

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA –April 28-29, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting will take place via ZOOM Webinar

Day 2: April 29, 2020

- 8:30 a.m. ***(Begin Call/Sign-in Testing for Video and Audio Connections -- Please review CRGC Zoom Protocol)***
- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda*** -- The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing to Connie Acker at Connie.Acker@gorgecommission.org by **April 27, 2020** at noon in order to distribute to the Commissioners. *Please note that written comments received after noon on April 27, 2020 may not be provided to the Commission until after the April 29th meeting.*
- During public comment periods, registered attendees joining by video and audio and wishing to speak on a specific agenda item are asked to inform the CRGC Host of the request through the “Hand Raise” function when requested. This will allow the CRGC Host to compile a list so that the Commission knows how many individuals would like to speak and on what subject.
- During public comment periods, registered attendees joining by audio only and wishing to speak on a specific item are asked to email the request to: Connie.Acker@gorgecommission.org. This will allow the CRGC Host to compile a list so that the Commission knows how many individuals would like to speak and on what subject.
- The CRGC Host will announce each person wishing to comment. The CRGC Host will unmute the attendee’s microphone when it is their turn to speak and mute the microphone again when finished. At no time will attendees be viewed by the Commission unless the Commission decides otherwise. Public comment will be by audio only unless the Commission decides otherwise.
- 9:15 a.m. **Work Session* -- Gorge 2020 Natural Resources Chapter Technical Update:** Jessica Olson, Land Use Planner, Gorge Commission, and Casey Gatz, Land Management Planner, Forest Service, will present technical edits (“red-lines”) to the Natural Resources Chapter of the Management Plan. The Commission and public reviewed initial proposed edits in 2019 and Jessica will present additional draft edits that have incorporated Commission, agency and public input. The purpose of the Work Session is to review the draft amendments to the Gorge Management Plan and for the Commission to either endorse the language as prepared by the staff or modify it to reflect its preferences. The Commission will then present the draft language which it has endorsed for public comment during the final public comment review period, June 1 – 30, 2020. Presentations will be made using a “screen share” function.
- 10:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. **Work Session* -- Gorge 2020 Land Uses Focus Topic:** Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner, Gorge Commission, and Casey Gatz, Land Management Planner, Forest Service, will present the draft edits (“red-lines”) on the Land Uses focus topic incorporating Commission guidance and public comment presented at the April 14, 2020 Commission meeting. The purpose of the Work Session is to review the draft amendments to the Gorge Management Plan and for the Commission to either endorse the language as prepared by the staff or modify it to reflect its policy preferences. The Commission will then present the draft language which it has endorsed for public comment during the final public comment review period, June 1 – 30, 2020. Presentations will be made using a “screen share” function.
- 12:00 p.m. **Work Session* -- Gorge 2020 Gorge Commission Climate Change Vision and Roles.**

Jessica Olson, Land Use Planner, Gorge Commission, and Casey Gatz, Land Management Planner, Forest Service, will present draft language for a climate change vision statement. Staff will facilitate Commission discussion on the proposed language and seek comments and guidance. Presentations will be made using a “screen share” function.

12:45 p.m. Other Business

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: The * indicates that public comment is welcome and is limited to 3 minutes.

The times listed on the agenda are approximate. The chair of the Commission reserves the opportunity to change the order and time of the items if earlier agenda items run long or to accommodate invited speakers' schedules.

Meeting materials and audio are available on our website at: [April 29, 2020 Commission Meeting](#).

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission welcomes your input and offers the following guidelines for making your comments the most effective. If you wish to speak to the Commission during the public comment period or to address one of the agenda items marked for public input, please follow the Zoom Webinar Protocol and Public Comment Guidance found on our website at: [April 29, 2020 Commission Meeting](#).

Be courteous and professional - 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 public comment time - All speakers will be offered three (3) minutes to express their thoughts. The Chair may announce a change in a meeting's time limits in order to keep the meeting on schedule.

Plan your speaking points in advance to help ensure a clear message for the Commission to hear. The points you are making will have the most impact if you can ensure their accuracy. Organize your thoughts in the following manner: your Point, Reasoning, an Example of your point, and Summary of your point. The Commission strives to use this P.R.E.S. model in its own discussions and will be listening for these parts of your message.

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 email your written comments to Connie Acker at Connie.Acker@gorgecommission.org before noon on April 27, 2020.

Thank you again for commenting on issues important to you. We appreciate your interest in the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.