

**From:** [James Saul](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Comments in support of a Willamette Falls whitewater park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:11:51 PM

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Dear Ms. Reid:

Please accept these comments in favor of the proposed inclusion of a whitewater park as a component of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. I strongly support the proposal, as I believe that a well-designed whitewater park would be a tremendous asset to the Oregon City community and the Portland Metropolitan area.

I am an environmental attorney, clinical professor of environmental law at Lewis & Clark Law School, long-time river advocate, and a whitewater paddler of over 20 years. I have kayaked and canoed on hundreds of rivers throughout the United States, and while I love exploring remote rivers I have also enjoyed paddling on artificial or human-altered rivers such as the Upper Ocoee River (TN), Charlotte Whitewater Center (NC), Golden Whitewater Course (CO), Bend Whitewater Park (OR), Brennan's Wave (MT), among others.

In my experience, if these facilities are designed with an eye towards restoring and preserving the local ecosystem and providing safe, easy access to the water for local residents, they can be a huge benefit for the community. The Upper Ocoee River (once blighted by copper mining) was created as a slalom course for the 1996 Olympics, and the course has been a popular venue for kayaking, rafting, hiking, and dining ever since. The Charlotte Whitewater Center is more urban, and is a remarkable venue that gives visitors the opportunity to explore outdoor activities in a safe and enjoyable setting. These and other venues have proven to be the centerpiece of larger economic and environmental renewal projects.

As a Portland-based whitewater kayaker, a whitewater park at Willamette Falls would be a great asset, especially during the dry summer and fall months when local rivers are at low volume. I would enjoy having an accessible, safe environment to teach my two young daughters how to kayak.

Based on my experiences, I strongly encourage the Project developers and leaders to consider including ample space and establishments for dining and entertaining on-site, as well as a small stage or amphitheater for live music, which I have found to be complimentary to whitewater parks, e.g., Charlotte.

Thank you,

Jamie Saul

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Portland, OR 97212

\*\*Please note, this email reflects my personal opinion only, and is not sent on behalf of Lewis & Clark Law School or the Earthrise Law Center.

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**From:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on whitewaterpark  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 10:23:29 AM  
**Attachments:** [WFLPWhitewaterParkMemo.pdf](#)  
[OCE\\_WheatConveyor\\_10301890p3.pdf](#)  
[OCMinutesCC\\_WheatConveyor\\_12031888.pdf](#)

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From: James Nicita [james.nicita@gmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 8:43 AM  
To: Kelly Reid  
Subject: Fwd: Comments on whitewaterpark

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From: James Nicita <james.nicita@gmail.com<<mailto:james.nicita@gmail.com>>>  
Date: Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 8:41 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Comments on whitewaterpark  
To: kelly.reid@orccity.org<<mailto:kelly.reid@orccity.org>>, kelly.reid@metro.org<<mailto:kelly.reid@metro.org>>

Hi Kelly,

Here are my comments on the proposed whitewater park.

The source materials on the underground wheat augur are also attached. The article in the 1890 Oregon City Enterprise begins at the bottom of the second column.

Good to see you on Saturday.

Jim

**From:** [Kelly Reid](mailto:Kelly.Reid@Intralox.com)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](mailto:Kelly.Reid@Intralox.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Concerns About Waterpark at the Falls  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 10:23:27 AM

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From: Michael.Straight@Intralox.com [Michael.Straight@Intralox.com]  
Sent: Sunday, July 24, 2016 9:24 AM  
To: Kelly Reid  
Subject: Concerns About Waterpark at the Falls

Kelly,

Thank you for taking the time yesterday to discuss my concerns about a waterpark being built at Willamette Falls.

I have been involved in waterpark construction: on site in the U.S. (South Padre Island, Galveston and Kansas City) and consultatively overseas (The Bahamas, Dubai, South Korea and Brazil).

I have noticed that the waterpark industry attracts some consummate professionals (Kerzner International and others) and a lot of seat-of-the pants party animals (names withheld).

Places like South Padre Island, The Bahamas and Dubai are not inexpensive real estate; and I've noticed that those developing such sites have money.

The other background I bring is that 4 years ago, when my boss back east offered me raise to relocate anywhere I wanted in The West, I chose Oregon City—there is nowhere else I would rather be.

Oregon City and Willamette Falls in particular is a national treasure—even a treasure before we were a nation—a significant place to the natives who portaged at Canemah.

Oregon City is the first city, not just in Oregon, but west of the mountains. It is already a natural destination to anyone interested in The West.

Willamette Falls in particular, after the unfortunate inundation of Celilo Falls (over the very understandable objections of natives), is now the widest waterfall in the United States.

We still have Willamette Falls, in spite of generations of industrialization. It can be restored. Let's not further abuse it by chopping a waterpark channel into it.

Willamette Falls is a beautiful display of the basalt that is such a part of the Oregon City and the regional geology. What can be done to best display the falls, the geology, the history (both recent and before European settlers), the city, the area?

The river walk being planned seems a good step towards that vision. A water park seems like a serious step backwards.

I see several red flags:

1. Waterparks often cover or destroy existing landscapes.
2. I got the impression yesterday that those who came to you with a water park idea were looking for money—if they were real water park professionals, they would have money and just be considering a site.
3. The falls are beautiful year round and it seems likely that a water park would be seasonal with a large area that might otherwise be enjoyed locked up for a good part of the year.
4. The enthusiasm of the Portland press is also a red flag. Portland is a suburb of Oregon City, but their greater population sometimes tempts a view towards Oregon City as a good place to develop things that Portlanders don't mind having nearby, but wouldn't want in their own county.

Thank you for letting me sound off. I hope this is the last I hear of a Willamette Falls water park. If it is, I imaging you will continue to help restore the glory of the treasure to which we have amazingly been entrusted.

Should things go another way, and the water park be upon us; please, let's stay in touch. I might have some knowledge that could avoid some missteps.

Michael Straight  
540 Pearl Street

**From:** [Bret Hostetler](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Hello Kelly, I am an Oregon city resident and a water sport enthusiast! Just wanted to throw another voice of strong support for the Oregon city water park. I really think we have an opportunity to do something world class here and be beneficial to...  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 11:43:17 AM

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Warm regards  
Bret Hostetler

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Diane Yearous](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** I vote YES to the Oregon City Whitewater Project!  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:21:41 AM

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I am writing to voice my whole hearted support for the Oregon City Whitewater Project! This project is exactly the type of venue we want in Oregon and I fully believe it would be a huge success here. It's a great fit for our community, our culture, and the environmental stewardship we want. The financial numbers show the project can succeed. I VOTE YESSSS!!!!

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**From:** [Jesse Nicola](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** In support of a Willamette whitewater park!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:52:27 PM

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Hey there,

My name is Jesse Nicola and I am in major support of the proposed Willamette whitewater park!

I'm a long time Oregon resident, having moved here in 2002 to attend the very well priced and quality universities that Oregon has to offer. I've since stayed here as the region is beautiful and has a lot to offer recreationally.

