

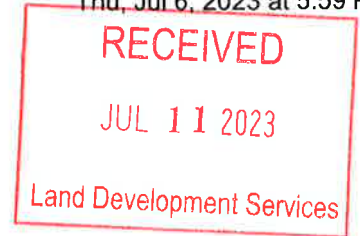


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Public comment - Extension of time CC23-1807

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Clarification requested following Public Hearing June 26, 2023 on Railroad Yard at Port Westward. What date was decided? I heard both July 6 and July 12!

1) Where is Public Notice of Extension of Time to file written comments published?

Note: I allege that proper timely, lawful notices are not being given to the public. I have had difficulty getting accurate timely notices, though I am allegedly on a public mailing list and read the Chief. (Violates Oregon State rules)

In fact, several speakers made comments at the June 26, 2023 about the lack of public oversight throughout the Application process since 2018. Were public notices published in The Chief in 2020-2022 (during Covid shut-outs at the county offices)?

2) I would like a citizen's committee to have access for review of the N-E-X-T project. I noticed 2 County Commissioners resigned just after they approved some level of this questionable project. Why?

3) Chris Iferd, N-E-X-T owner/proponent has sponsored meetings behind closed doors at bars in Clatskanie with County Commissioners and select Clatskanie People's Utility District Board and employees. Why were local residents denied entrance to this private party? What kinds of deals are made behind closed doors with our public money?

4) I allege Columbia County Planning Commission was denied opportunity to review the N-E-X-T proposal several times during the Application process. The current Planning Commission seems to be pressured into a rush decision without complete review of this massive project. It was evident June 26 they were confused about this alleged "Variance". Note: I am required to complete a full design application before putting a small home business on my rural property. Including highway or road access, parking, etc.

5) I allege the past Board of Columbia County Commissioners did not follow proper Oregon State Development codes, rules, and/or regulations prior to permitting N-E-X-T. I urge Oregon State Land Use Board/Appeals to audit this project from 2018 or date of recent re-application for alleged "renewable fuels" at Port Westward. Thank you.

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