

Waterfront Project – 2015 Community Member Comments

Karla Stroop

Existing Waterfront Feedback: San Antonio Riverwalk and San Francisco Pier 39, gathering place with lots of activities!

Advice for Future Waterfront: No more oil train! Space allocation for parking and sitting; relaxing pristine views without pollution please salvage all piers when possible.

Mary Elkin

Advice for Future Waterfront: Near freeway so it will be very visible. An event place for community and tourists to meet. Museum?

Stephen A. Wille, Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Granville Island in Vancouver BC. An exciting "small shops" development in an old industrial area.

Advice for Future Waterfront: *Keep local history incorporated into future development. Old canneries are cool.*

Anonymous; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association

Existing Waterfront Feedback: San Francisco Waterfront like Pikes Place, Market Place in Chesa, NY Manhattan.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Plan well and do your research. If planned properly - great revenue not a loss.

Anonymous; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Really like Wenatchee's - some covered (year around) some outdoors.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Where to park? How far to walk to get there?

Peter Bascetta; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association **Existing Waterfront Feedback**: Live theater - concert hall

Vickie Fitzzimmons; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Portland OR - Riverfront River place - integration of public with walking paths, green space...

Advice for Future Waterfront: I really like the current Vancouver Landing Amphitheater/boat ramp at the quay. Keep as much green space as possible, lots of walking paths, etc.

Anonymous; Hazel Dell Salmon Creek Business Association

Advice for Future Waterfront: Great ideas - hope it all goes - please include adequate parking - recent developments with no parking are horrible and parking should be cost effective! Place learn from the past of Vancouver Farmers Market include adequate parking.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Public access. Bringing businesses to Vancouver, great economic driven for our city. Develop covered market that will draw tourists - also eateries, maybe amphitheater. Make Vancouver a destination. Water based tour of the port.

Kristine Birch

Advice for Future Waterfront: Lots of parking and good lighting for safe walking after dark. So women will feel safe alone.

Joseph Gallivan; The Columbian

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Granville Island - everyone loves water tours and cute shores.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Incorporate some large scale public art to make it attractive to tourists.

Roy Nelson

Advice for Future Waterfront: Publicize it greatly!

Karen Morrison

Advice for Future Waterfront: Please use community awareness and resource education. Show the rich diversity, history that includes everyone. All cultures, races, abilities, religion. Please see this as a beautiful multicultural mosaic where everyone feels safe and significant. Thank you.

Darroch H. Cahen; USCG Licensed Master

Advice for Future Waterfront: I am glad to see the port is reinventing its birthplace, Terminal 1, on the Columbia River. I'd like to see an expansion of the public docks. However, is it safe for the port to encourage small boat traffic so close to the bridge where vessels maneuver under the bridge? I am also, a sailing instructor so I'd like to see more people have access to the Columbia River. What can the Port of Vancouver do to get people on the river? Can the port encourage a fleet of USCG Licensed six (6) passenger vessels for locals and tourists?

Bill Canvanagh

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Terminal 1 development has a spectacular future vis a vis Granville

Market Paradia

Advice for Future Waterfront: *Keep the public informed and involved.*

Jordan Wisdom

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Are there plans to remove or limit access to the dock and small amphitheater that is currently to the west of the Red Lion Hotel?

Trayson Harmon, CPA

Advice for Future Waterfront: *Urge you to keep the boat dock that is accessible for the public in this area.*

Citizen at Fruit Valley NA meeting on 5/4/15

Advice for Future Waterfront: Provide a sandy beach for people to use.

Steven Tubbs

Advice for Future Waterfront: The need to consider transportation. There is persistent and on-going dialogue within the region, including electronic media, notably on a Facebook website known as 'Clark County Citizens for Good Governance', regarding the undisputed need to address vehicular interstate traffic. Addressing improvements in that area requires partnership between the two main jurisdictions involved; namely the State of Washington and the State of Oregon. Each jurisdiction has in turn properly emphasized that need for local participation and commitment. That emphasis has essentially resulted in an impasse that will require considerable effort to overcome.

