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Commission Work Session Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

April 12, 2023

The Historic Davenport, 10 South Post Street, Spokane, WA 99201

Elizabethan Conference Room

Commissioners: Chair Ken Bounds, Vice Chair Sophia Danenberg, Secretary Laurie Connelly, Michael Latimer, Holly Williams, Mark O. Brown, and Ali Raad

Director: Diana Dupuis

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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.

9:03 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Sophia Danenberg, Commission Vice Chair

- Call of the Roll
 - Vice Chair Sophia Danenberg, Chair Ken Bounds, Secretary Laurie Connelly, Holly Williams, Michael Latimer, Mark O. Brown, and Ali Raad
- Introduction of Executive Leadership Team
 - 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, Legislative Director Owen Rowe, Tribal Director Jenna Bowman, Human Resources Director Amber Erdahl, and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison
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 - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo

- Changes to agenda
- Logistics

- 9:05 a.m. HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE** – Dr. Andrea Thorpe, Natural Resources Program Manager
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of major restoration projects currently underway.
- 9:37 a.m. PLANNING PROGRAM UPDATE** – Nikki Fields, Real Estate & Planning Program Manager; Michael Hankinson, Planning Manager; Alex Sullivan, Parks Planner; Gen Dial, Parks Planner; and Laura Bromley, Parks Planner.
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of the Planning Program at Washington State Parks, introduce new staff, and give an update on planning priorities.
- 10:35 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:50 a.m. CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE**– Kyle Murphy, Capital Program Manager
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the status of '21-'23 Capital funded development projects and an outlook on proposed '23-'25 projects.
- 12:17 p.m. LUNCH**
- EXECUTIVE SESSION – *not needed***
- 1:19 p.m. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE** – Amber Erdahl, Human Resources Director
- This presentation will update the commission on the results of the employee engagement survey from Fall of 2022 and provide a recruitment update for 1st quarter of 2023.
- 1:45 p.m. STAFF REPORTS**
- 1:52 p.m. SPOKANE RIVER CENTENNIAL STATE PARK TRAIL COORDINATING COUNCIL** – Lara Gricar, Spokane Region Manager; John Bottelli, Spokane Valley Parks Director; and Loreen McFaul, Friends of Centennial Trail Executive Director
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an overview of the Spokane River Centennial State Park Trail Coordinating Council and priority projects. Board members from the council will be presenting with staff.
- 2:52 p.m. BREAK**
- 3:07 p.m. STAFF REPORTS - *Continued***
- 3:34 p.m. ADJOURN**

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In-Person Public Comment:

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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 pm on April 7th. 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 April 10th with specific instructions around virtual testimony.

Written Public Comment:

Written public comment will be accepted for all agenda items until 5 p.m. on April 7th 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

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9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Ken Bounds, Commission Chair

- Flag Salute – Park Ranger 2 Bobbi Dart
- Call of the Roll
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- Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - We humbly acknowledge the Spokane People for the invitation to gather on their ancestral lands. We would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of these lands and the original stewards of them. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous people and the culture.
- Recognition of State, Tribal and Local Officials
- Changes to the Agenda
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Motion by Sophia Danenberg to the agenda regarding the Director's salary at 9:10 am. Second by Laurie Connelly. Addition approved to add to the agenda.
 - **Motion by Sophia Danenberg to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ali Raad.**
Approved unanimously as amended.
- Logistics
- Approval of minutes of previous meetings
 - January 25, 26, 2023 - Olympia
 - March 1, 2023 – Virtual Work Session
 - **Motion by Mark O. Brown to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Latimer.**
Approved unanimously as presented.

9:08 a.m. MOTION REGARDING DIRECTOR’S SALARY

Motion by Sophia Danenberg that the commission authorizes a salary increase effective May 1, 2023, to Director Diana Dupuis. This motion is based on our recognition of Director Dupuis’ excellent first year accomplishments, and our interest in achieving more equitable salary alignment with similarly situated agency director positions at the same plateau level with approximately similar scope and size. Second by Laurie Connelly. **Motion passes unanimously.**

9:08 a.m. VIRTUAL PUBLIC COMMENT – *general public comment and items on the agenda* - NONE

9:09 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Items not on the agenda*

- In-person public comments only
 - Ken Carmichael
 - Adrian Barac and Darin Swan

9:17 a.m. PRE-ARRANGED SPEAKERS

- Yvonne Kraus – Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- Jim Van Loben Sels - General Manager, MS2000
- Monica Tanasket, Council Secretary, The Spokane Tribe of Indians and Dave Schaub, Executive Director, Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

10:01 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – *continued*

- In-person public comments only
 - Nicole Craigmile

10:04 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

10:39 a.m. COMMISSION COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Real Estate
- Legislative
- Budget
- Executive

10:45 a.m. BREAK

11:00 a.m. DIRECTOR REPORT

11:16 a.m. RECOGNITION

- Gold Stars
 - Anthony Walker, Kerri Dennis, and Cassandra Alarcon

11:18 a.m. REPORT

Item E-1: Financial Update

This item provides the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on the status of: 1) State Parks' 2021-23 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures, and 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue, 3) the 2023 supplemental operating budget, and 4) the 2023-25 budget requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken

11:35 a.m. REPORT

Item E-2: Legislative Update

This item provides the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission with an overview and update of the 2023 legislative session.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken

12:17 p.m. LUNCH

1:15 p.m. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) DISCUSSION – Melinda Posner, DEI Manager

- This presentation and discussion will provide the Commission with an overview, updates, and next steps for the Washington State Parks DEI plan.
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1:33 p.m. NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE UPDATE (NCLI) – Melinda Posner, DEI Manager

- This item will provide a summary about the 2023-25 NCLI grant evaluation process including the type and number of applications, total funding request and list of draft ranked projects.
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2:04 p.m. TRIBAL DIVISION UPDATE – Jenna Bowman, Tribal Director

- This presentation and discussion will give the Commission an update on highlights of foundational work for Tribal Relations (overview of canoe journey impact, internal assessment results to date, defining consultation, data protection).
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2:36 p.m. REVIEW FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

2:44 p.m. ADJOURN

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