



Fort Worden  
State Park Conference Center

## Fort Worden Advisory Committee (FWAC)

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### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 15, 2018

**Members Present:** Steve Reed, Dave Given, Joan Best, Tom Ferrell, Darcy McNamara, Joyce Francis, Zan Manning (for Anna-Partners), Kevin Alexander, Brian Hageman, Pam Adams, Karolina Anderson, John Polm

**Guests Present:** Mike Sternback (Asst. Dir. Operations), Darrell Hopkins (SW Region Manager), Steve Brand (Programs and Partners Manager), and Bill Drath (FW Volunteer Coordinator) of Parks; Janine Boire (Marine Science Center) and George Randels (Member Emeritus).

**Members Absent:** Kate Dean, Pete Hanke, and Susan Cronshaw

I. **MINUTES:** Approval of January 18 Meeting Minutes, amended to include Pam as absent.

#### II. FORT WORDEN STATE PARK AREA UPDATES:

##### A. PDA - Karolina

1. **Glamping** - The design development phase of project is progressing and should be ready Spring of 2019.
2. **Sales and Marketing Team** - New director and team members are working on new collaborative initiatives with downtown PT and FW Programming Partners. Fall Break collaborative (with Partners) "Above and Below the Salish Sea" is now scheduled for Oct 7-12. A consultant has been hired by the FW Foundation to manage this (Road-Scholar-like) program.
3. **Budget** - PDA well ahead of budget in Jan & Feb. Specifics available on website.
4. **Makers Square** - PDA is looking for a project manager. Gee Heckscher is creating a tight timeline, as the project must be completed in 27 months from now to get historic tax credits
5. **Champion Video Productions** is creating a great video on FW, to be completed after final editing, and it will soon be available on the website.
6. **PDA Board** - No executive meeting next week due to absences. Board will have retreat, March 28-29, which is open to the public.
  - a. **March 28** - Who We Are and What We Do; Tours of Property, Partners & Programs; Drinks at Taps and Dinner at Revielle
  - b. **March 29** - Three-Year Strategic Direction, Partner Ecosystem, and Focus on Lifelong Learning Center.

##### B. State of the Park - Brian

1. **Law Enforcement In-Service Training** - Half of the rangers from through the state will be coming again soon, April 9-12 & May 7-10. With all the vehicles, visitors are particularly law-abiding. Brian is also a presenter.
2. **Summer Staff** - Hiring beginning; hires starting March 19.

3. **Cute Old Gas Station** - Station will remain as is, but underground storage tanks will be decommissioned, involving multiple cleanouts. Will have to buy gas in town until we have funds to get an above-ground fuel storage tank.
4. **Fort Townsend** - Tree fell on Bill Drath's ranger residence last Tuesday night, just after another tree fell and took out his power. Power is back, but fixing roof will take awhile.
5. **Rothchild House** will soon get plastering fixed upstairs.
6. **Parks Birthday** - Monday is a free access day, as March 19 is WA State Parks Agency's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. National Parks Agency is only 104, though there were national parks before state parks.
7. **Maintenance Transition** - Big effort getting ready for transition to PDA doing maintenance. Still hoping to keep some of budget for delayed maintenance on Hill, for which FWAC advocated with a letter to the Director. New maintenance building is soon ready. George requested ability to tour the new building, which Brian will try to accommodate requests. Facility seeks to support bicycle commuters, so there are showers and 19 lockers.

#### 8. Questions:

- a. Tom asked about the **criteria by which equipment was allocated** (transferred to PDA if primarily used on campus) and if title transferred to PDA (yes).
- b. Darcy asked about the brand-new **composter** which was donated to be used by Commons (currently in Bone Yard), and it will be transferred to PDA. Kristan (Director of Food Service) supports moving to zero-waste, so she is anxious to use it, but a space near Commons must be found.
- c. Joan asked about distribution of **Discover Pass** funds. Brian explained that State Parks gets same amount, irrespective of where a pass is purchased, distribution to Parks is the same (84% of \$30 to Parks, 8% to DNR, 8% to Fish & Wildlife). Private vendors can add a fee (e.g. cost is \$35 at REI), but State Parks do not. Dave added that, since FW is committed to selling a certain number, so it aids FW if FW supporters purchase passes here or at Quimper Mercantile. Joan asked where someone with limited mobility can purchase and was told the Commons also sells passes and is fully accessible. Karolina will check if there is a sign outside Commons about pass sales and if there is a mechanism to allow for online purchases.

#### C. Programming Partners - Zan (Anna is ill!). Partner Report was sent via email (see below), but highlights are:

1. Partners are signing up to **present to FWAC**. Woodworking school will join us in May, FFW in July, and Centrum in November.
2. **MSC auction** is Saturday, March 17. It is their big fundraising event of the year.
3. April 20 is **FFW Annual Meeting** and 25<sup>th</sup> (Silver) Anniversary. Speaker is Brian Cladoosby, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Chair, one of the longest-serving tribal leaders. His topic is "Where the Waters Converge: How Historic Gathering Places Shaped Tribal Traditions."