Recently, the city of Bend built a Whitewater park. Part of their reasoning for building it was positive economic impact. I'm here to tell you that I have been a part of that economic impact. I've now traveled to Bend specifically for this attraction five times. Every time we stay in hotels or AirBnB's, we eat at restaurants in the area, and whenever we need something we buy it in the town. Myself and thousands of others have done this. I alone have undoubtedly spent a thousand dollars in my five visits, if not two thousand (a new \$400 paddle from Tumalo creek sure helped that number). If just a thousand people travel in one year and spend a thousand dollars, that's a million dollars. Not exactly a bad economic boost off of just direct travel. Then there's businesses in the area, lessons offered on the feature, increase in desirability to live next to this area...

The list is long for why you should support this. I urge you to support it! Ontop of being a major economic boom, it's just plain old fun and will bring more than a million smiles to people participating.

Thanks for your time,  
Jesse Nicola

**From:** [T.K](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support - Middle Path  
**Date:** Saturday, July 23, 2016 7:38:55 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of Support - Travis Kruger.pdf](#)

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Kelly,

Please see attached letter of support for Willamette Falls whitewater park and please let me know it went through okay.

Cheers,  
Travis

**From:** [Kent Ziegler](#)  
**To:** [kelly.reid@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:kelly.reid@oregonmetro.gov)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 3:50:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [OCBA Support of the Whitewater Park concept.docx](#)  
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Kelly, We at the OCBA would like to show our support behind the proposed white water park at the Legacy project. We believe there is tremendous tourism opportunities that this feature could offer that would be unique for the state. Please consider evaluation this unique amenity further as part of the overall master plan. Thanks, Kent

**From:** [jmrischer@comcast.net](mailto:jmrischer@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon city kayak park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:11:51 AM

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Hey there, my name is Michael Rischer and I own and operate kayak fishing Oregon out of my home here in Oak Grove. Ever since I caught wind of this possibility of putting the kayak park in below the falls I haven't stopped thinking about it. For The sake of our awesome community please consider. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. 503-502-2220

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robert Black](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon City White Water Park.  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:26:27 AM

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Ms Reid,

I am writing to express my support for the inclusion of a whitewater park in the renewal of the Willamette Falls / Blue Heron site.

I live in Oregon City and actively Kayak and raft on both the Clackamas and Willamette Rivers.

I have also had the opportunity to vacation in Reno, NV where they built a WW Park in their downtown in the 1990s. I enjoy it every time I go.

Please consider these proposals for a WW Park in Oregon City.

Respectfully,

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**SSG Robert Black (Retired) / USMCR and Oregon Army National Guard  
Oregon City, Oregon**

Disabled Combat Veteran / Bronze Star Medal / Combat Action Badge / Sea Service  
Deployment

USMC - West Pac Tour 1990-1991

Army - Iraq 2004-2006

Army - Iraq 2009-2010

**From:** [Matthew Hutchison](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon City white Water Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:55:14 PM

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Hello Kelly Reid,

I'm writing to express my support for the Oregon City White Water park project. I'm a 5th generation native Oregonian and active outdoor and whitewater enthusiast.

I feel this project would distinguish our region as a recreational and tourist destination. I also feel the project would have a positive impact on the Oregon economy.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Safe Travels,  
Matthew Hutchison  
Phone: 5038164029

**From:** [Jeff Locke](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon City Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Saturday, July 23, 2016 7:42:08 PM

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Hello Kelly,

I heard from Facebook you need some opinions on the Whitewater Park in Oregon City. It would be a great addition to the Portland area and improve the standard of living in the area. After a period of time, there may be up with a waiting list to use the Whitewater Park. As a native Oregonian, a longtime volunteer with Metro, and longtime paddler, the Portland area needs a Whitewater Park.

Thank you, Jeff Locke

**From:** [Jon-Paul Bowles](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon City Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 12:42:16 PM

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Hello,

I'm an Oregon City native, and I'm writing in support of the whitewater park. I'm a fan of the river walk, and can't wait for Oregon City to open up its water front. But a whitewater park is an addition that adds even more access to the river, and the type of economic development we need.

I appreciate your leadership and coordination. It can't be an easy role. I would genuinely appreciate the leadership team supporting the park. We can make it happen.

Thank you,

Jon-Paul Bowles  
(503) 421-7504

**From:** [Jeremy Boyd](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon City Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:40:40 AM

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Hi,

I am writing to you to express my support for the proposed whitewater park in Oregon City. Whitewater activities are a great way to experience the beauty of the northwest and to connect with our natural surroundings. The proposed location is unique and will serve to introduce new people to the Willamette Falls in a fun and exciting way. I have two young boys and look forward to introducing them to whitewater activities as they grow older. A whitewater park would be a great way to do that!

Thank you  
Jeremy Boyd  
Vancouver, WA

**From:** [Drew Mahalic](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Cc:** [Sam Drevo](#); [kated](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon Sports Authority Support  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:42:03 AM  
**Attachments:** [OSAWWparksupport.docx](#)

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Kelly,

Please see my attached letter of support for the proposed Willamette Falls Whitewater Park.

Just let me know if there is anything I can do to further support this effort that can have a colossal impact on the regional economy and community's quality of life.

Drew

Drew Mahalic  
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**From:** [Michael Stevens](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Oregon Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 8:45:29 AM

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Hi Kelly,

I'm just an interested party in this possible redevelopment. Lived in Oregon City for a while, born in Oregon and am a boater.

I remember touring the locks when I was a cub scout!

In my opinion, the white water feature is a wonderful idea, but there could be all kinds of things that need to be discussed.

How about a kayak/raft lift so folks can turn right around and go back up to the top again! Like an escalator maybe?

In my opinion, its time to salvage a few select pieces of the locks for a meuseum and start over by building a new one! My wife and I and some friends did a barge trip in France 20 years ago and went though over 40 locks in a week. Only a couple were 'manned' as most were operated by a simple industrial controller that the navigating boats initiated by a pull cord above the entrance/exit to the lock system. NO manpower was required.

I know a lot of folks want to 'preserve' this Oregon heritage, but what happens in 50 or 100 more years after spending \$\$\$ on the locks and then they need more \$\$\$.

A new lock system would be less expensive in the long run.

Additionally, public docks (i.e. 72 hour tie-up) for boat traffic, yacht tie-up and walking trails would allow Oregon City to become a destination for the Portland boating market that now has no access to go to the area.

Keep up the good work!

Mike Stevens  
Wilsonville

**From:** [Cailin O'Brien-Feeney](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Outdoor Industry Association WW park Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:12:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [Willamette Falls Project OIA Endorsement.pdf](#)

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Kelly,

Please find attached an endorsement letter on behalf of OIA that I previously shared with project proponents of incorporating a whitewater park option into the existing Willamette Falls Legacy project. As stated in the letter, I do understand that funding is a major hurdle but one we are interested in helping explore.

I'll be in the office Monday if you'd like to chat further.

Regards,

Cailin

**Cailin O'Brien-Feeney** | Local Recreation Advocacy Manager  
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**From:** [matt perry](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Portland needs a Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:44:07 AM

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Dear Kelly,

My name is Matthew Perry, and I am a semi famous WW Kayaker. Attached is a picture of me on the cover of Idaho Heartland Magazine.

I bought a summer home in Idaho, because Portland doesn't have anything like the magical place of Kelly's White Water Park in Cascade, Idaho.

<http://www.kellyswhitewaterpark.com/>

Not yet ;-)

I'd love to be able to promote our lovely city of Portland in the same capacity that I do in Idaho.

