

Columbia River Gorge Commission

Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2018

Maryhill Museum
Goldendale, Washington

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bridget Bailey
Bowen Blair
Don Bonker
Lynn Burditt
Sondra Clark
Lorrie DeKay
Robert Liberty
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keith Chamberlain
Dan Ericksen

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Andring, Administrative Analyst
Aiden Forsi, Hatfield Fellow
Bryce Guske, Land Use Planner - Klickitat County
Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Jessica Olson, Natural Resources and Land Use Planner
Mike Schrankel, GIS Coordinator
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Beck, Mike – Skamania County Planning Department
Berger, Dave
Brewer, Angie – Wasco County Planning Department
Cornelison, Peter – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Hager, Andy – Klickitat County Planning Department
Hatch, Keith – Bureau of Indian Affairs
Heath, Delvis – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Keister, Larry
Lang, Michael – Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Leon, Peter
LeVee, Ilene
McGrew, Molly – Yakama Nation Tribal Council
Peters, Alan – Skamania County Planning Department

Others were present during the day.

Call to Order and Roll (10:10 AM)

Chair DeKay called the meeting to order and Nancy Andring called roll.

Approval of Minutes for July 10, 2018 Commission meetings (10:11 AM)

Commissioner Blair moved to adopt the July 10, 2018 meeting minutes. He requested a copy of the presenter's PowerPoint slides. Commissioner Wainwright seconded the motion.

Commissioner Burditt made two minor corrections to the Area Manager report. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment (10:13 AM)

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

- **Bradford Perron** requested the Commission consider allowing short-term rental opportunities for home owners in the Scenic Area and offered to provide information if helpful
- **Dave Berger** spoke about fire risk and response, railway projects, climate change policies, habitat, and rental properties as considerations for Urban Area policy. He also spoke advocated tribal housing and fishing access, riparian buffers, considering algal blooms.

Welcome (10:25 AM) Colleen Schafroth, Executive Director, Maryhill Museum, welcomed the Commission.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (10:29 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. No treaty tribe members spoke to the Commission.

Casey Barney, Yakama Nation Cultural Resources addressed the Commission

Opportunity for Public Comment Cont'd (10:30 AM)

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

- **Michael Lang** addressed the Commission primarily on enforcement matters (see Attachment A)

Action Item*: "Gorge 2020" Update on Land Use and Development Review Focus Topic (10:33 AM)

Joanna Kaiserman, Land Use Planner provided an overview of the public comments received for this "deep dive" topic and the process the Gorge Commission staff will follow to prepare an update for the management plan. (see Attachment B)

- **Michael Lang** commented and provided written testimony.
- **Peter Leon** provided comment about increasing consistency in application of the Plan
- Commissioners requested additional information at future meetings on several topics. Commissioner Liberty moved to include the following topics as areas of discussion for this focus topic: wind and solar; master planning and phased development; new and existing uses; mining and quarries; commercial uses; land use designations; cluster developments; and accessory structures. Commissioner Blair agreed with these and recommended having a discussion on climate change. Commissioner Liberty moved to add coal trains to the list, Commissioner Wainwright seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Liberty moved to include discussion of the commercial uses allowances in certain LUDs, etc., Commissioner Wainwright seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Liberty proposed further discussion of cluster developments; Commissioner Wainwright seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Liberty proposed ensuring with clear language that accessory buildings are not used as dwellings. Commissioner Wainwright seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Executive Director's Report (12:03 AM) Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- Budget Submission to Oregon and Washington
- Four Treaty Tribes and Gorge Commission meeting October 31, 2018
- Urban Area Boundary Hearing
- Other "Gorge 2020" topics and schedule of presentations for Commission meetings

Lunch (12:25 PM)

Information Item: *Columbia River Fishers Memorial* (1:09 PM)

Rob Lothrop, Peter Herzog, Lillian Pitt, Mikkel Hilde gave the Commission a presentation on the proposed Fishers Memorial, which will be located at the Horsethief Lake unit of the Columbia Hills State Park. (see Attachment C)

National Scenic Area Manager's Report (1:40 PM) Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- One-year anniversary of Eagle Creek, media stories linked on FB page
- Highway opening has been delayed by rockfall; bike portion HCRH may be opened soon
- Fire season
- Bridal Veil aquatic restoration project and Dog Mountain permits will be summarized next month
- September 22nd is National Public Lands Day
- September 17 – Oct 12 hiring next year's seasonals
- Casey Andrews will fill the Wild and Scenic Rivers position
- Kristy Chaney will be the new Deputy Scenic Area Manager
- Glenn Casamasa is the new Regional Forester; Jim Hubbard is new Undersecretary of Agriculture
- Budget is not yet passed (19 days to go)

Other Business (2:00 PM)

No other business was discussed.

Executive Session: (2:05 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). The Commission came out of executive session and announced that no decision had been made during the executive session.

Adjourn (3:08 PM)

Approved 11.13.18