#### D. Visitors from PARKS - Brian introduced Mike, Darrell and Steve, and members introduced themselves and their affiliations. Steve extended warm welcome from FWAC.

1. **Purpose for Visit** - Mike explained that staff wanted to connect with us after they received our proposed Bylaws -- interested in our vision going forward, wanting to hear from us about our post-PDA mission.
2. **FWAC Mission** - Members reiterated that we are committed to a refocus on delayed maintenance outside the campus area AND on enriching our connection with the

community. We also feel free to offer ideas and feedback to the PDA, who are generally welcoming but also free to act on it or not.

3. **Information Sharing** - Mike asked how critical is the information flow, and Kevin noted that it is critical but not sufficient, as we continue to seek action items. Pam noted that it is beneficial to have the information sharing that she can then take back to the city council and city manager. Steve Brand noted that the situation of FW integrated into a city is somewhat unique, and close communication with the community is critical. George also noted that the information flow also could go the other way, as PT residents could be mobilized to lobby for Park issues.
4. **Limitations** - Darcy noted that limited staff support and lacks of funds limits our ability to do such events as open houses, though we can appeal to the Friends of FW for funding. Joyce noted that we have also lost the close contact with the Parks Commission with Rodger's retirement.
5. **Maintenance Budget at FW** - Mike also gave some history of the budgetary transition of implementation of the PDA, which involved some personnel cuts, the last of which is coming this May 1<sup>st</sup> with the Campus Maintenance transition to PDA. Fortunately, the Parks budget is not as constrained as during the initiation of the PDA, so Brian will be able to retain roughly half of the maintenance staff to cover delayed maintenance in FW's non-campus areas and other parks within his domain.
6. **Parks Biennium Budget** - Preventative maintenance & customer service are the two areas of budgeting focus for Parks going forward.

#### **E. Friends of Fort Worden & Historic Interpretive Programs - Kevin**

1. March 18, 1818, is the 200<sup>th</sup> birthdate of Admiral Worden, commander of Union Ironclad, after whom park was named. FW is the only Army Fort named after a Naval Leader
2. Telescope on bluff will soon be replaced by FFW.
3. Easter Brunch, April 1, is always terrific, and reservations are recommended.

#### **F. Friends of Fort Townsend - Susan was absent & not represented.**

- G. **Lighthouse - Steve** - Negotiations still ongoing. There are no real pitfalls ahead, but the process is just very slow. Hope to get a license and start work on the station this year.

### **III. UPDATES RELEVANT TO FORT WORDEN:**

#### **A. County - Kate was absent and not represented**

#### **B. City - Pam**

1. City will fund fireworks at Fort for 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
2. The City will host 3 open public meetings at the Commons on the topic of annexation of the city into the East Jefferson Fire and Rescue. Advocates believe this would mean increased service and representation. March 22, March 29, April 5 are the dates. The meetings will be tech-equipped with tablets for citizen feedback. See article in yesterday's Leader.
3. George gave some history of his experience of being on the search committee for a previous fire chief. While that committee was welcoming, the open attitude is not a given, and he feels it would be helpful for the city to be full partners.

#### **C. Port - Pete was absent and not represented**

**D. PT School District - John**

- a. March 24 Robinson Center program for enrichment of gifted students and their families and teachers will be held at the Fort.
- b. May 22 - Senior projects presentation for high school will take place at the Fort.
- c. New building project is new for him. The window to move the portables off campus after school ends and before demolition of old building is only 5 days. These and many other items will be surplused.
- d. There will be a goodbye event for the old school and ceremonies and open house to welcome the new one.
- e. Both middle and high schools participated in the demonstration yesterday, including 17 minutes of silence! They did not leave campus. Very orderly and impressive.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **JC/PT Business Community Representative** - Tom was asking for guidance of best representatives to approach. Pam and George agreed that Tom should speak to Peter Quinn and Teresa Verres for advice and contacts.
- B. **Honor Wall** - Steve established a task force to make suggestions to PDA for an honor wall. Kevin & Karolina volunteered to work with Gary.
- C. **Mountaineering and Search & Rescue** - Joan returned to the topic of a training program for Mountaineering and Search & Rescue. She shared some materials about the significant peaks in Olympic National Park and the access points. Fort Worden is ideally located with facilities for learning to rappel and situated close to the local peaks (Mount Ellinor, the Brothers, and Mount Constance). Moreover, we have several mountaineering experts in the area, and this would be a program to be fielded on FW's Campus. Joyce suggested that it might be useful to start with a pilot weekend workshop and suggested she speak with Linty Hopi, Director of Community Education at Peninsula College. Zan also suggested that she speak with the newly-hired consultant for the Fall Break Collaborative Project.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:04 PM.

**NEXT MEETING - Thursday, May 17  
Seminar Building 297, Noon-2PM**

## Partners' Report to FWAC February and March 2018

### CAM and Friends of Fort Worden

- Reports given separately by Kevin Alexander and Janine Anderson. Friends report may be included below.