My 16 year old daughter has learned to empower herself on the river as well. It is places like these that can help teach our youth in a safe location, dissolve barriers of all types, and all meet as one for a common goal, in both an independent and interdependent manner.

Plus, spectators get to see a different side of whitewater sports. The first time I saw freestyle kayaking, I was mesmerized. I hope to pass that along to as many people as possible.

Sincerely,

Matthew Perry  
Level 3 ACA White Water Instructor  
(Retired)

Sent from my Sprint phone.

**From:** [Brooks Foster](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed whitewater park at Willamette Falls in Oregon City  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:11:51 PM

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Dear Kelly,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed whitewater park at Willamette Falls in Oregon City.

I moved to Portland, Oregon in 2001 to go to law school at Lewis & Clark largely because of my love for whitewater kayaking and outdoor sports and the abundance of those opportunities in the area. Since then, I have visited a number of man-made (or man-altered) whitewater parks in other states. I have long been puzzled as to why there is no such amenity close to Portland.

The City boasts one of the best whitewater boating communities in the world. There are many natural rivers to run, but most are at least an hour drive from Portland, and there are very few reliable spots for play-boating (i.e., surfing and hole riding) even within a few hours of the city.

Under these unique circumstances, the State, City of Portland, Metro area, and surrounding communities will benefit greatly by the creation of a whitewater recreation center. This type of facility will make the State of Oregon a true leader in whitewater recreation, as it should be.

The design of the park will be critical to its success. If it provides high quality play-boating opportunities, I guarantee you I will be there often--and I will probably be very tempted to move to Oregon City, along with many of my kayaker friends!

In short, this is too great an opportunity to let it slip by or to screw it up. We need this park to become a reality and to implement a successful design that shows what we can accomplish when government and private interests work together to achieve something special.

My son is three years old. Being able to enjoy this type of park with him when he is older will be like a dream come true.

Please accept this as my statement of support for the work of everyone who is advocating for this park to be built.

Very Truly Yours,  
Brooks M. Foster

**From:** [Julie Maher](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment -- Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 8:32:31 PM

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RE: Public Comment on Whitewater Park at Willamette Falls

I am writing in support of option 1, to include the whitewater park in the design plans for the River Walk.

The economic study by ECONorthwest demonstrates that this option would bring great value to the River Walk and Oregon City (<http://willamettefallswhitewaterpark.org>).

In addition to the economic benefits, a whitewater park could increase educational opportunities, enhance the beauty of the River Walk, and be designed to benefit fish.

Sincerely,  
Julie Maher

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Michael Dunlevy](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Quality of life  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:11:34 PM

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Bringing an outdoor recreation opportunity closer to the Portland metro would further cement its status as one of the best places for work life balance and quality of life in the world. I can promise I personally would spend substantial amounts of money in the Oregon City area, and can imagine others would too. Please consider the economic and quality of life impact the water park would have on the immediate vicinity and surrounding communities.

**From:** [John Godino](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** support for a whitewater park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:15:24 PM

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Hello Oregon Metro friends,

I'm writing to you today to express my complete support for a whitewater park at Willamette Falls.

I have been a whitewater kayaker for about 25 years, and Portland resident for about 20.

It's an incredible opportunity to have a world-class whitewater park in the Portland area. It would be a tremendous tourist attraction, and generate lots of jobs and income in a long-term sustainable way in an area that needs it.

While the Portland area is fortunate to have many quality kayak rivers close by, most of them are at least a one hour drive. Local boaters would have a close to home option for training and practice, lowering our environmental footprint. After a session at the whitewater park, I would be glad to stop at some of the local restaurants in Oregon City and support them.

I realize that making this a reality is a challenging and long-term project, but it would absolutely be worth it in the long run.

I urge Metro and other involved parties to do everything possible to make it happen.

Thank you,  
John Godino  
Portland

**From:** [Christy Russell](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Oregon City Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 10:46:32 AM

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I am writing to express my support for the proposed whitewater park in Oregon City. My family has enjoyed that stretch of river for several years, paddleboarding and kayaking to the falls. At the same time, I have been pained to see the charming Oregon City waterfront area remain relatively stagnant. As my husband practices on that stretch as a partner with Pacific Oral Surgery and Implants, we have a vested interest in the vitality of the area. It seems that a whitewater park would highlight the unique features of this wonderful area, provide an economic boost to a valuable and charming (not to mention historically important) location, and offer family-friendly recreation year-round to citizens of our community while attracting visitors throughout the state and beyond.

Thank you for your civic service, and please continue to explore the option of developing a whitewater park in Oregon City.

Sincerely,

Christy Russell

**From:** [Atwater, Ty](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Oregon City Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:46:27 PM  
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Hi Kelly,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed white water park at Willamette Falls. I know Sam Drevo, and have on many occasions discussed the benefits of a whitewater play park in Northwest Oregon. Not only will the park contribute to the economic growth of the region and provide jobs, it also will showcase what is possible in terms of the re-newal of an area that desperately needs it. Willamette Falls is a natural wonder in Oregon and should be showcased. The draw of a whitewater park would expose paddlers, shoppers and tourists to Oregon City.

Please help this dream become a reality!

Thanks

Ty

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**From:** [Holly Heiberg](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Support for white water park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 7:59:00 AM

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RE: Public Comment on Whitewater Park at Willamette Falls

I am writing today in support of a whitewater park at Willamette Falls. Specifically, I am in support of option 1, to include the white water park in the design plans for the River Walk.

While there are many details to be sorted, the initial economic study clearly demonstrates that this option brings great value to the overall project of the River Walk, adding a new element of recreation, tourism, business recruitment and jobs.

This option also presents potential benefits to fish migration and awareness of the important ecosystem at the Willamette Falls.

I hope my voice adds to a number of local voices that will support Metro, Clackamas County and Oregon City in the decision to include a white water park in the design of the River Walk.

Sincerely,  
Holly Heiberg  
503-473-3324

**From:** [Steve Lisac](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 12:46:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)  
[Whitewater Park Letter.pdf](#)

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Kelly,

Please see attached letter of support and distribute to other members of the council.

Thanks,

**Steve Lisac**

Owner/General Manager

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**From:** [Paul Alati](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Support of the whitewater park at Willamette Falls - LifeBalance Program  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 11:18:00 AM

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Hi Kelly,

Quick note to let you know that we support the whitewater park at Willamette Falls. Please make it happen.

Thanks for all your service.

Paul Alati  
Absolute Recreation Mgmt, Inc.  
The LifeBalance Program  
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**From:** [Bob Trismen](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Cc:** [info@rediscoverthefalls.com](mailto:info@rediscoverthefalls.com); [Sam Drevo](#); "Kate Govaars"; [info@portlandkayakteam.org](mailto:info@portlandkayakteam.org)  
**Subject:** SUPPORT the Whitewater Park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 9:01:18 PM  
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July 20, 2016

TO: Metro  
[attn:](#) Kelly Reid

I am writing on behalf of the Portland Kayak and Canoe Team to support the development of a whitewater park as part of the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. Our club promotes the sport of performance flatwater kayaking from a riverfront boathouse at Oaks Park in Sellwood.

