

**PORT OF HOOD RIVER**  
**Resolution No. 2006-07-2**

**DIRECTING STAFF TO INITIATE EVALUATION OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AND  
RE-USE POTENTIAL OF THE EXPOSITION CENTER**

**Whereas**, the Port of Hood River ("Port") owns real property commonly known as the Expo Center, which was constructed in the late 1970s for light manufacturing; and

**Whereas**, the Expo Center currently serves as the location for the Hood River Visitors and Information Center, the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, and a venue for a variety of local and community events; and

**Whereas**, the Expo Center incurs \$60,000 in annual operating losses and the Port's citizen Budget Committee has recommended that the Port consider alternative uses for the Expo Center in order to reduce or eliminate the financial impacts; and

**Whereas**, the Port and the Chamber of Commerce share a joint mission to encourage economic development in Hood River County, including active promotion of the visitor and tourism industry; and

**Whereas**, the Expo Center site and building may hold significant potential for renovation or upgrade as a commercial "anchor" for the Hood River Waterfront; and

**Whereas**, any re-use or modification of the Expo Center needs to carefully consider the events and occupants that currently utilize the facility.

**THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:**

Staff is directed to work closely with the Hood River County Chamber of Commerce and facility stakeholders to evaluate the renovation and re-use potential of the Expo Center. Staff shall:

- Contact the users and occupants of the Expo Building to ensure that their locational requirements and programmatic needs are identified.
- Evaluate the existing conditions of the building, including an assessment of its structural condition and building systems.
- Determine the economic impact of the Expo Center based on current users, including the Visitors Center.
- Evaluate the adaptive re-use of the facility, including potential commercial uses.
- Form a working group of Expo Center stakeholders to further discuss and provide input to staff.
- Report back to the Commission with findings and recommendations by December 5, 2006.

**Adopted by the Port of Hood River Commission this 5th day of September, 2006.**

  
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