COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA – May 8, 2018
Camas Library
625 NE 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington

9:00 a.m.  Call to Order and Roll

9:05 a.m.  Welcome – Peter Capell, City Administrator, City of Camas

9:10 a.m.  Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2018 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.  Information Item: Iloba Odum, Field Office Director, Department of Ecology, Vancouver, WA will make a brief presentation about their work in the region.

9:35 a.m.  Review of PRES Model for Commission Discussion
Staff will review the PRES model for efficient and effective communication that the Commission learned in 2013. This is to prepare the Commission and attendees wishing to participate in the urban areas workshop to use the PRES model in that workshop.

9:45 am  Workshop Item*: Foundational Questions for Urban Area Policy Focus Topic of Gorge2020
The Commission will hold a public workshop on foundational questions that will help provide a framework for revising urban area boundary revision policy. The Commission will use the PRES model for its discussion and will invite the public to offer its comments using the same model. A staff report on foundational questions is available on the Commission’s website under the Meetings tab. The Commission will take a break during this workshop.

12:00 p.m.  LUNCH

1:00 p.m.  Information Item: Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Improvement Plan
Terra Lingley, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Coordinator for ODOT, will give an update to the Commission on ODOT’s Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Improvement Plan.

1:30 p.m.  Information Item: Recreation Survey
Samuel Lankford, Ph.D., Chair, Professor, California State University, Fresno, Department of Recreation Administration, will present the findings from his 2017 survey of Gorge residents and their views relating to recreation.

2:15 p.m.  Executive Director’s Report: Krystyna U. Wolniakowski will provide updates on:
  • Staffing Update
  • Gorge 2020: Economic Vitality Work Group
  • Gorge 2020: Natural Resources Work Group
  • Budget development process for FY2019-2021
2:30 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

2:45 p.m.  Other Business

3:00 p.m.  Executive Session
The Commission will hold an executive session pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g) to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the commission with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

3:15 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.