Columbia River Gorge Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2018

Fort Dalles Readiness Center
402 E. Scenic Drive, The Dalles, Oregon

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Bridget Bailey (9:10)
Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Lynn Burditt
Keith Chamberlain (9:30)
Sondra Clark
Lorrie DeKay
Robert Liberty
Antone Minthorn (9:10)
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster

MEMBERS ABSENT
Dan Ericksen

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
Mike Schrankel, GIS Coordinator
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT
Bailey, Ken
Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Cultural Resources
Baxter, Shelley
Beck, Mike – Skamania County
Berly, Bella
Berly, Mike
Brewer, Angie – Wasco County Planning
Buehler, Hannah
Burns, Arlene – City of Mosier
Carr, Geoff – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Cerbone, Michael – Multnomah County Planning
Cornelison, Peter – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Culver, Patricia
Dincenzo, Lyn
Dooley, Sheila
Freeman, Paul
Frieberg, Pat
Fujikawa, Miki – USFS
Fuller, Gina
Gragg, Randy
Griffith, David – Port of The Dalles
Grigsby, Sara
Heger, Andy
Helfen, Morai – US Forest Service
Hess, Jurgen
Irish, Sherri
Keister, Larry
Kick, Adam – Skamania County Planning
Klaas, Andrea – Port of The Dalles
Klebaa, Ray
Klebes, Matthew – City of The Dalles
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Larsen, Pamela
Leon, Peter
Lumpkin, Thomas
May, Rich
McCoy, Steve – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Michalek, David
Nelson, John
Perron, Bradford & Sarah
Peters, Alan – Skamania County Planning
Rittenhouse, Ryan – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Robinson, Barbara
Runyon, Rod – Wasco County Commission
Sauter, Dave – Klickitat County Commission
Schwartz, Kathy
Simmler, Todd
Spatz, Dan
Stone, Tyler – Wasco County
Ware, Bayoan
Weast, Greg – Port of The Dalles
Willsen, Kate
Zimmerman, Bill

Others were present during the day.

Call to Order and Roll (9:05 AM)
Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Jeff Litwak called roll.

Welcome (9:06 AM) Commissioner Rod Runyon from Wasco County Commission welcomed the Commission.

Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2018 Commission meetings (9:10 AM)
Commissioner Nichols moved to adopt the May 8, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Blair seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.
Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:12 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 commented on the Gorge Management Plan’s cultural provisions for would like to require a monitor for inadvertent discovery.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:14 AM)  
The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:  
- Arlene Burns, Mayor of the City of Mosier - Concern about Weyerhauser clearcut. Community members of Mosier have reached out to the company. Requests that CRGC staff participate in a potential upcoming meeting with Weyerhauser.  
- Brad Perron, Hood River County resident - Sent email to the Commission about his comments on emerging land uses.  
- Tyler Stone, Wasco County - Comment on Commission’s role to build consensus, to remain unbiased and balanced on issues.  
- Thomas Lumpkin, Lyle, WA - Recognition of CRGC staff’s efforts to approve his project. CRGC needs agricultural expert on staff. Urged Commission to put a timeline on DRs, 180-day maximum. Maintain current rosters of professional consultants for landowners to work with. Work to build understanding and cooperation between conflicting interests. Requests longer implementation period than two years to plant vineyard. Concern over recording decision in the deed.

WORKSHOP ITEM: Foundational Questions for Urban Area Policy Focus Topic of “Gorge2020” Part 2 (9:32 AM)  
The Commission continued its public workshop started at the May 2018 meeting on foundational questions that will help provide a framework for revising urban area boundary revision policy.  

ACTION ITEM: 2019–21 Biennium Budget (11:35 AM)  
Krystyna U. Wolniakowski gave an update on the budget process for the Commission’s 2019–21 biennium budget, including projections and proposed policy option packages.  

Lunch (12:26 PM)  

INFORMATION ITEM: Economic Vitality in the Gorge (1:05 PM)  
Amanda Hoey, Executive Director for Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD), presented an update on economic vitality with a focus on activities in the Wasco County portion of the NSA. She was joined by economic development partners from Wasco County during her presentation.

ACTION ITEM: Consistency of Revisions to County Land Use Ordinances (2:01 PM)  
The Commission held a public hearing to consider amendments to Clark, Hood River, Wasco, Multnomah and Skamania counties’ land use ordinance adopting the revisions to the Management
Plan related to cumulative effect analysis for proposed land uses. [see attachment C] The Commission held a single hearing concerning all ordinances, but will issue separate final written orders.

Commissioner Liberty moved to approve the GMA provisions of the county ordinances, and a tentative finding of consistency for the SMA provisions. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEM: “Gorge2020” Update (2:22 PM) Jessica Gist reported on the work to date of the Natural Resources Technical Team and Krystyna U. Wolniakowski reported on the work to date of the Economic Vitality Work Group. [see attachment D]

Executive Director’s Report (2:53 PM) [see attachment E] Director Wolniakowski reported on:
- Four Treaty Tribes and Gorge Commission Annual Summit October 31, 2018
- Legal Descriptions for the Exterior NSA boundary and SMA boundaries
- Consultation meetings with Skamania and Klickitat County Commissions
- Introduced new CRGC halftime staff member, Mike Schrankel

National Scenic Area Manager’s Report (3:00 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:
- State Route 14 study with ODOT
- Sign replacement study
- Dog Mountain trailhead relocation feasibility study
- Robin Dobson retired at end of May, have narrowed down replacement to 3 candidates
- Gorge Express now operating 7 days per week
- Continued work on congestion mitigation study in the waterfall corridor

Other Business (3:12 PM) none

Adjourn (3:14 PM)

Approved 7.10.18