
News Release

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Port Commission Welcomes New Members to Citizens Advisory Committee

The Port of Olympia Commission is happy to welcome four new members to the Port of Olympia Citizens Advisory Committee (POCAC). Commission approved to increase the number of members from twelve to thirteen at the January 8, 2018 Commission meeting.

Cameron Wilson, Deborah Pattin, Jujita (Gigi) McClure and Meren Gadman join POCAC members Jim Broman, Greg Bucove, Judy Hoefling, Greg Johnson, Travis Matheson, Peter Overton, Jerry Wilkins, Richard Wolf and Thom Woodruff. “I am impressed by the number of motivated and qualified members of our community willing to step forward as we study critical issues and opportunities, and chart the future of our community Port. I expect the Port to have a very successful year, given the contributions from our excellent staff, engaged POCAC volunteers, and renewed alignment with shared community goals,” Port Commissioner, Joe Downing stated.

The Citizens Advisory Committee comprises 9-13 citizen volunteers who meet monthly, or as needed, to address assignments from the Commission. Individual members also may be asked to participate with Port staff on a range of Port programs and projects. The committee has contributed citizen advice and assistance to the Port since the Commission formed it in 1994.

Previous projects completed by the POCAC include; Fuel Dock Report, Public Participation Report, Port Cargoes Report, Port Renaming, Comprehensive Plan Land Use Plan Update, NewMarket Industrial Campus Development Alternatives Study, Commission Redistricting, Marine Fuel Dock Public Participation, Small Cities Program Report, and Naming Convention and Protocols.

Port Commissioner Joe Downing, Port Executive Director Ed Galligan and the Chair of the committee interviewed applicants and recommended appointments to the Commission at the December 11, 2017 Commission meeting. Criteria for selection included being a Thurston County resident, community and economic development activities; volunteer, board or

committee experience; work experience; experience or knowledge of the Port; and reasons for serving.

More information on the Citizen Advisory Committee, their past and current projects can be found online at www.portolympia.com/90/.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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