



Commission Work Session Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

July 17, 2024

Four Points by Sheraton Conference Center, 714 Lakeway Dr., Bellingham, WA 98229

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 July 17, 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, Communications Director Clare DeLong, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director Janette Chien
 - Assistant Attorney General Andy Woo
- Changes to agenda
- Logistics

- 9:05 a.m. YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE – Jon Crimmins, Operations Director**
- The presentation will provide the Commission with an opportunity to hear from high school students from across Washington State to encourage youth access and participation in recreational pursuits at Washington State Parks. The high school students presenting are volunteers who have been a part of a youth leadership committee for the last 10 months. The committee allows students to learn about park development and planning.
- 9:35 a.m. COMMISSION POLICY TRAINING – Amber Erdahl, Human Resources Director**
- This presentation will provide the Commission with information related to policies and training required for all WA State employees for the Commissioners to consider adding to their recommended onboarding and training plans.
- 10:05 a.m. TIMBER SALE/ARBORICULTURE UPDATE – David Cass, Forester**
- This presentation will give the Commission an annual update on timber sales and share recent advances in the arboriculture program.
- 10:50 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. CAPITAL BUDGET UPDATE – Andrew Rose, Parks Development Deputy Director, Kyle Murphy, Capital Program Manager**
- This presentation will provide the Commission with an update on the '25-'27 Capital Budget development and will preview the proposed '25-'27 Capital Budget submittal prior to a requested action on July 18th.
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. FINANCIAL UPDATE – Laura Holmes, Administrative Services Director**
- This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on 1) 2023-25 biennium operating and capital budget expenditures and 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue.
- 1:30 p.m. FORT WORDEN UPDATE – Mike Sternback, Deputy Director**
- This presentation will update the Commission on Fort Worden State Park and the Fort Worden Public Development Authority.
- 2:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- 5:00 p.m. ADJOURN**

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