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Public Event Features East Bay Proposals, Developers

Port invites community to see proposals for East Bay, meet short-listed developers and ask questions

The community has an opportunity to hear three developers present their conceptual designs for the redevelopment of East Bay at a public open house on Wednesday, May 20th, at Washington Middle School, 3100 Cain Road SE, Olympia, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Following the presentations, developers will be at their displays to answer questions.

“We see the open house as an opportunity for the community to learn about the proposals and ask questions, and for the developers to interact with the community,” said Bill McGregor, Port Commission president.

After establishing their qualifications and capability, the Port asked the developers to create East Bay proposals that correspond with a vision that was guided by a public outreach process. The vision is for a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-used development that connects with downtown Olympia and adjacent Port districts.

During the weeks following the open house, the Port Commission will evaluate the proposals and developers with the goal of entering into an exclusive negotiation agreement for the East Bay District with one or more of the developers.

Located on the East Bay of Budd Inlet, the East Bay District is bordered by Marine Drive, State Street and Jefferson Avenue.

Open House Agenda

- 5:15 p.m. Welcome by Executive Director and Port Commission
- 5:20 p.m. Hands On Children's Museum (East Bay District) – Update
- 5:25 p.m. LOTT Alliance Education Center and Business Office (East Bay District) – Update
- 5:30 p.m. Overview of East Bay Development Process / Introductions
- 5:45 p.m. Developer Presentations
- 6:10 p.m. Community Conversations with Developers at their Displays
- 7:30 p.m. Event Closes

Developers Presenting

Lorig is a Seattle-based company formed in 1972. Experience covers 58 mixed-use projects, including Thornton Place at Northgate, Center for Urban Waters in Tacoma and Newcastle Development.

MJR Development is a Kirkland-based firm established in 1991. Experience encompasses 17 projects, such as Woodinville Village, Madison Lofts, Lakewood Office Building and other mixed-use developments.

Tarragon is a Seattle-based company formed in 1995. Experience includes over 20 million square feet of mixed-use developments, for example, Kent Station, Sunrise Village, Saffron and Lakeland Town Center.

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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 a regional airport, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, and a real estate division. A community port, it generates an estimated 2,600 jobs in Thurston County.