

PORT OF NEWPORT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 12:00 noon
South Beach Activities Room
2120 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365

- I. Call to Order
- II. Visioning Session – Spencer Nebel Facilitator
 - Newport Area Economic Development
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Adjournment

Regular meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

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March 24, 2017

Newport Port Commission
Attn: Kevin Greenwood, General Manager
600 SE Bay Blvd.
Newport, OR 97365

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

Thank you for the invitation to facilitate a visioning session with the Port Commission as part of the Newport area Vision 2040 kickoff. I also want to express my appreciation to Port Commissioners, Ken Brown and Patricia Patrick-Joling, for serving at various times as liaisons to the City's Vision 2040 efforts.

The area of focus for this visioning session will be to create new businesses and jobs in the greater Newport area. This includes such categories as economic diversity, employment and living-wage jobs, tourism and vacation industry, maritime, commerce and commercial fisheries, port-coast related science and research, innovations and start-up businesses and eco and agri-tourism. Those would be the general areas for economic development. During the visioning session, I will be asking you on an individual basis about what strengths the greater Newport area has in the area of creating new businesses and jobs, what challenges the area has in creating new businesses and jobs, what your visions for the future would be in relation to economic development. Finally, I would like to capture any specific strategies which could be accomplished to achieve your vision.

During the visioning session, I will give you some time to develop responses to these questions and then I will collect the data as part of a group discussion with the Commission. I will list your collective thoughts on these questions. The last thing I will request from you as individual commissioners is, that you rank your top five visions for the future. After the meeting is done, I will compile these items and provide that report back to the Commission for your use and review, as well. This data will be used as part of our process to develop a vision for the community.

Again, this will be an informal-type discussion which should last 50 minutes to an hour. I look forward to having this discussion with the Port Commission on the future of the greater Newport area. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Nebel", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Spencer Nebel
City Manager