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EWEB PUBLIC INPUT NEARS

What should happen to the prime riverfront land EWEB will no longer need after 2010? More than 100 people have been interviewed over the summer as part of the decision-making process for EWEB's Riverfront Master Plan. And now the public utility's Citizen Advisory Team (CAT) is planning a series of open meetings to gather additional public comments and ideas.

The first public meeting will be at 5:30 pm Wednesday, Sept. 30, at EWEB's North Building at 500 E. 4th Ave. Next will be a "visioning charette" in collaboration with local architects from 6 to 8:30 pm Oct. 3, followed by a series of other meetings and public events through the winter and spring, leading to the master plan being submitted to the EWEB commissioners next May or June. See www.eweb.org/riverfront/cat for updates.

Rowell Brokaw is the architecture firm hired to consult on the plan. What actually gets built on the roughly 16 acres will depend on the developers who eventually buy all or parts of the land. But the master plan will provide guidelines for a range of residential and commercial development plus open space and/or parkland.

The acreage, between the railroad tracks and the river, currently has mixed zoning and several buildings, including an old steam plant of historic value, and various easements for power and water lines. On the east, the property abuts the UO's Riverfront Research Park. — *Ted Taylor*