

Columbia River Gorge Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2018

Metro Regional Center, Chambers Room
600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Bailey
Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Lorrie DeKay
Dan Ericksen
Robert Liberty
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster
Lynn Burditt (10:18)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keith Chamberlain
Sondra Clark

STAFF PRESENT

Aiden Forsi, Hatfield Fellow
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

Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation Tribal Council
Cerbone, Michael – Multnomah County
Johnson, Jim
Irish, Sherri
Johnson, Jim – Oregon Department of Agriculture
Keister, Larry – Port of Camas & Washougal
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Lingley, Terra – ODOT
McGrew, Molly – Yakama Nation Tribal Council
McConville, Brigitte – Warm Springs Tribe
McCoy, Steve – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Miller, Carina – Warm Springs Tribe
Williams, Michael – WSDOT
Rittenhouse, Ryan – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Savery, William & Meredith
Shapiro, Howard & Alice

Stegmann, Lori – Multnomah County Commissioner
Williams, Michael – Washington Department of Transportation
Winter, Alan
Wood, Jorin

Others were present during the day.

Call to Order and Roll (10:08 AM)

Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Jeff Litwak called roll.

Welcome (10:09 AM)

Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County District 4 Commissioner, welcomed the Commission.

Approval of Minutes for June 12, 2018 Commission meetings (10:22 AM)

Commissioner Bailey moved to adopt the June 12, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Liberty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (10:23 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 from the Yakama Nation Tribal Council expressed his interest in being involved in urban area boundary discussion and encouraged the Commission to involve tribes in the discussion. Carina Miller of the Warm Springs Tribal Council gave update on the Columbia River Intertribal Housing Authority.

Opportunity for Public Comment (10:25 AM)

The following provided public comment to the Commission on items not listed on the agenda:

- Howard Shapiro – Commented on need to control development in the Gorge.
- Alice Shapiro – Commented on need to control urban sprawl and preserving open spaces.
- John Wood – Commented on need to protect open space and scenic values of the Gorge to support economic prosperity.
- Michael Lang – Commented on enforcement in the NSA and the mandatory enforcement duties of the Executive Director of the CRGC.

Information Item: (10:43 AM)

Michael Wilkerson, Ph.D, Partner at ECONorthwest presented information and analyses from studies looking at housing affordability and production and the impact of buildable lands in the Gorge (see attachment A).

Lunch (11:54 AM)

Action Item: (1:05 PM) Krystyna U. Wolniakowski, Executive Director, presented the final FY19-21 budget request for Commission approval (see attachment B). Krystyna U. Wolniakowski presented the updated request for new FTE positions. The commission suggested changes to the position descriptions. Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, commented on the budget request and stressed the need for a code enforcement position. Commissioner Nichols moved to approve the budget with the incorporation of the suggestions discussed today. Commissioner Wainwright seconded the motion.

Executive Director's Report (1:40 PM) Director Wolniakowski reported on (see attachment C):

- Four Treaty Tribes Summit with the Gorge Commission
- Gorge 2020 Management Plan review and revision process
- Legislative outreach plan
- Introducing Portland State University "Hatfield Fellow" Aiden Forsi
- Update on Urban Area boundary legal descriptions mapping

National Scenic Area Manager's Report (1:51 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- FS outreach update including SheJumps Junior Wildland Firefighter course for girls and Urban Nature Overnight partnership with Portland Zoo.
- President Carter and the Carter Center held retreat at Skamania Lodge, visited local places including Multnomah Falls and the recently re-opened Benson Falls.
- Hosted Secretary Perdue, Congressman Walden and Governor Brown on their visit with local leaders.
- New regional forester for the USFS in the NSA will be hired within the next week.
- Update on Eagle Creek fire trail assessment and repairs.
- Robin Dobson's replacement, Sara Callahan, will be starting in the next two weeks.

Other Business (2:17 PM)

- None

Executive Session: (2:21 PM) The Commission held an executive session with counsel to discuss current litigation or litigation likely to be filed pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g). No decisions were made.

Adjourn (3:17 PM)

Approved 9.11.18