<u>Keep the options open.</u> In the interim, however, options available to those deliberating on the matter must be left open wherever possible. One such option includes the need for right-of-way for location of major capital improvements, regardless of their form: bridge abutments, lane locations, bike and pedestrian lanes and walkways, or light rail. It is essential that current plans and planning for development of the land adjacent within the Terminal 1 area, or render such improvements prohibitively expensive, due to the need to remove or relocate development resulting from this current Port plan.

<u>No development zone.</u> To that end, the current planning process for development of Terminal 1 must include a 'no development' zone that preserves land that should be left open as 'option property' for transportation alternatives.

<u>Limited 'life span' restrictive zone alternative.</u> In the alternative, the only development allowed within the 'transit option' zone would be that with a reasonable economic life of no more than ten years, such that the cost of moving or removing such development would have a de minimus impact of the cost of capital improvements for future transit need. Thank you for your consideration, and inclusion of these comments in the planning materials.

Louise and Lenny Anderson

Advice for Future Waterfront: I did not see a specific link with which to provide you with suggestions on Terminal 1 redevelopment. I am hoping as Community Relations Manager, you will be able to route this to the appropriate person for inclusion in public comments.

My husband and I retired to Vancouver from Southern California in December 2013. One of the main reasons we moved to Vancouver was the proximity to the Columbia River. We own a 25' Ranger Tug, berthed at Hayden Island, and purchased as a part of our retirement dreams. We have made several cruises downstream to St Helens for overnights, as well as to Cathlamet. We have also trailed it to Olympia, launched our boat at Swanstown, and then cruised the Puget Sound/San Juan Islands for about 3 weeks at a time. Many Ranger Tug owners, known as Tugnuts (www.tugnuts.com) are in the Columbia

River/Willamette River area, as well as further upstream. Many of us would like to have a more urban water destination than St Helens or Cathlamet, and an alternative to Portland's Riverplace.

Our suggestion is to build out terminal 1 as a water destination, with transient berths, permanent berths, showers, laundry facilities, gas and diesel fuel pier, and an area that would accommodate larger gatherings (such as a party float). An excellent example of what we are talking about is the City of Des Moines, Washington. They have all the facilities we listed, and also have a fishing pier, and a large open space that is used for a farmers market and waterfront festivals. In our case, the City of Vancouver has Esther Short Park that is within easy walking distance, as well as many restaurants and brew pubs. This area would be easily accessible by boat, and could be made large enough to accommodate cruising groups, such as yacht clubs and the annual Ranger/Cutwater Rendezvous. As an aside, the September 2014 Rendezvous at Roche Harbor had 127 boats and approximately 250 people with a 3 night stay by all. This type of event could be very profitable to the Port, the City and the merchants.

Please consider this type of vision for our waterfront. If you need any further information or clarification of our suggestion, please send an email or call.

Carmen Caraballo

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Public Farmers market - year round permanent local produce, products; artists building/galleries; trail connection; appeal for all ages and walkable.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Appeal for cruise ships. Public restrooms.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Something family friendly, park, shops, restaurants, arts. Make sure there is sufficient parking that is not expensive.

Greg Flakus; GF Strategies Food Service

Advice for Future Waterfront: I will be unable to attend the meeting tomorrow where the three options are presented to the public and commissioners for review. I would like to include in the record my vision for that space and a possible mixed use. For over 15 years we have talked about Clark County and Vancouver needing our own performing arts center. Could the port, working with the projected hotel management firm and with private donors and gifts perhaps develop a mixed use that would include some offices, a hotel and a 5000 seat public space to call our own?

Every other city in Washington, many of smaller population have their own performing arts center to call home. I would like to see the Port and its staff and the others who will discuss the site consider looking at this alternative.

What a way to welcome visitors, residents and others to the waterfront and celebrate our arts, culture and history.

