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Approved January 30, 2025

Commission Work Session Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

October 9, 2024

Holiday Inn & Event Center, 700 Port Dr., Clarkston, WA 99403

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

Director: Diana Dupuis

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding their regularly scheduled commission work session on October 9, 2024. Please note that this is a hybrid meeting, you are welcome to attend in-person or online. We ask for patience as we navigate these hybrid meetings and want to remind you that attending in-person will be the most reliable option at this time.

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Public Comment: This is a work session between staff and the Commission. The public is invited to attend, but no public comment will be taken. No decisions will be made by the Commission at the work session.

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

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Connelly, Commission Vice Chair

- Call of the Roll
 - Chair Sophia Danenberg, Vice Chair Laurie Connelly, Secretary Holly Williams, Michael Latimer, Ali Raad, Ken Bounds and Scott Merriman
- Introduction of Staff
 - Director Diana Dupuis, Deputy Director Mike Sternback, Operations Director Jon Crimmins, Parks Development Director Heather Saunders, Stewardship Director Lisa Lantz, Administrative Services Director Laura Holmes, Policy & Governmental Affairs Director Owen Rowe, Tribal Relations Director Jenna Bowman, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
 - Attending Virtually: Human Resources Director Amber Erdahl, and Communications Director Clare DeLong
 - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Changes to agenda – We will hold a working lunch and start executive session during this time.

- Logistics

9:04 a.m. PROPERTY TRANSFER TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION –
Tanya Moore, Property and Acquisition Specialist

- The presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of a request from Washington State Department of Transportation for State Parks to transfer a 0.68-acre parcel just west of I-90 exit 80 for use as part of a weigh station project.

9:08 a.m. RECREATION AND CONSERVATION OFFICE/WASHINGTON WILDLIFE & RECREATION PROGRAM GRANTS UPDATE – Lauren Bromley, Parks Planner

- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the preliminary results from the spring round of Recreation and Conservation Office grant requests.

9:31 a.m. SPOKANE RIVER CENTENNIAL TRAIL LAND CLASSIFICATION UPDATE AND AMENDED EASEMENT WITH SPOKANE COUNTY AND WITH CITY OF SPOKANE VALLEY – Ken Graham, Real Estate Program Manager and Nikki Fields, Planning and Real Estate Program Manager

- This presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of two upcoming requested actions on property associated with the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail, one from Spokane County and one from the City of Spokane Valley. Both projects are requests for easements to facilitate local park developments, and each will require an update to the park's land classifications.

9:53 a.m. BREAK

10:10 a.m. STAFF REPORTS

11:50 a.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vice Chair Connelly: The Commission will enter executive session at 11:50 a.m. to discuss potential litigation with the Commission's assigned legal counsel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The Commission will be in executive session until 1:30 pm. No action will be taken during the executive session. The Commission will adjourn after the conclusion of the executive session.

1:30 p.m. - *Vice Chair Connelly: The Commission will be in executive session until 2:00 pm.*

2:00 p.m. ADJOURN

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Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation followed by Commission discussion and then public comment. The Commission makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda.

In-Person Public Comment:

We will be accepting in-person oral public comment at the meeting. If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff at the sign in table. The Chair will call you up to the front at the appropriate time. *Please note we will not be accepting any comments on Cama Beach State Park

Virtual Public Comment:

Virtual public comment will be accepted for our public meeting. To provide virtual comment you will need to be able to join the Attendee Web link from your computer (no phone option available). Pre-registration is required. To register email commission@parks.wa.gov by 5 p.m. on October 4th. Please provide the name you will be logging in under, contact phone number as well as the agenda item or general topic you will be speaking on. You will receive an email by noon on October 7th with specific instructions around virtual testimony. *Please note we will not be accepting any comments on Cama Beach State Park

Written Public Comment:

*Written comments on Cama Beach State Park will be accepted until 5 p.m. on September 30th. Please submit comments through: [Cama Beach Project | Washington State Parks](#) page.

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on October 4th by email or mail. Any comments received after the cutoff will be given to the commission before its next meeting.

Email: Commission@parks.wa.gov
Mail: WSPRC, Attn: Becki Ellison, PO Box 42650, Olympia, WA 98504.

