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Commission Meeting and Work Session Agenda
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

November 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Virtual/WSPRC HQ, 1111 Israel Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98504

Commissioners: Chair Sophia Danenberg, Vice Chair Laurie Connelly, Secretary Holly Williams, Michael Latimer, Ken Bounds, Scott Merriman, and Ali Raad
Director: Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission meeting and work session virtually on November 13, 2024. Please note that this is an online meeting. We will be providing a meeting space for the public to watch at the WSPRC HQ, 1111 Israel Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98504. Staff/commissioners will be attending virtually.

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Public Comment: The public is invited to attend, but no verbal public comment will be taken at this meeting.

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For Item E-1 Property Transfer to the Department of Transportation commission@parks.wa.gov

Mount Spokane Update planning@parks.wa.gov

Blake Island Update planning@parks.wa.gov

Occupancy Data Update commission@parks.wa.gov

Financial Update commission@parks.wa.gov

Mail: WSPRC, Attn: Becki Ellison, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.
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The meeting minutes and recording will be loaded within one week after the meeting.

Time: Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Sophia Danenberg, Chair

- Call of the Roll
 - Chair Sophia Danenberg, Vice Chair Laurie Connelly, Secretary Holly Williams, Ali Raad, Ken Bounds and Scott Merriman
 - Excused: Michael Latimer
- Introduction of Staff
 - Director Diana Dupuis, Deputy Director Mike Sternback, Administrative Services Director Laura Holmes, Operations Director Jon Crimmins, Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz, Parks Development Director Heather Saunders, Communications Director Clare DeLong, Human Resources Director Amber Erdahl, Tribal Relations Director Jenna Bowman, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director Janette Chien, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
 - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
 - We respect and affirm tribal sovereignty and honor indigenous peoples whose traditional lands we occupy. The State Parks and Recreation Commission is committed to working with all Tribes to help preserve and restore a healthy natural environment for future generations.
- Changes to agenda - *none*
- Logistics

9:03 a.m. REQUESTED ACTION

Item E-1: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail – Bullfrog Property Transfer to WSDOT

This agenda item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to authorize the transfer of 0.68 acres along the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

REQUESTED ACTION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Finds the 0.68-acre property shown in Appendix 1 to be surplus to state park purposes.
2. Authorizes the Director or designee to transfer ownership through direct sale of 0.68 acres of the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail Bullfrog Property to the Washington State Department of Transportation as recommended by staff and shown in Appendix 1.

ACTION:

Motion by Ali Raad to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Scott Merriman. **Approved unanimously as presented.**

WORK SESSION

- 9:08 a.m. MOUNT SPOKANE PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE-** Melinda Wolfman, Parks Planner and Paul Knowles, Parks Planner
- This presentation will provide the Commission an update on the process to update the Classification and Management Plan (CAMP), Master Plan, and Trails Plan for Mount Spokane State Park. This is a joint effort from the Planning and Trails programs.
- 9:46 a.m. BLAKE ISLAND PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE-** Alex Sullivan, Parks Planner
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the Master Planning effort at Blake Island State Park.
- 10:28 A.M. BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. OCCUPANCY DATA UPDATE –** Keri Murphy, Visitor Services Manager, Mark Baker, Central Reservations System Manager, and Sarah Fronk, Communications Manager
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the latest camping data. Staff will also share information about research into vacant but reserved campsites and work the Visitor Services and Communications teams are doing to fill empty sites.
- 11:40 a.m. FINANCIAL UPDATE –** Laura Holmes, Administrative Services Director
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue.
- 12:00 p.m. WESTPORT GOLF PROPOSAL UPDATE –** Mike Sternback, Deputy Director
- This presentation will update the Commission on the status of the Westport Golf project
- 12:41 p.m. ADJOURN**

Submitted by Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant

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