We fully support a whitewater park at Willamette Falls as a regional and national boon to the whitewater branch of paddlesport in the US. Other whitewater parks have shown how to attract users as diverse as families, recreational kayakers and rafters, and Olympic athletes. The height, grandeur, and history of Willamette Falls, together with its proximity to the Portland metro population, make it an ideal site. A whitewater park there would enhance recreation and health for all ages in our community. As a landmark paddlesport destination, the park would bring jobs and tourism revenue to Oregon City.

We urge you to include a world-class whitewater park in the plans for the world-class site that is Willamette Falls.

Very truly yours,

Robert Trismen  
President  
[Portland Kayak and Canoe Team](#)  
See our [Facebook page](#)

**From:** [Aaron Boatman](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** The Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:04:30 PM

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Dear Kelly Reid,

My name is Aaron Boatman and I support whitewater parks and the entertainment they bring. I recently relocated to the area with my wife and daughter from Colorado. We have been following the news and information about a proposed improvement of the Willamette Falls to include a whitewater park and features. I think this is a great idea and use of a natural resource for entertainment, beauty and promoting recreational activity. I look forward to hearing further news about this process and support you and those that share my families love of the water.

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*Aaron Boatman*  
*Cell (928) 208-8728*

**From:** [Ryc Williamson](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Water park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:56:24 PM

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Hello,

It is with much anticipation that I am looking forward to using the new water park at Willamette Falls. Please make it enjoyable for all.

Thanks,

Ryc

Ryc

**From:** [Mark Wheeler](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** We support the Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 6:09:01 PM

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Thank you!

Mark Wheeler, Michele Gila  
Portland, OR.

**From:** [redwardsen123@gmail.com](mailto:redwardsen123@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White water park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:58:05 AM

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Hi Kelly !

My name is Robby Edwardsen and I am writing to let you know that I know there are plans to perhaps build a whitewater park for kayakers here in the Portland region. This could be a huge win for boaters and tourists alike. I am in full support of this park and I am looking forward to seeing it when it's done !! :) thanks

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dawn O'Brien](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White Water park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 11:21:44 AM

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Hello,

My name is Dawn O'Brien and I live in Oregon City. I am highly interested in a white water park at the old paper mill site. It is a unique opportunity to showcase our beautiful Willamette Falls. Much like the draw that happens in Hood River with the sail-boarders, OC could have the same draw for kayakers. I have visited Hood River often enough for the wine tasting and to watch the boarders out on the Columbia River. I have also taken visiting relatives out there for the same purpose. With the new breweries we have in town, OC could become a destination city like Hood River combining the downtown area with the white water park at the falls. I am in total support of this project. Let's make it happen!

Sincerely,

Dawn

**From:** [Will Symms](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White Water Park Oregon City  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:55:17 PM

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Hello Kelly,

Writing you to voice my opinion on the potential project of a White Water Park in Oregon City. As an outdoor recreation instructor and educator, this project makes sense for the community and the Portland Metro area at large.

Implications of this park are immense I know, but beside the fact that it will offer stellar recreational opportunities for Oregonians, it will create a place of beauty in an industrial nightmare, it will give access to this historic place in Oregon to many people who currently can't see it or catch a glimpse from the road, it will financially offer Oregon City a money generating hotspot, plus give local merchants space to be entrepreneurs. It could give Oregon City a concert venue driving more money, people into the area, it could bring international attention to this wonderful place we call the Pacific Northwest by bringing Olympic trials. It could bring that inner city youth out of his/her shell and offer a activity that is diverse enough to be interesting and provide a healthy outlet to societal problems.

It could be a lot of things, you never know till you try. In my mind this is one of the best options for Oregon City, Willamette Falls and Oregon. Please consider this opinion in deciding the fate of this historic location.

Thanks,

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Will Symms

**From:** [TJ Banker](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** white water park support letter  
**Date:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 10:44:16 AM

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To whom it may concern,

The story regarding the Whitewater park idea for Oregon city came across my news feed awhile back and instantly sparked my interest. I think it is an amazing idea.

I have lived in Eugene, OR for my whole life and have visited the falls many times. I always thought it was lacking in attention and with the surrounding area, had potential for a nice river front area. I also happen to be a novice kayaker and try to take advantage of our numerous lakes and rivers. Sometimes it's hard to find the right level for my experience as well as a buddy to come along. I like the idea of bringing multiple rafters of varying skill together in one, more slightly controlled environment. It would be a great place to bring my niece and nephew as soon as they are old enough to learn.

I'm very excited about the possibilities and I think it would be great for the community all around. Maybe it would inspire other cities to do similar projects so we can clean up and restore one of our biggest and most know landmarks, the Willamette.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this project and I hope there are more ways I can help in the future.

Sincerely,  
Tommaso Banker  
Eugene, Or

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Joe Church](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White water park support  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:03:44 PM

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Hello Kelly,

I am writing to let you know that I support the whitewater park project at Willamette falls. I live just up the road in Milwaukie and would love to see this project come to fruition. My boys and I as well as my extended family members enjoy all kinds of paddle sports and having this park close by would be a great opportunity for us to paddle more rain or shine.

Sincerely  
Joe Church

**From:** [Brent Adams](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White Water Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:09:51 AM

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Kelly,

Please add my name to the list of supporters of the white water park. I believe this will be a great asset to the proposed river walk. As I am sure you have been given plenty of statistics showing the benefits I won't bore you with more. I will add that I think this would be an amazing opportunity to bring visitors to the area that would spend their dollars in our city and help anchor the river walk as an attraction.

Thank you,  
Brent Adams

**From:** [Bruce Schnapp](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** white water park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:58:23 PM

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I am writing to voice my support of a whitewater park being incorporated into the Riverwalk design in Oregon City. As a 40+ year whitewater kayak enthusiast and, more importantly, a resident of Oregon City for the past 15 years, I see this as an incredible opportunity for the community, city, and state. Please take the time to seriously research and consider the benefits a facility like this can offer. I just love Oregon City and I feel obligated to do my best to see that it prospers. It could be so much more. This is the ticket the region has been looking for to get it over the hump and into the mainstream of the spectacular Portland and Oregon region.

Thank you,

Bruce Schnapp, Ph.D., Professor of Cell Biology at OHSU

Oregon City

**From:** [Ken Humberston](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** White water proposal at the falls  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 3:02:46 PM

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As reviewed the proposal it strikes me as an excellent idea if done properly. Clearly all environmental issues should be addressed. That said I believe it would be a great addition and an attraction to the region and benefit us economically. I do wish to make clear that my support is qualified by being certain that all environmental issues are adequately addressed. I would hope that all interested parties have been brought to the table to discuss and negotiate those issues.

Ken humberston

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ben McCune](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 11:21:43 AM

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Hi Kelly. I hope this message finds you well. I would like to add my support for a whitewater park as part of the Riverwalk design for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. As an avid outdoorsman and conservationist I believe that people learn respect for the environment when they get to experience it. I'm new to Oregon City but a year and a half ago i purchased 88 acres just south of town. I love this city and this area and wish nothing but the very best for it. My largest concern with the project is traffic and parking related. But if there is a clever way to mitigate that while enhancing the communities access to recreation and hospitality industries then i fully support a whitewater park. Thanks for your time. Good luck throughout this process.