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- Honored Guest: Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Shannon Wheeler
 - Changes to the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - **Motion** by Ali Raad to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Holly Williams. Approved unanimously as presented.
 - Logistics
 - Approval of minutes of previous meetings
 - July 15, 2024 – Stanwood – Special Commission Meeting
 - July 17, 18, 2024 - Bellingham
 - August 21, 2024 – Commission Meeting – Virtual
 - **Motion** by Michael Latimer to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Scott Merriman. Approved unanimously as presented.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT – *General public comment and items on the agenda* - None

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items not on the agenda*
In-person public comments only - None

9:17 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9:57 a.m. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Real Estate
- Legislative
- Budget
- Ad-Hoc

10:05 a.m. REPORT

Item E-5: Financial Update

This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

10:30 a.m. BREAK

10:50 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT

11:11 am REQUESTED ACTION

Item E-1: Beebe Bridge Park Management Agreement

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to delegate authority to the Director to enter into a management agreement for Beebe Bridge Park in Douglas County.

REQUESTED ACTION OF COMMISSION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

1. Delegate to the Director the authority to enter into a management agreement with Chelan County PUD for Beebe Bridge Park, as described in the Staff Recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION:

Motion by Ken Bounds to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Michael Latimer. **Approved unanimously as presented.**

11:31 a.m. RECOGNITION

- Service Pins
 - Scott Griffith, 40 years
 - Motion by Commissioner Danenberg to make Scott Griffith office background as an official state

parks virtual background. Second by Ken Bounds.
Approved unanimously as presented.

- Gold Stars “Lunch on Us” – Bishop Thompson, Karen Lipstein, Andrew Gonzales, Ray Dearth, Jaymin Kapsandy, Kari McNay, Tyler Martinez, and Seamus Muchay

12:15 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION

Item E-2: Cama Beach State Park

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to not reopen cabins, where they currently sit, at Cama Beach State Park. This item explains the circumstances that led to their closure and staff recommendations for next steps.

REQUESTED ACTION OF THE COMMISSION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Direct staff to continue with a planning process that will determine the future of the park, including the potential for relocating existing cabins or providing other overnight accommodations, without reopening the cabins at their current location.

ACTION:

Motion by Ken Bounds to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Michael Latimer. **Approved unanimously as presented.** *Commissioner Scott Merriman excused for the vote.*

1:50 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION

Item E-3: Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail – Ellensburg – Perpetual Easement for Public Road Crossing, Utility Crossing and Maintenance

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to delegate to the Director authority to enter into a Perpetual Easement Agreement with the City of Ellensburg for a public road crossing, a utility crossing, and maintenance on the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail for the Foster North Development, located in Kittitas County.

ACTION REQUESTED OF COMMISSION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

1. Authorize the Director or designee to negotiate and finalize an easement agreement with the City of Ellensburg that is substantially in the form of that in Appendix 9.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION:

Motion by Michael Latimer to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Ken Bounds. **Approved unanimously as presented.** *Commissioner Scott Merriman absent for the vote.*

2:04 p.m. REQUESTED ACTION

Item E-4: Riverside State Park – Glen Tana Long-Term Boundary and Land Classification Update

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to approve an update to the long-term boundary and land classifications for Riverside State Park in Spokane County. This change would allow for the future acquisition of the Glen Tana property.

REQUESTED ACTION OF COMMISSION:

That the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission:

1. Adopt the revised land classifications and long-term park boundary shown in Appendix 2 and described in the Staff Recommendation.
2. Affirm that land classification and long-term boundary decisions are for Commission policy direction only and should not affect private property values, be used as an indication of a property owner's willingness to sell or be used as a basis for making state or local government regulatory, permitting, or zoning decisions on private land holdings.
3. Affirm that any land acquisition or development of land management agreements within the adopted long-term park boundary are subject to staff capacity and agency priority.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION:

Motion by Ali Raad to approve the staff recommendation as proposed in the Requested Action above. Second by Mike Latimer. **Approved unanimously as presented.**
Commissioner Scott Merriman absent for the vote.

2:34 p.m. ADJOURN

Submitted by Becki Ellison, Executive Assistant

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