

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA – April 11, 2017

Hood River County Administration Building
601 State Street, Hood River, Oregon

- 9:00 a.m. Committee Meetings**
- Communications Committee
 - Outreach Committee
- 10:00 a.m. Call to Order and Roll**
- 10:05 a.m. Welcome New Gorge Commissioner Bridget Bailey, Hood River County**
- 10:10 a.m. Approval of Minutes for March 14, 2017 Commission Meeting**
- 10:15 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.
- 10:20 a.m. Public Comment ***
- 10:30 a.m. Discussion of May 9, 2017 and June 13, 2017 Commission Meetings**
- 10:35 a.m. Information Item: *Overview of the Columbia River Gorge Economy*: Dallas Fridley and Scott Bailey, Gorge Economists, will present information on past and present economic trends in the Columbia River Gorge. They will discuss employment, wages & income, real estate, labor trends, payroll, and other data that may assist the Commission in developing a set of economic indicators to use within the National Scenic Area.**
- 11:30 a.m. Information Item*: *Summary and Discussion of Developing the Columbia River Gorge Commission's Economic Indicators*: Jason Hildreth, GIS Analyst/Land Use Planner, will discuss the staff report that identifies how the Gorge Commission has worked with regional economic development partners to support economic vitality in the National Scenic Area and the development of relevant economic indicators as part of the Vital Signs Indicators project.**
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Information Item*: *Summary and Comparisons between the Oregon and Washington Rules for Urban Area Expansion*: Gordon Howard, Land Use Consultant, will present a comparison of the rules that apply to revising urban area boundaries in Oregon and Washington, as well as the "Gorge Urban Area Expansion Handbook "**
- 1:30 p.m. Commission Workshop*: *Results of the Phase I and II Scoping Process for the Gorge 2020 Management Plan Review and Update Process*: Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner, will present the list of categorized comments from the public listening sessions, local government and agency meetings.**
- 2:30 p.m. Committee Reports: *Communications* and *Outreach Committees* will present information about the outcomes from the morning discussions. Other committees may also provide updates as needed**
- 2:45 p.m. Executive Director's Report: Krystyna Wolniakowski will provide updates on:**
- 2017-2019 Legislative/Budget Update
 - Outreach to 4 Treaty Tribes and Gorge 2020 Management Plan Review and Update
 - Union Pacific Railroad Lawsuit

- 3:00 p.m.** **U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report:** Lynn Burditt will provide and update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.
- 3:20 p.m.** **Other Business**
- 3:30 p.m.** **Adjourn**

NOTE: 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.