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I spoke with Bob Salinger today by phone. I clarified that I saw our conversation from the perspective of my role as the public health representative to the Planning and Sustainability Commission - i.e., I was not speaking for Multnomah County Health Department.

Bob expressed concerns that there was a disparity in the information available about specific issues. For example, he saw the health assessment information and approaches to mitigation as being relatively general. He cited as a contrast some very detailed information provided by the Port of PDX earlier in the process about specific details of industrial development.

We talked in some detail about environmental concerns. Bob inquired what my environmental concerns were. I told him that I was concerned about loss of habitat - habitat that I understand is unique in terms of ecological functioning of the Columbia/Willamette confluence. I also shared that, from my experience on the WHI tour, I was concerned about magnitude of the loss of Cottonwood Forest.

Bob stated that he was concerned that he didn't have the time to give good testimony given the speed with which the process was happening. He also expressed concern that information was coming in a piece-by-piece fashion and that there wasn't one place to access all the information in one place. He also cited in the time stress on the WHI Advisory Committee which he said was being asked to sort through 112 questions in its next meeting.

I stated that what would help me (and I believe other commission members) is if he and other advocates could outline the big themes of their concerns. He said he would be able to do this but also pointed out that there are some small concerns in language and legal issues that end up comprising big concerns.

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