



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date:	<u>4/28/11</u>
Agenda Item #:	<u>R.16</u>
Est. Start Time:	<u>11:25 am</u>
Date Submitted:	<u>4/20/11</u>

Agenda Title: **RESOLUTION to Support the Preservation of the USS Ranger in Multnomah County at Chinook Landing.**

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title sufficient to describe the action requested.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>April 28, 2011</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>10 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>NonDepartmental</u>	Division:	<u>Comm. McKeel, District 4</u>
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Presenter(s):	<u>Shannon Chisom</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Support the placement of the USS Ranger super aircraft carrier at the Columbia River's Chinook Landing Marine Park.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The USS Ranger Foundation is a nonprofit organization working to moor the USS Ranger super aircraft carrier at Chinook Landing Marine Park. This is the eighth ship of the United States named "Ranger", with the first commanded by Captain John Paul Jones from 1777-1778. Commissioned in 1957, the USS Ranger is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and the Vietnam War and has appeared in multiple movies, including Top Gun and Star Trek IV. There are presently five operating carrier museums in the country, all of which are significant attractions and contribute to their local communities by creating cultural, recreational and economic activities. If approved by the US Navy, the USS Ranger would open in the Fall of 2015.

The USS Ranger will impact the County and region in multiple ways, including as an attraction with its museum and civic center, as a memorial to all branches of the military, the education and training opportunities it presents, as an economic development tool, and for its potential to support an emergency management response.

The USS Ranger will provide a memorial for military and local cultural heritage, becoming the

largest floating museum in the world and the only military display museum in Oregon. It will also serve as a center for veterans activities and enhance the reintegration of current service men and women. The Foundation has demonstrated a commitment to working with County programs, especially Veterans Services, to use the Ranger as a “one-stop” provider for services, coordination, and reintegration to complement the present system with multiple locations locally and statewide. It will create a community and civic center as well, with numerous public spaces and a hangar bay that can seat 3500 people for conventions and events. Education and training opportunities include live-aboard programs, technical school training with its wood and metal workshops, expanded regional education system to complement OMSI and others, and space for local colleges to expand their campuses without capital infrastructure projects.

The Ranger is also a emergency management asset, as it can withstand most disasters, its 4.5 acre flight deck allows fifteen helicopters to take off and land at the same time, it has a sixty-bed hospital with multiple operating theaters, television and radio stations on board, and a platform that supports effective communication, crisis triage, staging, and storage during a disaster.

The Ranger is expected to drive economic development in this region. It has a sustainable revenue model adapted from the five other successful carrier museums that projects 350,000 annual visitors, a \$46 million impact on the local economy, and over 500 direct and indirect jobs created. At the Chinook Landing Marine Park the Ranger would build on existing facilities at the park and encourage development in the commercial and industrial land nearby.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None at the present time, though economic studies project a \$46 million impact on the local economy once the Ranger is operational.

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None. The proposed site at Chinook Landing is owned by Metro, which has given preliminary permission to the USS Ranger Foundation to moor the super aircraft carrier at the Chinook Landing Marine park.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

The USS Ranger Foundation has received letters and resolutions of support from Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congressman David Wu, Senator Jeff Merkley, the Oregon State Senate, Clackamas County, Metro, and the Cities of Fairview, Troutdale, Gresham, Wood Village, Portland, and Vancouver.

Required Signature

Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:



Date: 4/15/11