

Columbia River Gorge Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2015

Maryhill Museum, 35 Maryhill Museum Drive
Goldendale, Klickitat County, Washington

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bowen Blair
Lynn Burditt (09:18)
Keith Chamberlain
Lorrie DeKay
Dan Ericksen
Robert Liberty
Carl McNew
Antone Minthorn
Rodger Nichols
Janet Wainwright
Damon Webster (09:15)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gorham Blaine
Don Bonker

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Andring, Administrative Assistant
Terry Cullen, Principal Planner
Michele Dailey, GeoInformatics
Jeff Litwak, Counsel
Merissa Moeller, Extern
Krystyna Wolniakowski, Interim Executive Director

AUDIENCE PRESENT

Barney, Casey – Yakama Nation
Cornelison, Peter – Council Member, City of Hood River
Irish, Sherri
Johnson, Oren
Keister, Larry
Lang, Michael
Leon, Peter
LeVee, Ilene
Lindblad, Mo-chi
Pratt, Lem
Sauter, David – Commissioner, Klickitat County
Thompson, Nicole

Others were present during the day.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Roll (9:09 AM)

Chair Chamberlain called the meeting to order.

Bowen Blair introduced the new Multnomah County appointee, Robert Liberty.

Nancy Andring called roll.

Approval of Minutes for March 10, 2015 Commission meetings (9:12 AM)

Commissioner Ericksen moved to adopt the March 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes for March 10, 2015 Commission meeting

1-Commissioner Dan Ericksen made the motion.

2-Commissioner Rodger Nichols seconded the motion

Approved 9-0 with Commissioners Blaine, Bonker and Webster absent.

Welcome from local officials (9:12 AM) Commissioner Dave Sauter, Klickitat County, and Peter Leon, Wishram Community Council, welcomed the Commission.

Opportunity for Treaty Tribe Nations to address Commission (9:14 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 Resources Program, gave a report.

Klickitat County / Gorge Commission Agreement – Planning Program Report (9:16 AM)

Terry Cullen and Klickitat County representatives presented the first quarterly update on the status of the County's and Commission's collaborative efforts to review National Scenic Area (NSA) development applications in the NSA portion of Klickitat County.

Terry Cullen, Principal Planner, CRGC, and Commissioner David Sauter, Klickitat County, presented this agenda item.

Update on Government to Government – Preparation for Annual Consultation Summit (09:46 AM)

The Commission heard initial recommendations from staff for the 2015 Annual Government to Government consultation.

Update provided by Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski.

Opportunity for Public Comment (9:52 AM)

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

- Peter Leon (see attachment A)
- Peter Cornelison (see attachment B)

Break (10:32 AM)

Chairman Chamberlain gave a formal welcome to Krystyna Wolniakowski, Interim Executive Director, CRGC.

Recruitment Process for Executive Director (10:34 AM)

Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski discussed the position description, recruitment process and designation of a selection committee for the permanent Executive Director position. (see attachments C and D)

Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski provided a report to the Commission. Discussion by the Commission. Comments/questions from Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski and Commissioners Nichols, Blair, Chamberlain, Ericksen, Liberty, Webster, Wainwright, Burditt, and McNew.

Motion made by Commissioner Nichols and seconded by Commissioner Wainwright to:

1. Let people at this Commission meeting today comment on the recruitment plan;
2. Post the recruitment plan on the Commission's website and allow email comments;
3. Have the Executive Committee meet in approximately 2 weeks and allow more public comment; and
4. Close out the public comment period.

Motion passed 10-0 with Commissioners Blaine and Bonker absent.

Additional questions and comments by Commissioners Ericksen, Wainwright, Chamberlain, Blair, Liberty, Nichols.

Public comment on the draft executive director plan opened. The following people spoke:

- Larry Keister
- Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge
- Peter Leon
- Peter Cornelison
- Ilene LeVee
- Nicole Thompson

Urban Area Boundaries Legal Description Project (11:35) This was originally scheduled for after lunch. Michele Dailey discussed the status of the current legal descriptions process and future needs for the next biennium.

Michele Dailey presented a report on the Urban Area Boundaries Legal Description Project.

LUNCH and presentation about the history of the Maryhill Museum (11:46 AM)

Discussion of Commission's 2015-2016 Goals/Priorities (12:50 PM)

The Commission continued its discussion of agency and commission priorities for staffing and resources in 2015-2016. (see attachment E-H)

Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski and Chairman Chamberlain presented this item. Commissioners Nichols, Burditt, Blair, Chamberlain, Ericksen, Webster, Wainwright and Interim Executive Director Wolniakowski asked questions and gave comment.

Public comment received from:

- Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge

National Scenic Area Manager's Report (1:34 PM)

Commissioner Burditt reported on:

- Early and active recreation spring season is busier than normal.
- USFS, transient camping near Sandy River Delta-multi-agency effort; illegal use of Forest Service land and negative environmental impacts.
- Trail closures and maintenance.
- USFS and partners' - key anniversary dates (eg Friends of Multnomah Falls; HRCH).
- Fire situation - water equivalency has improved to 17% Oregon and 19% Gifford Pinchot.
- Annual coordination and planning - WADNR meetings, discussion, protections for fire season. 4/30 in Lyle; East side coordinators meeting with all Oregon forest related agencies; Fire, Line Operators meeting next week in Hood River; new USFS employee orientation meeting 4/15/15 Skamania Lodge; Regional Recreation Forester Managers meeting late April in Hood River.
- HR2, Section 524 Secure Rural Schools passed.
- Personnel updates.
- Washington Forest Practice in Skamania County.
- Husum/BZ Corners (outside of NSA but affecting NSA)-legal case; 2 Wild and Scenic rivers

Gorge Commission Executive Director's Report (2:02 PM)

Interim Director Wolniakowski reported on:

- External communications. May 8 meeting w/Rob Duff and Linda Steinman, Washington State.
- Planning a legislative tour.
- Gorge Night Out reception.
- An on the record appeal that may be scheduled in September, regarding Heuker family in Multnomah County.
- Merissa Moeller, Extern, leaving.

Executive Session (2:10 p.m.) RECORDING STOPPED 2:10 PM.

The Commission held an executive session with its counsel concerning the rights and duties of the commission with respect to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed, pursuant to Commission Rule 350-11-006(1)(g). **EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED 2:40 PM.**

Chair Chamberlain reported that the Commission made no decisions during its executive session.

Other Business (2:41 PM)

Commissioner Lorrie Dekay reported out on 1Gorge Meeting last week.
Commissioner Nichols reminder about Oil Train workshop F 4/17/15.

Adjourn (2:43 PM)

Approved 5.12.15