

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2009

Columbia Gorge Discovery Center
5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Introduction of newest Commissioner**
9:05 a.m. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2009
9:10 a.m. Public Comment *
9:15 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission
As part of the consultation process treaty tribe members may speak about any issue on the agenda or any other matter.
- 9:25 a.m. Summary of Government to Government Summit – Joyce Reinig**
9:35 a.m. Draft Cultural Advisory Committee Charter – Jill Arens
The Commission will discuss the purposes of the committee, its distinction from the Tribal Affairs Committee, and recommend changes to the draft. Commission staff was directed at the Government to Government Summit to draft a charter for this new committee that would be reviewed and revised by the four treaty tribes and the Commission. No decision is requested at this time of the Commission because of the collaborative nature of the charter creation.
- 10:30 a.m. Break**
10:45 a.m. Economic Grant and Loan Certification: Fun Country Showroom Construction* – Tom Ascher
The Commission will consider certification of consistency for a loan approved by the Oregon Investment Board to Fun Country, Inc. for construction and expansion at their power sports business in The Dalles.
- 11:00 a.m. Compact Law 101 – Jeff Litwak**
The Commission's Counsel will describe the law relevant to states amending, withdrawing from, and terminating compacts.
- 11:45 a.m. Director's Report**
11:55 a.m. NSA Manager's Report
12:05 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Executive Committee Report – Harold Abbe
1:05 p.m. Draft Workplan for July 1 – December 31, 2009 – Jill Arens
The Commission will review the workplan for the first six months of the new fiscal year. The draft workplan reflects the staffing levels as of July 1.
- 2:45 p.m. Rules Committee Recommendation to Revise Urban Areas Boundary Revisions Handbook* – Judy Davis and Jennifer Ball Kaden**
The Commission will decide next steps for considering the Rules Committee's proposed revisions and additions to the Urban Areas Boundary Revisions Handbook and proposed Guiding Principles.
- 3:00 p.m. Other Business**
3:05 p.m. Adjourn

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND OTHER EVENTS (see our website for more information)

8/11/09 - External Affairs Committee from 9 –12 noon at Gorge Commission Office, White Salmon, Washington

Note: The Gorge Commission meeting on August 11, 2009 has been cancelled.

The times on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if unforeseen circumstances arise.

The Commission welcomes public comment on issues not on the agenda during the public comment period. With the exception of factual questions, the Commission does not immediately discuss issues raised during public comment. The Commission may refer concerns raised during public comment to the Executive Director for a response or request that the issue be placed on a future meeting agenda.

There will be a public hearing for starred items. Starred items on the agenda (*) are open for public comment during the time specified for the item on the agenda.

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

Thank you for providing public comment to the Columbia River Gorge Commission. We welcome your input. Please read the Commission's guidelines to help ensure that your comments are delivered in the most effective way.

Be courteous to others.

Your message is best received if it has a neutral and professional tone.
Address the issues and facts that are of interest to you, not personalities.

Effective use of your public comment time.

All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. Under certain circumstances the Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits.
Planning your speaking points prior to your public comment will help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. Short, concise messages convey the main points of what you want to say. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy.
Please be respectful of your time so that others may also have an opportunity to speak.

Submitting written comments.

If you would like your comments entered into the record, please bring a hard copy for the scribe. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 copies to the meeting. Your written comments may contain more information and detail than your oral public comments.

Thank you again for commenting on issues that are important to you. We appreciate your time and the thought you put into your comments.

Guidelines approved by the full Commission on November 12, 2008.