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Marlin Larsen shows a sketch of his proposed Harborview Resort. The resort will feature several mini-lodges, yurts, and a conventional lodge with a deck.

# Hammond: Resort is targeting folks looking to get back to nature

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The Hammond resort-in-progress is still in its infancy stage, city officials said.

But, by mid-summer, Larsen hopes to have the website launched and at least some of the structures built and ready for habitation. The full resort may not be finished until next year, he said.

Harborview Resort is targeting guests looking for a back-to-nature-type experience — folks who aren't unnerved by the sight of elk grazing nearby.

The place is within walk-

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marketing manager

ing distance of South Jetty Dining Room and Bar, Buoy 9 Restaurant & Lounge, and Seafarer's Park.

In addition, the resort is partnering with local fishing and crabbing guides. When the website goes live, users

will be able to book fishing tours along with the rental units. The site will also provide a 360-degree tour of the unit interiors.

The yurts will be priced in the \$90 per night range, mini-lodges will fall

somewhere from \$140 to \$180, and the tugboat will run about \$150.

So far, the only dwelling that's officially named is Harborview Lodge. Larsen and his marketing manager, Sarah Hollander, are planning a naming contest for at least one of them, hoping to find a moniker that evokes nautical themes or perhaps the region's Native American culture.

"The mini-lodges' names will definitely reflect Northwest Coast lifestyle and natural features," Hollander said.

So don't even think about "Lodgey McLodgeface."

# LNG: Company has paid for the sublease through November

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Glick said the sublease agreement includes no termination provision, other than by the landlord in the event the tenant defaults. He said the company is winding down its affairs and has paid the sublease on the land through November, the six months of payment required by the sublease upon termination. The lease costs \$129,000 annually.

Knight said the Port Commission will need to direct staff on what to do.

"I'm confident the Port could in turn terminate its lease with the state," he said, adding the Port could also try to negotiate a lower rent with the state or find a new suitor for the land.



**Settlement nixed**

Glick's letter said the termination of the lease also voids the 2010 settlement between Oregon LNG, the Port and certain commissioners.

Oregon LNG sued the Port in 2009 after the agency approved a 30-year sublease extension with the company but failed to extend the Port's lease with the Department of State Lands amid concerns over whether the county or state was the rightful owner of the land.

A judge ruled that the Port had violated the sublease by not extending the lease with the state. The Port settled with Oregon LNG, including a gag order on commissioners at the time, to avoid paying damages. Bill Hunsinger is the only standing commissioner affected by the settlement.

Knight said the voiding of the settlement with Oregon LNG releases the Port from several onerous requirements.

At any point in time, he said, Oregon LNG could have obligated the Port to nego-

tiating a purchase of the land from the state, with the intent of selling it to the company.

"The most important component of the settlement dictated that the Port would need to get written permission from Oregon LNG if it wanted to do anything with its land on the Skipanon Peninsula," Knight said.

The lease became exponentially more expensive in 2012, when the state increased the appraised value of the land from \$384,000 to \$1.29 million. The lease amount is 10 percent of the appraised value annually.

# CCC: 'We had a very tough time with this choice'

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The board authorized Chairwoman Rosemary Baker-Monaghan and Director of Human Resources Leslie Lipe to negotiate Breitmeyer's contract, along with the college's counsel.

"We had a very tough time with this choice," said board Director Tessa James Scheller. "We're very comfortable with actually both candidates."

**Thorough search**

The decision likely ends a presidential search process that began over the summer to replace Lawrence Galizio, who started at the college in 2010 and left in July to be president and CEO of the Community College League of California. Gerald Hamilton is serving as interim president of the college this school year.

To help narrow the initial candidates to finalists, the college convened a stakeholder committee of more than 20 people. The committee included an internal side with full- and part-time faculty, staff, college foundation members and a student. An external side

included business and government leaders from across the county.

"This is one of the best processes of all the ones I've gone through," Baker-Monaghan said. "The stakeholders committee was so valuable, and all the input from faculty and staff."

In January, the college narrowed the finalists to four, including Breitmeyer; Smith; Ron Liss, the former vice president and special adviser for workforce, community and economic development at Cuyahoga Community College in Ohio; and Christopher Dyer, the CEO and president of the University of New Mexico-Gallup. In March, the college narrowed the field to Breitmeyer and Smith.

Director Anne Teaford-Cantor said the board heard every comment that came in about the two finalists, input she said was useful despite the time it took to process.

"We have to light the fire and let the white smoke (come) from the Sistine Chapel," she joked as the college board ended the meeting Tuesday, and likely the search for a new president.

# Banker's Suite: 'I can't wait to see what a Museum of Whimsy is'

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The Banker's Suite, which won the city's Dr. Edward Harvey Award for historic preservation in 2007, had been up for sale for \$2 million. The building was designed by architect John E. Wicks after the great fire devastated the Astoria National Bank in 1922. Niemi and Co. completed construction in 1924.

"When it's not for sale, I want to sell it. And when it's for sale, I want to keep it,

because then you start realizing how nice of a building it really is," said Bright, who lives in Kirkland, Washington, and has owned the building since 2005.

The Astoria Planning Commission voted Tuesday night for a conditional use permit for the museum, which is classified as indoor family entertainment in a central commercial zone.

"I can't wait to see what a Museum of Whimsy is," Commissioner McLaren Innes said.

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