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Ben McCune  
Architect & Idea Man  
Camp Cascadia  
503 327 4736

**From:** [Willie Levenson](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Cc:** "[Sam Drevo](#)"; [cherie@stellaractive.com](mailto:cherie@stellaractive.com); "[Tod Cordill](#)"; [Mike Faha](#); "[Matt French](#)"; [John Ostrander](#); [Waterbear](#); "[Mary Lou Soscia](#)"; [Rob Thompson](#); "[Tommy Vandel](#)"; [Jon Wippich](#); [Scott Fogarty](#); "[Greg Goodman](#)"; "[LEE Bobby \\* GOV](#)"; "[Mike Lindberg](#)"; "[Tad McCall](#)"; [chris.monlux@gmail.com](mailto:chris.monlux@gmail.com); "[John Russell](#)"; "[Dametris Harrison](#)"; [Ryan Kunzer](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park at Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 11:15:59 AM

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Kelly,

Thank you in advance for considering the important vision of bringing a Whitewater Park to Willamette Falls. HAP understands there is political momentum to take a course that excludes a whitewater park. Now is the time for leadership to make sure at minimum a plan is developed which will allow for this possibility in the future, if not part of this initial phasing.

Human Access Project wishes to be on record to strongly recommend that the proposed concept of a Whitewater Park at the Willamette Falls Legacy Project remain on the table for discussion. From the published TAC decision matrix, we urge the "middle path"

Oregon for too long has had a disjointed relationship with the Willamette River. When the Willamette River Greenway Plan was developed I do not believe that Governor Tom McCall had expectations that we would be creating better "views" of the Willamette River. I believe he wanted people to be able to get to the river's edge and touch it.

A whitewater park on the Willamette River is a very creative way to leverage the existing current at Willamette Falls. It's a way to demonstrate a taste of the power of the second largest waterfall by volume in the US. A way to bring undisputed economic value to the community of Oregon City – as demonstrated by numerous whitewater parks around the US who have created this amenity. Further it would create a new fish passage for migrating salmon.

The potential benefits of the Whitewater Park concept are so great we urge you to consider a more in-depth and unbiased analysis. We believe good data and analysis as to the feasibility and benefits of the project deserve a fair airing. If the project is seen as feasible, we see the Park as a significant boon to tourism, recreation and restoring a healthy relationship with the Willamette River for the region.

We see the issue as one of unfortunate timing. However, we do not want to see what might be a beneficial project not move forward solely because of timing. We are convinced that a clear majority of the citizens in Oregon support the idea as evidenced by the tremendous press this has received. Given the excitement this idea has generated I believe the public will feel cheated if they discover that this idea was not fully researched before discarding it.

For these reasons the middle path seems to be the right path at this time.

Human Access Project would be excited to be involved in this process if it is helpful to you.

Please call me anytime for any reason.

Yours for the Willamette River,

Willie Levenson  
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**From:** [Will Heiberg](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park In Oregon City  
**Date:** Sunday, July 24, 2016 9:37:49 PM

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I, among many of my peers, are very excited to see Oregon City incorporating a whitewater park. Aside from the close to 400,00 annual visitors and 20 million and additional jobs this piece of the project is projected to bring, creating opportunities for active recreation at a time when our society keeps slipping into a sedentary lifestyle is huge. I am so excited to see Oregon City step up and create an amazing recreational facility at the heart of the City. Way to lead by example!

Please keep me in the loop as this project evolves. Thank you for taking a positive role to engage and inspire today's youth in healthy and active pursuits.

Sincerely,  
Will Heiberg

Owner/Founder Lumberyard Bike Park  
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**From:** [Jilene](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#); [kated@welovecleanrivers.org](mailto:kated@welovecleanrivers.org)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 5:30:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

In 1891, my great great grandfather Carey Hargreaves came to America on an “English Garden Society Trip.” His trip was to view the incredible Willamette valley and report back to the English Garden Society. He documented his travels to Oregon, spoke in garden meetings throughout his English garden county meetings, and so inspired others, especially that his four sons immigrated to Oregon, all settling in Oregon City and farm lands.

In one of Carey Hargreaves letters, he wrote about a canoe trip above the Willamette falls, tipping over, recovering, and later arriving to the evening party still wet. Canoe and kayaking must be in the family genes. Skip forward five generations, and although the extended family has settled around the Pacific Northwest, I have returned to the McLoughlin Neighborhood in Oregon City, taking residence only blocks from their original homes. I am an avid kayaker and lover of our beautiful rivers. I work with youth through scouts to appreciate the rivers, to support sustainability, and to learn safety and respect for the dangers of water recreation.

Although I am not totally convinced about the Whitewater Park, I want to hear more about it, and see it as one of the top possibilities for the replacement of the current old paper mill. From what I have seen, I believe that the river park would strongly bring folks to the area (tourism and economy), keep the area focused on river and clean water (environmental and sustainable), and be a public/private venue that allows access to everyone.

I am not in favor of a big box business, or high rise condos, or another mill-like industry, thus hope that the land is not turned into a strip mall of buildings that ignores the incredible natural setting right in the midst of urban First City dwellers. I am not a hunter or fisher, but I believe that this type of park opens opportunities for the avid outdoorsman, as well as the family seeking to get into nature and away from their electronic devices. Lastly, I believe that any opportunity to use the river for recreation, nature, and in a sustainable manner, brings more honor to the community. We are establishing this land use for the next 100 years and have an incredible opportunity to choose for the next five generations.

Many thank for your interest in public opinion. I am excited to see what will happen in our “front-yard.”

Jilene Modlin

**From:** [Ryan Lougeay](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater park support  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 11:45:49 AM

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Greetings,

My name is Ryan Lougeay. I live at 314 Monroe St., in Oregon City.

I am avid whitewater enthusiast and supporter of the Willamette Falls whitewater park. Myself and my friends, co-workers, neighbors, and river-going buddies could not be more excited for this project! As a resident of OC, I can only imagine the positive contribution this park will have on our community. This will really place OC on the map for recreationalists. Please take my support and continue to move this project towards completion. Thank you!

Ryan Lougeay  
503.724.4601

Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [Kevin Hill](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park Supporter  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 11:24:13 AM

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Hello Kelly,

I'm writing today to express my desire to have the whitewater park proposal remain on the table and be considered in the riverwalk design. My wife and I moved from Wisconsin two years ago, and we chose this part of the country specifically because of the large amount of good whitewater paddling. I believe that a whitewater park would make this area even more attractive to fellow boaters and casual recreational users alike, be they visitors or transplants.

Thanks for your time!

Kevin Hill  
Silverton, OR

**From:** [Don Smith](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:14:20 PM  
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Dear Kelly,

Please accept my letter of support for the whitewater park.

Thank you for your time and attention on this very important project.

Sincerely,

Don Smith  
971-570-8999

**From:** [johnny ott](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:31:51 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am all in for a whitewater park in the metro area. I have been kayaking for 18 years and intend to visit the park often. My kids are now learning river safety and kayaking. This park is the perfect platform for young kayakers to experienced. This is such a massive opportunity for the metro area. YES for WHITEWATER!!!

