

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

Camas Library

625 NE 4th Avenue, Camas, Washington

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Lynn Burditt
Keith Chamberlain
Sondra Clark
Lorrie DeKay
Dan Ericksen
Robert Liberty
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Bridget Bailey (9:15)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Damon Webster
Janet Wainwright

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Gist, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner
Bryce Guske, Land Use Planner - Klickitat County
Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Cultural Resource Program
Brewer, Angie – Wasco County Planning
Brown, Keith - Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Capell, Pete – City of Camas
Fujikawa, Miki – US Forest Service (USFS)
Gatz, Casey – USFS
Harris, Steve – City of The Dalles
Heath, Delvis – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Hickey, Wes
Klaas, Andrea – Port of The Dalles
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Lankford, Sam - California State University, Fresno, Dep't of Recreation Administration
LeVee, Ilene
Lingley, Terra – ODOT
McCoy, Steve – Friends of the Columbia Gorge

McGrew, Molly – Yakama Nation
Nassar, Seumas
Odum, Iloba – Washington Department of Ecology
Ojerio, Ryan – Washington Trails Association
Rittenhouse, Ryan – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Robbins, Teresa
Smeller, Amanda – Klickitat County Planning
Staten, Heather – Hood River Valley Residents Committee
Steinke, Alona
Steinke, Don
Streeter, Karen
Williams, Michael – Washington Department of Transportation

Others were present during the day.

Call to Order and Roll (9:10 AM) Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Jeff Litwak called roll.

Welcome (9:12 AM) Peter Capell, City Administrator, City of Camas, welcomed the Commission.

Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2018 Commission Meeting (9:15 AM) Commissioner Blair moved to adopt the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Commissioners Bonker and Ericksen abstained, as they were not in attendance at the April meeting.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to Address Commission (9:15 AM) 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. Casey Barney, Yakama Nation Cultural Program, spoke to the Commission.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:17 AM) The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:

- Don Steinke, Resident of Camas
- Karen Streeter, Resident of Washougal

Information Item (9:23 AM) Iloba Odum, Field Office Director, Department of Ecology, Vancouver, Washington made a brief presentation about Dept. of Ecology's work in the region and encouraged the Commission to work with the department as needed.

Workshop Item: Foundational Questions for Urban Area Policy Focus Topic of Gorge2020 and Review of PRES Model for Commission Discussion (9:33 AM) Jeff Litwak, Legal Counsel, introduced the Urban Area Policy workshop, and reviewed the PRES model (see attachment A) for efficient and effective communication that the Commission learned in 2013. The Commission held a public workshop on three foundational questions that will help provide a framework for revising urban area boundary revision policy. (see attachment B)

The following provided public comment to the Commission on this item: Keith Brown, Don Steinke, Andrea Klaas, Steve McCoy, Steve Harris, Angie Brewer (see attachment C), Michael Lang, Ilene LeVee, Theresa Robbins, Heather Staten, Alona Steinke

Break (11:12 AM)

Resume Workshop (11:24 PM)

Lunch (12:15 PM)

Information Item: Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Improvement Plan (1:10 PM) Terra Lingley, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Coordinator for ODOT, gave an update to the Commission on ODOT's Historic Columbia River Highway Congestion and Transportation Safety Improvement Plan. (see attachment D)

Information Item: Recreation Survey (1:47 PM) Samuel Lankford, Ph.D., Chair, Professor, California State University, Fresno, Department of Recreation Administration, presented the findings from his 2017 survey of Gorge residents and their views relating to recreation.

U.S. Forest Service NSA Manager's Report (2:25 PM) Commissioner Burditt provided an update on Forest Service activities in the National Scenic Area.

- Dog Mountain permitting update
- Elected officials' tours
- Robin Dobson retiring at end of May
- Other staffing updates

Executive Director's Report (2:31 PM) Krystyna U. Wolniakowski provided updates (see attachment E) on:

- Staffing Update
- Gorge 2020: Economic Vitality Work Group
- Gorge 2020: Natural Resources Work Group

Other Business (2:48 PM) Commissioner Liberty brought up concern about cumulative effects of limited staffing on the Gorge2020 plan review. Commissioner Chamberlain asked about NSA sign maintenance.

Break (2:52)

Executive Session (3:02 PM) The Commission held 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 regards to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The Commission came out of Executive Session and announced that it had made no decisions and taken no action during the executive session.

Adjourn (3:53 PM)

Approved 6.12.18