



February 22, 2021
Friends of Frog Ferry
Mrs. Susan Bladholm, President
Subject: Proposed South Waterfront Ferry Terminal

Dear Susan,

Thank you for the call regarding the proposed terminal at the Riverplace Marina public dock. As a local business and owner of the neighboring floating restaurant barge (the former Newport Bay Floating Restaurant) we are excited to work with FFF to promote additional river connectivity and foot-traffic in the Riverplace area. We also appreciate the early involvement as stakeholders in the project.

As you know, the restaurant industry has had a difficult time weathering the COVID disruption. Our previous tenant (Restaurants Unlimited) has gone bankrupt and we are actively working with other restaurant groups to find a good match for the waterfront space. We believe the Frog Ferry could help activate the waterfront and believe there is a mutually beneficial arrangement to provide a community amenity of useable access to the waterfront and reliable and comfortable transportation.

In closing, the Holt Group and the Floating Restaurant, LLC owners are eager to support FFF not only because it could help revitalize the Riverplace marina, but because we believe in the mission of sustainable transportation to connect the larger Portland community. Holt Group is headquartered in Vancouver, WA and the ultimate goal of enhancing the connection between downtown Vancouver with Downtown Portland will help support the region.

Sincerely,

Greg Kubicek
President, The Holt Group