Meet Our Meeting

It is the mission of the Port of Camas-Washougal to make strategic investments and develop effective partnerships that enhance the community’s quality of life by bringing jobs, infrastructure, and recreational opportunities to East Clark County.

YOUR COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners Lampion, Ward and Macrae-Smith have served a combined total of 17 years, setting policy, engaging the public and promoting economic development. This commission has updated the Port’s mission statement as well as its Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements and Strategic Plan, a necessary guide with specific goals, strategies and tactics to take the Port seamlessly into the future.

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A MESSAGE FROM COMMISSION PRESIDENT MARK LAMPTON

It has been an honor and a truly rewarding experience to serve as a commissioner alongside fellow commissioners Bill Macrae-Smith and Bill Ward these last five years. Working together in concert with the community and staff, we have made significant strides in achieving the goals set forth in our strategic plan. In honor of that, I am declaring this to be the “Year of Asparagus”. It’s been a long time coming but the fruits of our labor are really beginning to pay off.

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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking back 80 years can be a challenge. If asked what has the Port accomplished? I believe we have fulfilled the unanimous response from current and past commissioners and staff that would be those we as the Port of Camas-Washougal has invisibly invested in the community to benefit the public: it serves.

Inventing our time in processes that the public and interacting with community leaders has catalyzed support and created true partnerships for Port projects, because together we are stronger. Investing in people follows talent and loyalty, evidenced by our skilled staff – and the architects and engineers selected by staff – who take capital-improvement projects from concept to reality, such as new buildings, infrastructure, and parks and trails. These are tangible results of your tax dollars.

And, investing in the land brings Local history and pivots back by providing employment and recreational opportunities that enhance the community’s quality of life.

I state with confidence that the commissioners, staff and I are proud to represent the Port of Camas-Washougal as itcelebrates 80 years of progress and we are excited to see what the future holds.

Meet our Support Team

(in alphabetical order)

ANGELA HELLO
Community Relations Specialist

DEVIN COLFMAN
Asset & Safety Specialist

KÄRA VANPIK
Executive Assistant

MARRY MEFFORD
Executive Assistant

NAN DODD
Finance Director / Auditor / Treasurer

JEREMY WILEC
Project Manager

DOUG TOLMAN
Lead Grounds & Building Maintenance

JENNY WILCOX
Harbormaster

STEVE KOPFMAN
Maintenance Supervisor

DANIEL BURK
Harbor/Weather Station

MARK HANRECK
Maintenance/Facilities

MATTHEW COX
Facilities/Janitorial Maintenance

VORAMON
Procurement Manager

KIM NOAH
Accountant

JENNIFER MORGAN
HR Administrator

MATT EISER</n>
The Port formed valuable partnerships, overcame challenges and engaged in fresh new outreach opportunities, all while continuing its vital role as an economic driver for Camas and Washougal.

**January**
- The Port participates in the 2014 Sportsmen’s Show as an exhibitor to promote the Marina as a destination for sportsfishermen, visiting boaters and potential moorage tenants.
- The Port enters into a Mutual Aid Interlocal Agreement with other transportation infrastructure needs are part of a state transportation package.
- The Port signs an Interlocal Agreement with the Ports of Ridgefield and Vancouver to form the Southwest Washington Freight and Commerce Task Force, to ensure that Clark County’s transportation infrastructure needs are part of a state transportation package.

**February**
- An updated Recreational Lands & Facilities Plan Element is adopted as part of the grant application for funding the future waterfront park and trail.
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- A ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the completion of Bldg. 15 in Steigerwald Commerce Center.
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**March**
- Food & Wine in Sunnyside completes tenant improvements in Bldg. 15, the first industrial building in Steigerwald Commerce Center.
- A seismic retrofit of the levee.
- The Grove Field Airport for youth ages 9 to 17 introducing the basics of flight.
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**April**
- Advisory Committees are formed to develop ideas for interpretive and educational features of the waterfront trail project. Themes include Events & Tourism; Historical/Art; Environmental Stewardship; Linkages; and Recreation.
- The Convergence Community Planning Project joins the Port, the City of Camas, Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) Trails Grant
- Portland State University (PSU) students hold Recognition Event thanking the community for their participation in PSU’s waterfront connectivity project.

**May**
- Grant applications are submitted to the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) for four separate grants to develop a park and trail along the waterfront:
  - Water Access / Parks
  - Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA) Grant
  - Washington Wildlife Recreation Program (WWRP) Trails Grant
  - Trail / Trailhead
- Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant
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**June**
- Students present their Waterfront Green Plan including priority recommendations valued by the community. The commission adopts a resolution supporting implementation.
- Winner of the first annual “Best Catch Contest” is announced. Tom Mason receives a gift certificate to the Puffin Cafe – and bragging rights! – for his 22 lb. salmon.
- The Port plays an active role in the City’s 50th anniversary celebration, with a parade, carolers from Washougal High School outside the park and a 12-foot-wide paved trail that meanders along the waterfront a distance of 0.7 miles.
- The Port forms a new advisory council and enhances emergency management infrastructure needs are part of a state transportation package.

**July**
- As the first in a series of free summer concerts, the annual 4th of July event brings local business sponsors, the community and visitors together to celebrate Independence Day.
- Attendees at the annual “ luncheon with Dowe” enjoy a light meal, a brief presentation and dialogue with Executive Director David Ripp.
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**August**
- A contract is awarded for environmental cleanup of the former Hamilton Lumber site funded by insurance proceeds and 90% reimbursement by Dept. of Ecology.
- Local favorite Johnny Limbs & the Lagunitas close out the Riverwalk Concert Series, to bring capacity crowd.
- An engineering and design contract is awarded for the second industrial building in Steigerwald Commerce Center.

**September**
- The annual Community Appreciation Day / Wheels & Wings Cruise-In at Grove Field includes vintage aircraft, classic cars and live bands.
- The City of Washougal approves the Development and design standards for the waterfront project. Plans include a 1.73 acre park and a 1.2 foot wide paved trail that meanders along the waterfront a distance of 0.7 miles.
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**November**
- The Port adopts a new emergency call procedure with around-the-clock monitoring to capture additional data, improve the public’s reporting experience and streamline agency response.
- High winds cause major roof damage to Grove Field’s former FBO Building, resulting in an opportunity to build a much larger structure to meet the demand for additional space.
- The Port partners with Clark County and the Ports of Ridgefield and Vancouver to form the Southwest Washington Freight and Commerce Task Force, to ensure that Clark County’s transportation infrastructure needs are part of a state transportation package.

**December**
- Celebrating 60 years of holiday performances, the Christmas Show Marcia! set up and ready to put on by the Washougal High School choir and dance team.
- The commission appoints Finance Director Kim Nash as Port Treasurer, replacing Clark County and resulting in more efficient and effective controls over the Port’s finances.