Henry M. Kaiser

Advice for Future Waterfront given orally: Mr. Kaiser is the grandson of Henry Kaiser (Kaiser shipyards, etc.) He was interested in the port's waterfront development as it relates to the region's history. There

is interest in connecting the Portland waterfront to Vancouver in representing regional history of the Van Port and metropolitan area. Wants to make a thematic, multi-stop exhibit on history of the Portland waterfront area.

Barry Cain, Columbia Waterfront LLC

Advice for Future Waterfront: Visitors center and boats - add to design precepts. Residential - do we need more? Add stacked marina? More moorage space.

Sarah Spooner

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Pike's Place Market (Seattle) - it has lots of shops in sheltered areas (in case of rain), a bazaar area, and a grassy park to chill in - very nice.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Have area that's nice and quiet and grassy and watery. Make it people-friendly. A concave green space? Make it good enough for people to want to go.

Cassidy Hines

Advice for Future Waterfront: I think the public market could be the biggest job maker and useful to the whole community. I dislike the idea of light rail coming through our community, but other forms of transport would be interesting.

Nancy Schultz to NBBJ

Advice for Future Waterfront: Friends: First, let me say what a wonderful firm you are. Everyone I have spoken to has been very impressed with the breadth of your knowledge and your obvious care about what happens to our waterfront. I am a resident of the City of Vancouver and live within a mile of the main Port of Vancouver and half a mile from Terminal One. I can easily walk or bike to both locations. I, like many other residents, am very excited about both the waterfront development projects. Along with other differences between the Gramor and NBJJ plans, the largest is decision makers/making. The City of Vancouver and I suppose ultimately its city council will make the decision about the Gramor development and of course it holds public meetings with input from residents. The city council is seven people; the Port commission is three people. The three port commissioners are the same three people who signed the lease for the largest oil terminal to be built in the United States, and did so behind closed doors. Once the citizens of Vancouver learned of the lease public outcry at Port meetings started and has not stopped and won't. In spite of the fact that the majority of its citizens are vocally and continually opposed to the oil terminal, the port commissioners ignore the wishes of the citizenry who elected them. Nancy Baker in particular has recently tried to stifle public comment in the form of criticism at meetings. My point is this: I was in attendance on June 18, when your firm presented the alternatives for consideration by the port commissioners. It was obvious to ALL of us who discussed it afterwards that none of the three is the least bit interested in providing green space for people to use, and are not interested in any innovative or new use for space. I'm afraid that if they have the final say in this decision, we will end up with five ugly buildings in a field of hot concrete and asphalt. I was even told by one builder/developer before the meeting started that "poor people won't use the waterfront"; he wasn't the least bit concerned about access to and use by other than rich people of our commonly owned waterfront. I don't know what you can do with our input, but I would personally love to use the terraced buildings you spoke about, from the RR berm down to the river front, with the roof gardens which would make the buildings more

efficient in terms of heating and cooling; with as much green space as can be fit in (Mr. Wolfe hated the "inch worm". I love it), and your woonerf concept. Several of us also love the "cove" idea and folks I've spoken to since think it's a great idea. No one spoke about bikes, but they are a major form of transportation for many people in this town and many folks ride the Renaissance trail. How great to be able to ride all the way to Frenchman's Bar on the waterfront! Several of us also love the "marketplace" idea with the pop up retail. None of the commissioners liked it. They probably don't understand it, actually. All of these ideas are ones that include everyone in Vancouver: lower income people may not be eating at a fancy little bistro or shopping at a fancy boutique, but they can enjoy the park aspect with places to rest, the cove, the bike trails and the pop up retail especially if there's food there. Now, to crown it all wouldn't it be great to have Trader Joe's or New Seasons market there for folks who live and work in downtown to shop at? The builder I mentioned earlier said that "grocery stores don't need views". Ok, but how about a grocery store like New Seasons with a deli where people can get lunch with a view? In any event, thank you for your fabulous designs and ideas for us. I think we're not paying you enough, and I hope that you will apply to be the architects for the project as well.

