

Press Release

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GREAT RIVER LANDING PROJECT MOVING FORWARD

The City of Onalaska Waterfront Committee has finalized plans for a three day charrette (pronounced share ret) to gather public input on the Great River Landing Project design.

"This meeting is designed to allow citizens to have input to what the Great River Landing Project will look like," said Brea Grace, Onalaska's Land Use and Development Director, "we scheduled it over a three day period (September 29th through October 1st) to allow for maximum public participation. As Mayor Chilsen has stated we want all voices to be heard."

The first community meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 29th at 6:30pm in the community room at Irving Pertzsch Elementary School (attendees may access the Community Room through Door "B"). This meeting will gather citizen's ideas about uses, programs and the redevelopment of the Great River Landing.

On Tuesday, September 30th at 11:30am a Waterfront Committee meeting will take place at City Hall. This second community meeting will review alternative design concepts and there will be time allowed for citizen's input to this process.

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The final community meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st at 6:30pm at City Hall. A preliminary design of the Great River Landing Project will be presented and feedback will be solicited from the public.

"The Design Team will have a studio set up in the Onalaska City Hall building," said Grace, "we are encouraging the public to stop by and see the team in action. There will be drawings of the various alternate designs for the Project for citizens to view. Seeing the designs will allow citizens to formulate opinions on the designs being proposed for the Project and give us their input. The Great River Landing is a community project so this will be collaborative effort."

The Design Studio will be open to the public on Monday September 29th from 2:00-6:30pm and on Tuesday September 30th from 8:00am to 7:00pm.

Guided tours will be offered to citizens wishing to tour the site. Anyone wishing a tour should meet at the Irvin Street trailhead on Highway 35 and Irvin Street on Monday, September 29th. Tours will begin at 8:00am, 9:00am and 10:00am. There is additional information available at www.greatriverlanding.com .

"These are exciting times," said Grace, "the Great River Landing Project will be something that the community will enjoy for years. We invite all citizens to come and share their views."