*Johnny Ott  
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**From:** [Val@valrogers.org](mailto:Val@valrogers.org)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:18:27 PM

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Hi,

Just want to register my enthusiastic support for a whitewater park in Oregon City. This is clean, sustainable economic development that benefits local citizens with jobs and the region with healthy recreation opportunities. Please support this win-win development!

Val Rogers, Eugene Oregon  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sharon Harper](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:54:43 AM  
**Attachments:** [Whitewater Park.pdf](#)

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Hi Kelly,

I have attached a letter from George Heidgerken to Sam Drevo in regards to the Whitewater Park at Falls Legacy.

Sharon Harper  
253-272-5234

**From:** [Scott Gerber](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 1:34:45 PM

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I am writing to voice my support of a whitewater park being incorporated into the Riverwalk design in Oregon City. As a 40+ year whitewater kayak enthusiast, I see this as an incredible opportunity for the community, city, and state. Please take the time to seriously research and consider the benefits a facility like this can offer.

Thank you,  
Scott Gerber  
Milwaukie, OR

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [christinevanorderhpi@gmail.com](mailto:christinevanorderhpi@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Whitewater park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:36:12 AM

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Hi!

I support the whitewater park project and hope there are some ways it can also be educational...possibly educate visitors about hydro power???

Anyways, thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely,  
Christine VanOrder

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [rlajka@comcast.net](mailto:rlajka@comcast.net)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Fall Legacy Project 7/11/16 Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2016 5:06:06 PM

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Kelly,

I attended the meeting at 10 a.m. today regarding the Water Park Work Session. I am writing to take advantage of the Project's invitation for the audience to provide comments or questions in writing.

I have been very keen on the idea of an Olympic Whitewater facility (I'm a kayaker and canoer). That said the meeting today revealed that there are significant unanswered questions about the project to which I would like to add a few more.

1. Will the Whitewater facility as illustrated in the concept plan require any blasting of the basalt rock that the old Blue Heron sits on?
2. If blasting of rock is required to make the whitewater course would that potentially effect the adjacent RR and would you need permits to blast that close to the RR?
3. Because the concept plan illustrates the whitewater course adjacent to the RR might the potential for the RR creating vibrations, etc. require special construction standards?
4. Given that we are more earthquake knowledgeable would the whitewater course require construction to earthquake standards?
5. I agree with a number of the Project Team members who feel that the primary developer and the "We Love Clean Rivers" organization need to put more of their money into the proposal (I have public sector economic development experience and am uncomfortable with the lack of developer money in the project including the River Walk).
6. I have experience with public - private partnerships in which the original private partner failed (went bankrupt) and we had development plans that include contingent uses. I don't see any flexibility in use of a white water course if it fails.

John K. Anderson  
503-850-4655

**From:** [Cliff](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:07:37 PM

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As opposed to dirty oil trains traveling through the Gorge this project seems to me to make a lot of sense. Non-polluting good jobs for local residents and hopefully the locks will be restored for boat travel Up and Down the River. Thank you

**From:** [Mike](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Project  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 8:34:37 AM

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Kelly Reid,

As an Oregon City resident and outdoors enthusiast I would like to voice my support for a whitewater park as part of the redevelopment project. Not only do I see myself utilizing a whitewater park, but I would love to see Oregon City become a destination for outdoor activity. Whitewater parks throughout the country are producing sizable economic benefits in their respective communities.

The inclusion of a whitewater park would make Oregon City a "fun" destination which allows for the rich history of the area to be shared with a larger audience. When I envision the future of Willamette Falls I see fishermen, whitewater paddlers, locals hanging out, people shopping, people eating, spectators watching paddlers learn and navigate the whitewater feature. Ultimately I think the whitewater feature adds to all the other attractions of the Falls and adds diversity to the type of tourism Oregon City will enjoy with a redeveloped Willamette Falls.

Thanks,  
Mike Braun  
Oregon City Resident

**From:** [Raymond A. Capone III](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls White Water Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:23:20 PM

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Kelly,

I am writing this letter for the purpose of reinforcing my support for the project in Oregon City. As a Portland resident and white water Kayaker, my support is not limited to my own interests in using and enjoying the prospect of a white water park in my own back yard.... It is to remind those responsible for making the park a reality of this fact: we will, potentially, be creating the very faculty that will train our next US Olympic gold medalist, and securing the future of canoe and kayak slalom racing within the international Olympic community.

-Ray Capone

**From:** [Kris](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls whitewater park comment  
**Date:** Monday, July 11, 2016 3:09:12 PM

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Hello Kelly,

I am hesitant about the waterpark for a few reasons. First, it worries me primarily because I'd hate to see the Riverwalk jeopardized or delayed by an additional project fundraising from the same sources or adding to the Riverwalk's already hefty fundraising goals.

I also would want to ensure that the project would not negatively impact WFLP's other core values--especially the honoring of tribal culture and heritage and the restoration of riparian habitat. I'd want thorough cultural and environmental assessments, which would--as others pointed out--cost time and money. It would be important to see a sustainable business plan, too.

Thank you,  
Kris Anderson

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**From:** [Evan du Pont](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park PLEASE!  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 12:07:36 PM

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I am local Portland resident, and urban planning major, and an avid whitewater enthusiast. I know first-hand the community benefits of creating recreation opportunities for the people, but also the benefits of waterfront restoration. No one works harder to make a project succeed than those with some stake in the game, and the local whitewater community is a great ally to have in the restoration to the Willamette Falls riverfront. Additionally, this park would draw competitors and customers from all over the continent to play and compete in a world class whitewater opportunity.

The Willamette Falls Whitewater Park has my full support and will have my active participation in both promotion and paddling. Please keep the proposal on the table and explore bringing it to fruition.



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**From:** [Stephen Kendrick](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:54:24 PM

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Hi Kelly,

I am writing to indicate my strong support for a whitewater park at Willamette Falls.

To briefly describe myself, I am a local technology professional (project manager) who enjoys spending time on regional rivers on the weekends with my friends. I spend much of my disposable income (possibly more than I am really aware!) to travel to and enjoy those rivers and the natural beauty of this area. River-running brings me fitness, excitement, challenge, and a social aspect of meeting like-minded people in beautiful areas. I would love to be able to experience these things at a whitewater park at a revitalized Willamette Falls.

In terms of the economic impact of an average river-runner (myself), in one instance last year, my wife and another friend rented a house near Bend for three nights and kayaked on rivers near Bend. We ate at local restaurants and patronized other local businesses like coffee shops, book stores, breweries, and wineries. Many of my paddler friends fit this description and we would be likely to visit such a park on a frequent basis, supporting the local Oregon City economy in the process.

Additional benefits include:

- \* A relatively low-hazard venue to introduce new kayakers/rafters to the river environment and get them excited about new activities and also get them excited about how important it is to maintain the health of our local rivers
- \* An attraction for visitors who are looking for an exciting way to enjoy nature, without travelling all the way to the Hood River area
- \* A different kind of whitewater experience that would encourage sales of new kayaks, rafts, and gear at local shops (whitewater parks often provide features that are different from our local rivers and many users will want to maximize their experience by owning the "perfect" boat for such a park)

In summary, I am a big supporter of the whitewater park. I also want to take a moment to say that I am a big fan of the revitalization project in general, and wish you the best in this project.