Todd Clark

Advice for Future Waterfront: Hello- I have been following the port's waterfront project closely and I am very excited about the possibilities it holds. After attending the recent open house I starting to wonder what the overall identity of the project was going to be and I could not define one. All three of the proposed options look great in their own ways, and a combo of various aspects of all three plans would seem to be the best option-but again it is hard to put a finger on the "big idea" of what this development's identity will be.

I know NNBJ and their teams are looking at some form of landmark to draw attention to the area, but what will this be? Without a strong theme or identity I fear this could just become a random out of place obelisk. Perhaps this is already being done and I am unaware of it as an outsider, but maybe more energy should be focused on defining a strong identity for the project, it might help define and drive the design concepts. Without being to "thematic" I'd like to suggest the project be looked at as the NW center for trade-I think the marketplace idea would fit nicely within this concept. Thank you for allowing public input!

Sharon Anthony

Advice for Future Waterfront: I moved to Vancouver from Olympia, Washington. I wanted to express my idea about the Vancouver waterfront project. I absolutely loved the Farmer's Market built down on the waterfront in Olympia about 25 years ago. I think a similar market would be such an asset to the waterfront here in Vancouver. It is a permanent building with many stalls for vendors completely covered. It is open from April until the week before Christmas every Thursday thru Sunday. It has an outdoor stage for different entertainment on weekends. Everything is for sale from homemade bakery goods, beautiful meats and food to beautiful flowers and Christmas decorations. The Farmer's Market in Esther Short Park is so great but they need a permanent place that can be open air but still somewhat protected from the rainy weather. It would be well worth a trip to Olympia to see their market. Bricks were sold to finance portions of it. Hopefully this may at least give you an idea and I wish you lots of good luck with this project.

Jake Garcia

Advice for Future Waterfront: Wonderful way to improve the Vancouver area. Proud of its progress. Keep up the efforts to improve he waterfront.

Karen Hangerer

Advice for Future Waterfront: The Port should work hand-in-glove with Barry Cain...whose project is ahead of this plan.

Adam Aguilera

Advice for Future Waterfront: I wrote a lot of ideas of the concept boards. Enjoy!

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Small business opportunities?

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Beautiful. Need to highlight facilities for us, the community. Please: always keep in mind that this community contributes tax dollars to these projects. Should be included formally as a stakeholder and invited to all stakeholder meetings to contribute input.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Any workshops, interviews conducted on the riverfront project should formally include community stakeholders. It is not enough to have informal events or comment periods. Community stakeholders are the people who know this area and want we want.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: The Women's Tapestry is a beautiful piece of art that was made by local women. It still has no permanent display. Feature the Women's Tapestry & its story in the Visitor's Center or Public Market that will go in here. Also get an art piece from the Women Who Weld.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Our history is what defines Vancouver. Talk to the people of Ft. Vancouver, WSU, and the Historical Society & Genealogical Society & include their idea in the marketing plan.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Vancouver is currently a very beautiful & livable city that is easy to get around. Please make sure that the buildings in this project are artistic & pleasing to the eye & that they fit in with the local flavor. Portland has a lot of variety and color in its buildings as Vancouver does. By contrast, Vancouver, B.C. is all concrete and angles - very ugly.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: I'm glad you are looking at sustainability and long-term economic sustainability. I'd like a hand-out that lists all of the various consultants and what their role is in the projects.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: I am concerned that the local community (i.e. residents) doesn't seem to be included as stakeholders.

When I hear the word "stakeholder" in these presentations, it is in relations to the "community leaders" (i.e. the politicians) and the business community. The people who live here and pay taxes for the project don't seem to be part of the picture.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Vancouver's exceptional (1) historical heritage, (2) its natural beauty and (3) hi-tech/(4) environmental awareness are what make us unique. The 4 items above should be themes and marketing points for the project. However, NONE of this will matter if an oil train explodes here. The oil terminal is not compatible with the use you envision for this parcel.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: It does look like you are making plan to include parking space - thanks! I avoid going downtown in most cities because of lack of parking and the expense of parking. Even so, make sure there is good public transportation to this area.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: The consultants several times have referred to "high-end" hotels, restaurants and users. This means expensive. A number of "high-end" businesses have failed here because their prices were too high. This is a blue-collar community with lower incomes than Portland. The local tax payers who are funding this project won't be able to afford the high-end restaurants & hotels. Affordability needs to be considered.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: I appreciated that you are working to make sure this area remains publicly accessible.

