

New committee to focus on downtown planning

The Port of Kennewick and city of Kennewick have created a joint committee to continue planning efforts to improve the downtown area along the river between the blue and cable bridges.

The first meeting of the Bridge to Bridge Joint Development Committee was held last week.

The committee has Mayor Pro-Tem Sharon Brown and port Commissioner Skip Novakovich as co-chairs, with Kennewick's Jeff Kossow, director of economic development, and Larry Peterson, director of planning and development for the port, also on the committee. There will be a public member selected too.

Novakovich said in a prepared statement that the committee is a joint partnership of the port and city to develop plans to revitalize and economically enhance the project area.