Warm Regards,  
Stephen Kendrick

**From:** [Morrison, Samuel L.](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park Support from Forest Grove  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:57:07 PM

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Dear Kelly Ried,

I am a resident of Forest Grove, Oregon and strongly support the projected whitewater park on Willamette Falls. As an Oregon resident I feel a project like this promotes and attracts the environmental minded citizen we want. Not only will water enthusiasts be able to use and enjoy the park, but others will find new recreation opportunities in their backyard and find a place to connect and make friends doing something active, challenging, and productive with their time. As the assistant director of Outdoor Pursuits at Pacific University I feel this will especially help youth find productive things to do with their free time.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sam Morrison  
Outdoor Pursuits Assistant Director  
Outdoor Leadership Instructor  
Pacific University, Oregon  
503.352.3080

**From:** [Nicole Birch](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Cc:** [Nicole Birch](#); [Dave Miller](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park Support  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:37:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [LifeBalance WWPark Support.docx](#)

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Hello, Kelly!

I manage communications for the LifeBalance Program, a business-to-business service provider that's based here in Portland. As a company that provides well-being services and strives to help individuals lead healthy and fulfilling lives, we're very excited about the potential health and economic benefits the Willamette Whitewater Park could provide. We'd like to submit a letter of support for the park, which you'll find attached! We sincerely hope that our voice, along with those of the many citizens and organizations who support the plan, will help bring this exciting idea to fruition.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information! Thank you and take care!

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**From:** [Jeff White](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 5:44:00 PM

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Hello, My Nanette is Jeff White, and I have been a resident of Oregon City for 21 years. I wholeheartedly believe a whitewater park on the former Blue Heron mill site would benefit the local economy by drawing in people from areas outside of the local area as well as bringing in locals. This attraction would make Oregon City a destination and would benefit the surrounding business also.

Thank you,  
Jeff White

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Mark Tilden](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:09:27 PM

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Greeting,

Please consider this my formal approval for the proposed Willamette Falls Whitewater Park. This is a unique once in a generation opportunity to build something truly extraordinary for the region! The economic opportunity and notoriety will brighten Oregon City's future. Please support this project and help create something wonderful for our City!

Thank you,

Mark Tilden  
Oregon City resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Daniel Phillips](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:53:36 PM

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Hello!

I want to voice my support for a whitewater park at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. Whitewater kayaking and rafting has helped me to explore much of Oregon and the PNW. I learned to raft on the Deschutes river day stretch in Maupin and learned to kayak on the Clackamas. Since I started, I've kayaked the Grand Canyon, floated through Hells Canyon twice, surfed tidal waves in Canada and Alaska, and instructed hundreds of roll classes through my alma mater, Lewis & Clark College. The closest whitewater park to Portland is in Bend (and the competitive part of me thinks we can do better than they can) and before that park existed the closest parks were in Idaho. Teaching safe river practices to beginners is essential to maintaining river culture, and there is no place where instruction is easier or safer than a whitewater park. Features can help develop essential skills for beginners and allow safe spaces to practice rescue techniques, better equipping anyone taking swift water rescue classes to take on emergency whitewater scenarios.

I support safer river practices and I think a good place to start would be a local whitewater park.

Sincerely,  
Daniel Phillips

**From:** [corey.morton](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls whitewater park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 9:42:30 AM

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As a kayaker I love the idea of a whitewater park in the area. As part of a family ran business in downtown Oregon City the commerce sounds great. But I don't agree with this plan or the concept of putting a park on the Blue Heron site.

The water quality isn't the choice anyone wants to paddle and digest out of any in the state.

The site I'm assuming is mostly bedrock and digging canals would be very costly.

This is a partial flood plane and with adding a canal without any safety provisions I can only see flood water being diverted into downtown. We came a food in 96 from cresting 99e at 5th st.

There is no parking in downtown as it is and from what I've seen of the plans, most of the possible streets get turned into the canal requiring a parking structure that downtown already needs but isn't in the design.

Kayakers are cheap, we don't spend a lot of \$\$ in the areas we visit. Maybe a meal after but no millions Drevo is boasting!

Oregon city needs commerce to replace the middle class jobs lost by the mills closing. Not \$10 a hour guide.

and last, Oregon is the only place in the world we can naturally kayak year round. Why would I pay to use a man made course when I can see nature!?

**Corey Morton**  
**971-235-9735**

***"it's not if you have lived but how you live"***

**From:** [Jason Markantes](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls whitewater park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:17:59 PM

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Hello, I wanted to write in support of a whitewater park at Willamette Falls. I've worked in a outdoor retail shop, been a kayak instructor, and overall whitewater enthusiast for a couple of decades. I've seen the economic impact of whitewater participants for small business in Portland and Hood River, and it has a remarkable reach. I've met boaters who traveled the world to come paddle around Portland, and creating an additional destination would be something to be proud of and create additional opportunities for tourism and retail.

Most importantly, I've seen the smiles and felt the excitement of newcomers to the sport. Having a dedicated, local, and safe place to introduce people to kayaking and let them practice would be a boon to the area.

Thank you,  
Jason

**From:** [Scott Wasko](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:00:55 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing to convey my high level of support for the proposed whitewater park at Willamette Falls in Oregon City. As an avid surfer living in Portland, I would be extremely grateful for the opportunity to have a dedicated standing river wave closer to home as a place to go after work, or a weekend afternoon rather than having to travel all the way to the coast for a full day, or even out to Bend to the whitewater park there.

Speaking of the Bend Whitewater park, I've enjoyed that place very much and am extremely hopeful that we'll get one in the Portland/Oregon City metro area soon!

Thanks for all of the hard work you're putting into this. I appreciate it, and can't wait to get on the water once the park is complete!

Sincerely,  
Scott Wasko  
Portland Oregon, 97229

**From:** [Dennis Pennell](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 7:07:48 AM

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Kelly,

As a kayaker, canoeist, rafter, and sailor, I am thrilled that we might have a whitewater park in the Portland area. I live in Vancouver, but I frequently paddle on the Willamette River in sea kayaks and canoes. I am also a kayak and canoe instructor for Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe located on Tomahawk Island, Jantzen Beach.

A whitewater park in Oregon City would be an even better reason to drive a few miles south for some fun paddling. Plus, that are some excellent restaurants, pubs and shops in the area that can be a great way to top off the day.

I urge you to move ahead with the planning and implementation of this whitewater park on the Willamette River.

Sincerely,

Dennis Pennell

**From:** [Grider, Charles D.](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 2:12:00 PM

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Dear Oregon City and Metro,

I am writing in support of the idea to create a whitewater park at the Willamette Falls site. I live in Washington and have driven to Bend and Boise to visit their whitewater parks. I have a trip in September to Reno, rather than Vegas, due to Reno's whitewater park. I would likely attend the Willamette Falls whitewater park from 15-20 days each year and would likely bring 2-4 friends and family along on each visit.

I have seen the Willamette Falls Whitewater Park Team's artistic and mapped ideas for the park and couldn't imagine a better location near Portland for such a great regional attraction.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

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**From:** [Matt Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Friday, July 22, 2016 8:18:00 AM

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Hi Kelly,

I am writing to express my support for a whitewater park at the Willamette Falls project. I live in SE Portland, but work in Oregon City. An asset like a whitewater park would make Oregon City a regional recreation destination.