Be transparent. Provide info to the public and ask for their input at every opportunity before making decisions. We are teachers, social workers, firemen, dock workers, moms and working people. We deserve a voice too!

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Walking trails (also biking) along the waterfront - pocket parks (or larger ones) and historic interpretation signs. Don't make all the hotels, restaurants and shops geared to the waterfront - do some for modest working people too (i.e. local residents). Local residents of all kinds and income and educational levels should have a formal role as stakeholders. The whole thing is totally income with oil trains only a car length or two away.

Anonymous

Advice for Future Waterfront: Like concept of mixed-use waterfront trail; marketplace would be a real benefit to those who live downtown. No Oil Terminal, please!

Carmen Caraballo

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Pictures from Olympia, WA – See below...







Advice for Future Waterfront: We are all interested in being able to ride our bikes there, but what if visitors don't have bikes with them? I think a partnership with either a local org/business, or another for

renting bikes like I have attached in the picture could be another great addition to the area that could connect people and places.



Carmen Caraballo

Existing Waterfront Feedback: I am delayed in getting these pictures to you, but these are the spaces Hanford, CA has in the area in front of their city hall. Permanent, individual buildings that have a variety of vendors.

Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA is the building I was referring to as a place where visitors can see/purchase art from local artists. It has 82 resident studios and half a dozen galleries with artists working all mediums. It was a great place to visit. www.torpedofactory.org.

As a citizen who lives in downtown and wants continued success and growth of local businesses in the area, I think a facility like torpedo factory to tie in with the arts district, an indoor year-round market like Seattle or Olympia and some water feature for children to play (can be the water that spurts from ground like at Moda Center or Portland Waterfront,) would be major draws for the local community as well as visitors.









James R. Rourk

Existing Waterfront Feedback: It would be great to have a place for groups like the http://www.vccb.us to perform

Louise Anderson

Advice for Future Waterfront: I wrote to you in late June about considering plans to attract visiting boaters to Terminal 1, given downtown Vancouver's increasing attractions, such as restaurants, brew pubs, Farmer's Market and so on.

Today I was reading the August Edition of Freshwater News. On page 7 is an article about BIG (Boating Infrastructure Grants) available from the US Fish and Wildlife Services. The goal is to give cruising boaters convenient access to shore side amenities via slips dedicated to transient boats, as well as mooring fields and dingly docks.

I am wondering if this grant or similar will be considered as a part of the funding for improvements done to Terminal 1. The funds come from excise taxes on boat gasoline and fishing tackle paid into the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. Given the amount of fuel we have purchased in the last 2 years, I'd sure like to see some of that money used as a part of a renovation project for my home town.

Thank you for letting me know how this plays into the Port's Plans. We have such an excellent location on the Columbia River and want to share it with other boaters.

Todd Boulanger, Urbane Streets

Advice for Future Waterfront: Please consider designing the cove/dock to allow regional water taxis or small foot ferries to service the waterfront (to PDX, Downtown Portland, Hayden Island).

Erick Peterson, PM DESIGN GROUP, INC.

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Perhaps a pier similar to the one described and depicted in the following link would be less distracting from the natural beauty of the Vancouver Waterfront and provide excellent kinetic/interactive piece of minimalist art that the community can interact with and enjoy from a distance. Give the water front something that sets it apart from anywhere else, a sense of place.

Thanks for your consideration and any influence you can provide in this very unique time and place in Vancouver.

http://www.architectsjournal.co.uk/news/daily-news/khbt-wins-inverness-contest-with-tilting-pier/8688624.article

Anonymous

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Granville Island BC – great ideas. Greenway project H2O park/splash park to attract families. Look at Tacoma Wright Parks example of H2O park.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Consider leasing existing property to neat restaurant, leasing parking lot for food trucks and open space for 1 year while planning and parking lot utilization during planning for food trucks and booth with central sitting area.

