

# COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

## MEETING AGENDA – December 10, 2019

White Salmon Fire Hall

220 NE Church Ave, White Salmon, Washington

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome:** Dave Poucher, Mayor, City of White Salmon
- 9:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for November 12, 2019 Commission Meeting**
- 9:15 a.m. Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission**  
As part of the Government-to-Government consultation process the Commission welcomes input from treaty tribe members on any issue on the agenda and any other matters.
- 9:20 a.m. Public Comment \***
- 9:30 a.m. Work Session\*: Land Use Designations in Each NSA County:** Mike Schrankel, GIS Manager, will present information about the LUD boundaries in each of the counties.
- 10:15 a.m. Work Session:** The Commission will continue discussion on Urban Area Boundary revision concepts, building on their November 12, 2019 discussion. The Commission will discuss other definitions in the 4(f) criteria such as “maximum efficiency” or “significant reduction”, the relationship between demonstrating need for a boundary revision and ensuring that the uses occurring in expansion areas are compatible with that need, and the schedule and process for developing urban area boundary revision policy and procedure through the end of the Gorge 2020 Management Plan Revision. The Commission’s discussion will focus on clarifying what are the key issues for their future policy discussions and guidance to staff. The Commission does not intend to discuss the definition of the term “minor revision” from the 4(f) criteria but may again at a future date. Public comment opportunities will be discussed and scheduled for future meetings.
- 11:45 a.m. Work Session and Public Comment on Chapter 2 Economic Development\*:** Joanna Kaiserman, NSA Planner, will provide a brief overview on the results of the 9/24/19 Economic Vitality Work Group meeting. The current version of the Chapter 2 will be open for public comment during a 45-day public comment period that opens December 1, 2019 and ends January 15, 2020. Public is welcome to comment at the Commission meeting or submit written comments before January 15, 2020. The Commission will review the next draft of Chapter 2 in early spring 2020.
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Action Item\*: Gorge Commission Risk Register as part of the WA State Audit:** Aiden Forsi, NSA Planner, will present the risk register as required by the State of Washington, and the Commission will review and adopt it after discussion.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive Director’s Report:** Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide updates on the status of other “Gorge2020” topics and agency staffing.
- 1:45 p.m. U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager’s Report:** Lynn Burditt will provide an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area
- 2:10 p.m. Other Business**
- 2:15 p.m. Executive Session:** Executive Session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g) to consult with counsel concerning the Commission’s legal rights and duties with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn**

\*Denotes public comments welcome—please keep comments to 3 minutes.

## **NOTES:**

An ***Information Item*** is a presentation to the Commission that conveys a special topic of interest or a staff update, but no policy decisions will be made.

A ***Work Session*** item is an opportunity for staff to make a presentation about a topic for Commission discussion and deliberation, and staff seeks guidance from the Commission. There may or may not be invited public comment. The Commission reserves the right to convert this to an action item if deliberation has been completed and a direction is decided upon.

An ***Action Item*** is a topic for Commission discussion, deliberation and decision. Public comment is usually invited for action items.

**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.**

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## **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 carefully and completely fill out a sign-up sheet clearly indicating which item or items in you wish to participate. Please respect the Commission meeting by handing your completed sheet and any written testimony or other documents to the Commission's Assistant prior to the start of the public comment on that item(s). The Commission's Assistant sits at the end of the side table closest to the audience.

NOTE: The chair reserves the right to not to hear comments if a comment sign-up sheet is incomplete or illegible.

### **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 bring a printed original for the record. If you like you may email your comments to the Commission prior to the meeting, or bring 15 printed 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 important to you. We appreciate your interest the future of the National Scenic Area and the time and thought you put into your comments.***