Thanks,  
Matt Jordan

**From:** [Amanda Thomas](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:59:09 PM

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Hi Kelly,

My name is Amanda Thomas, 24 years old, PNW local and young working professional who has spent the majority of last year involved in whitewater kayaking. I'm obsessed with the sport, to say the least, and the community to go along with it. Having this park would provide not only another opportunity to participate in my sport, but also bring others into the area. I easily find myself already spending 3-4 days a week driving an hour plus out of town or more to get to local rivers, or even down to Bend on weekends to enjoy their whitewater park. Funneling that money for gas, food, and more from those trips each week would go to a more local economy that I would love to support. Having a new spot for river access too would be incredibly beneficial for those who already spend much of their time on the water. The natural beauty of the park would be fantastic for the city as well.

I look forward to discussion and ideas as this park idea comes to fruition (fingers crossed!) If I could spend my week nights out on the river every day, I would, but right now, the closest spot is 3 hour trip round trip. This project is amazing and I hope to see something come out of it.

Cheers,  
Amanda Thomas

**From:** [Ken Frederick](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 1:29:01 PM

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As a 30 year recreational whitewater enthusiast, I fully support a venue in the Portland area for both participants and spectators alike.

It would certainly provide a good reason for me to visit.

Sincerely,

Ken Frederick  
Mill City, Oregon

**From:** [Heath Korvola](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 11:00:08 AM

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Kelly Reid

On behalf of myself and family I would like to voice our support for the conceptual direction of Willamette Falls Whitewater Park. As an outdoor enthusiast and a metro area native I enjoy being outside and in the city. I have also seen all the changes to the area that growth can bring - both well executed development and overcrowding on the trails + waterways.

One great plan to address this is the proposed WFWP. I have witnessed similar amenities succeed wildly in place like Missoula, MT bringing together the local communities while simultaneously relieving pressure on other areas + striking a contribution to the local economy.

We ask that you strongly consider this proposal in the Riverwalk design. I look forward to following the plans and getting more involved soon.

Best,

Heath Korvola  
503.501.8174

**From:** [James White](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 12:38:10 PM

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Dear Kelly Reid,

I am writing to voice my support for keeping the Willamette Falls whitewater park under consideration in the new riverwalk design. The park would be a unique draw and could satisfy all four Core Values of the project. While there remain unknowns of the proposed park, the potential benefit it poses for the local and regional community is tremendous, warranting future consideration. It is reasonable to remain skeptical of such a large, complex, and expensive proposal, however, the upside cannot be ignored. The media and community buzz it has created in such a short time is evidence of the excitement and potential impact for such a unique feature. There are numerous opportunities for cost reductions and sharing that have not yet been fully explored, many of which have been leveraged in similar projects in the region. I strongly urge you and your committee to keep this once-in-a generation opportunity alive for further review and consideration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

James White  
Portland, OR

**From:** [Heather](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Cc:** [Frank King](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 6:32:54 PM  
**Attachments:** [ATT00001.txt](#)

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Hi -

We are in support for the whitewater park at Willamette Falls. We are asking that this Whitewater Park proposal remain on the table and be considered in the Riverwalk design.

Thank you,  
Frank, Heather, Preston, Sam, Quinton and Spike

Life is Good on the River...

Heather King 503-803-6007

**From:** [Nelson, Brooke](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park  
**Date:** Saturday, July 23, 2016 8:01:56 AM

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Hello,

As a student in the Greater Portland area I would like to fully support the opportunity for a whitewater park at Willamette Falls. Already that area is used for recreational boating and making memories and a park would encourage people to get outside, spend time with friends, and practice a hobby. It is also a great way to bring people to see the beauty of Oregon City and explore the area.

Thank you,  
Brooke

**From:** [Nick Veroske](#)  
**To:** [Carlotta Collette](#); [Kelly Reid](#); [Kelly Reid](#); [Alice Norris](#); [Shelly Parini](#); [Bob Hall](#); [Dan Holladay](#); [Jon Potter](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Park; Family Wages  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 4:48:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [Whitewater Park Family Wages - NRV 160725.pdf](#)

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All,

Please see the attached letter for public comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Comments welcome.

*Nick Veroske*

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**From:** [john forse](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls whitewater project  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 5:41:22 PM

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Hello

I am John Forse the Founder/Director of the Nelscott Reef Big Wave Classic, an international big wave surfing contest in Lincoln City now in it's twelfth year. I strongly urge the leaders of Oregon City to endorse the whitewater park proposed for Willamette Falls. I have watched the explosion of interest in surfing in the Pacific Northwest and in Lincoln City in particular due to our event in the last decade drawing surfers from all over the world during the winter big wave season to Lincoln City to surf Nelscott Reef. I am sure an attraction like the Willamette Falls Whitewater Park would do the same for the whitewater sports drawing people from around the world to Oregon City. I would also like to add that a standing wave incorporated into the design of the park would also draw the surfing crowd creating an even bigger attraction.

I would like to add that I have worked with San Drevo during my event and find his expertise and dedication to the water sports unmatched by anyone in the Northwest and a great leader for this project.

Thank You,  
John Forse

**From:** [Charlie Kieft](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls Whitewater Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 5:22:40 PM

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Hello, my name is Charlie Kieft and I'm currently living and training in Portland with the goal of qualifying for the US National Canoe Slalom Team. Canoe slalom is an Olympic sport involving a timed sprint through a sequence of gates hung across sections of whitewater rivers. A whitewater channel such as the one proposed would be invaluable to me and other athletes based on the west coast, including Canadians. By necessity, I and others have to travel annually to Charlotte, NC and Oklahoma City to have access to world class training and racing. All national level canoe slalom races are held east of the Rockies, which logically doesn't make sense because the Northwest is a mecca for water sports athletes. The reason is a lack of man made channels where international level races can be held (the only such channel is located north of Whistler, BC). If we had a high quality course here in Oregon, it would be a game changer for our sport. In my opinion, Portland is a much more appealing place to live than the aforementioned cities, which is why I moved here from Colorado despite better training facilities elsewhere.

In summary, a whitewater channel such as this has the potential to support and attract Olympic level athletes, national and international competitions, and amateur development programs, not to mention scores of recreational boaters and rafters. Oregon already has a deep heritage of supporting the best American track and field athletes; this is an opportunity for Oregon City to significantly impact another sporting tradition in America.

Sincerely,  
Charlie Kieft

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Sincerely,  
Charlie Kieft

**From:** [Katie Maasen](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls  
**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016 10:22:24 AM

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Kelly-

Hello! I want to convey my support of the Willamette Falls Whitewater Park. I would like for the proposal to remain in consideration for the Riverwalk design.

Thanks for your time and hard work!

Katie Maasen  
503-313-3909

**From:** [Jim James](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Reid](#)  
**Subject:** Willamette Falls WhiteWater Park  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:55:30 PM

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Hi Kelly,

I wanted to write in support of this project, and to find out any opportunities at meetings to give input. I've been a sport whitewater guide for 30 years, and am a huge supporter of whitewater activities in our area. I've got a pretty extensive knowledge, and I also own a market research company. If I can lend assistance, I would love to.

**Create good in what you do,**

**Jim James**

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