be included in the assessment report.
- **Timeline.** OC is endeavoring to complete preliminary interviews by June 1 and all interviews by July 20. The Assessment report would be complete then by early August.

Questions to be Covered:

Issues and Concerns:

- What is your background, involvement and interest with respect to zoning and development planning on WHI?
- Hearing about the City and Port's plans for annexation and zoning of WHI, what do you see as important issues to address and why?
- How would you like to see these issues addressed in the annexation and zoning process? Are there barriers or obstacles to addressing these issues? How could those barriers be addressed?
- In your opinion, how important is it for the City/Port to maintain either of both of the following land use areas on WHI: (1) marine industrial land and (2) natural resource areas? Are there other land uses that you believe should be considered on WHI?

Process Related Questions:

- How would you advise the City and Port on how their planning effort should proceed? What would have to be done to meet your expectations for a fair and open process? What do you see as the prerequisites for the success of this process?
- Do you think a collaborative stakeholder process would be of value in resolving issues related to planning/zoning on WHI and why?
- What should be the characteristics of such a process (sideboards, etc.)?
- Who should participate in such a process?
- Would you be willing to participate in such a process and accept the outcomes of that process (good faith participation)?

Closing Questions:

- Are there any other questions you think we should be asking you related to these issues?
- Is there anyone else we should be interviewing for this assessment process and why?
- Do you have any questions about the interview or assessment process?
- Do we have correct contact information for you?