Linda Armstrong

Advice for Future Waterfront: Any other development – does not have a train running next to it! Sell Terminal 1 to the city – Port should run the port not the market or family apartments!

Judy Bumbarger-Enright

Advice for Future Waterfront: I would like to see a cruise boat company to give rides up and down the river. Even a dinner cruise.

Dan Enright

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Stepped elevation for views.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Have something for every age.

Anonymous

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Lack of oil train terminal.

Advice for Future Waterfront: Do not include residential housing.

Kathleen Lawrence

Existing Waterfront Feedback: Access to the public for park-like settings and walking.

Advice for Future Waterfront: *To make sure to keep that public access.*

Paul Smith

Advice for Future Waterfront: Please make sure the lounge in the hotel is nice and not enormously expensive so locals will not come to eat and dance because the bands are bad and the food is overpriced and not that good. Do not make it so only tourists go to a corporate hotel/lounge. Please have some local flavor/history to the hotel. And please put it on the water. Thank you.

As old as the Quay was, it was local. Loved the ship and the decor for its time. I hope that we do not get a nice but boring "corporate" looking hotel like the Hilton. NO local flavor. Please keep some of the nautical theme. The decor and the ship at the Quay is great. Do not discard it or let Red Lion Discard it. There must be a way to use some of the old Quay memorabilia. Also, I am extremely pro-business but there needs to be a wall between the trains and the river. Maybe the Port can talk with BNSF about a better buffer. Also, People need to see this development through the bridge as they come into Vancouver. Give them a sense that Vancouver has finally gotten running water and electricity. Vancouver lacks any reputation other than being invisible. Let's change that with striking design and significant scale of development. Thanks.

Jerry Hatcher

Advice for Future Waterfront: When you start planning for live musical performances at our new waterfront, please do not forget one of Vancouver's own. Echoes of Yasgurs. Give us a look at echoesofyasgurs.com and our Facebook page. I think you will like what you see! Thank you.

Celia Louderback

Advice for Future Waterfront: The proposed development of the Vancouver waterfront is exciting and hopefully a benefit to all in Vancouver. The proposed retail, hotel, and commercial office space appears practical and profitable for our citizens. The park area of the waterfront is outstanding in its beauty. Vancouver waterfront should become a beacon for visitors and an inspiration for other developments. Of course, there is an "however" in the mix. In the detailed proposal for parking at this development, 125-150 spaces are suggested for Hotel guests and 150-250 spaces are suggested for housing and workforce use. Nothing has been suggested for local residents to use for a day visit to this beautiful walk by the river. My friends and I often visit the waterfront for stroll and visit. We are all retired, not disabled, (although that should be considered) and do not see any way we could continue to visit this area. This project is a combination of private and government investment, which means our tax dollars are also involved. We are long time citizens of Clark Co. and should be give consideration. The proposed pan (available at the downtown library) needs show us a visitors parking area. Too many projects in Vancouver have neglected much needed parking, the downtown library is an awful example. I hope to attend the June 28th Port meeting, and address these concerns. However, the recent oil train incident will probably dominate the agenda. Could one of the commissioners bring up this concern?

Justin Stanley

Advice for Future Waterfront: Hi, Julie! We Le Couve folks had a suggestion/request for the Terminal 1 plans and were trying to figure out how the best way to get it in front of the planners would be. We found your email address on the Port's waterfront development website and figured you were the best place to start!

In a nutshell, we'd love to see the Port acquire the old Jantzen Beach carousel and incorporate it into the Terminal 1 plans. Our initial research shows that the Jantzen Beach developers claimed that they'd put it back into service once their remodel finished, but it seems pretty clear that they no longer have plans for it. Give our proximity to Jantzen Beach, the Port's stated plans to design around the history of the area, and the carousel's significance to residents on both sides of the river, we thought his would be a great opportunity to bring some fun nostalgia in.

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Justin