### Centrum

- Centrum is in a quiet period of planning and preparation for programs beginning in March. Our youth programs, Explorations and Water World are again at capacity enrollment. The ukulele workshop has been sold-out for months, choro is at capacity enrollment and our upcoming Chamber Music performance (A Baroque Feast) will be sold-out on March 4; we have less than 50 seats left and The Leader will be running a feature on this event in the next week or two.
- Centrum is sponsoring its first-ever Centrum Salon on Tour to Los Angeles in March. We have a group of fifteen travelling to LA for a total-immersion arts experience with behind-the-scenes tours at The Getty Center, The Broad, Walt Disney Concert Hall, The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, USC Thornton School of Music and more. This is a donor affinity event aimed at learning more about best practices in the arts in LA and connecting elements of their arts scene with the programs and faculty at Centrum.

### Friends of Fort Worden State Park

- The "Sundays in the Park" series of natural history walks will begin with a walk led by local Landscape Designer and Horticulturalist, Matt Berberich. The walk will be held on Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 PM. For more information or to register email [nhc@fwfriends.org](mailto:nhc@fwfriends.org).
- Four new bike racks are being installed on Artillery Hill at Battery Tolles and Memory's Vault. Twelve more bike racks have been purchased and plans are being made to install them on various locations on campus.
- The Trail Team had a successful "weed pull" on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> in the Chinese Gardens area. Twenty five volunteers meet at the North Beach parking lot at 9:30 and worked for three hours removing invasive Scotch Broom.
- This month the Friends is celebrating 25 years of service to Fort Worden State Park and to the Port Townsend community.
- Friday, April 20 is our Annual Meeting and Anniversary Celebration. Our featured speaker this year is Brian Cladoosby (Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Chairman) who will speak about "**Where the Waters Converge: How Historic Gathering Places Shaped Tribal Traditions**". The event is from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. in the Fort Worden Commons, Company B. Appetizers, no-host bar and a silent auction. Free for members; \$5 for nonmembers

### Goddard

- Goddard College concluded the MFA in Creative Writing residency on February 24th. Students, faculty and guests were "in residence" at Fort Worden for ten days enjoying the comfortable housing, great meals and meeting spaces, which were temporarily transformed into a College campus, complete with computer lab, faculty offices, student lounge and student service offices.
- We wish to thank the PDA staff for their professional and considerate support of Goddard's community of life long learners. This is the College's 12th year of offering MFA programs at Fort Worden and we appreciate the ongoing improvements the PDA has made in guest services, sales and Partner support.

### Madrona MindBody

- Madrona initiated a bold start to the new year in January. Our collaboration with other partners continues to shine. Mike at the Port Townsend School of Woodworking as well as Grey Wolf Ranch - initiated weekly classes for their students. The Woodworking School has stated that Madrona's yoga class rated in the top three of what worked for their three-month program. Renee Klein's New Year's Yoga Retreat (residential - Jan 5-7th) filled to capacity with 30 participants. We hosted another residential program Europe's renown facilitator Ya'Acov Dharling Khan of the Movement Medicine School for a five-day residential program - January 30-February 4th.

New classes and upcoming events at Madrona MindBody:

- New Pilates Mat class starting Thursday mornings at 10:45am with Jen Freeman. Starts March 1  
<https://madronamindbody.com/yoga/>

- New Conscious Dance Evening: Thursday Dance Lab - Thursdays at 7pm rotating facilitators: <https://madronamindbody.com/thursday-dance-lab>
- March 17: YOGA INTENSIVE: Hip Opener Awareness 1:00-3:30 <https://madronamindbody.com/new-events/2018/3/17/hip-opener-awareness>
- Starting March 20: YOGA FUNDAMENTALS SERIES with Shayann Hoffer <https://madronamindbody.com/new-events/2018/3/20/yoga-fundamentals-with-shayann-hoffer>
- Starting March 20: TRANSFORMATION: Shamanic & Yogic Practices ~ Spring Series "Vision & Voice" 9 week series <https://madronamindbody.com/new-events/spring18>
- March 23 & 24: BREEMA: The Art of Being Present- FREE Friday night intro, All day Saturday workshop <https://madronamindbody.com/new-events/2018/3/24/breema>

#### **Peninsula College**

- Winter quarter will complete on March 19<sup>th</sup> with spring quarter classes to begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Advising and Registration for spring quarter will continue until the Friday prior to the start of the quarter.
- Peninsula College partnered with Western Washington University to offer one of their free lectures. On March 1<sup>st</sup> Peninsula College hosted the WWU lecture **"The Climate Change Reality Project: Hope for the Future."** More lecture dates nearby can be found on the WWU Extended Education website: <https://ee.wvu.edu/wls>
- Wes Cecil's popular & free lecture series continues. The first lecture was on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the Commons. Once again sponsored by Peninsula College Foundation, Peninsula College and Fort Worden. The subject is Philosophy: The Ancients. There are three more lectures for this year: Mar 15, 2018 – Aristotle; April 19, 2018 Vyasa; May 24, 2018 -Conclusion

#### **Port Townsend Marine Science Center**

- The Port Townsend Marine Science Center is offering admission by donation to the Natural History Exhibit through March 25, 2018 as a test period.
- Marine Science Center hosted over fifty policy and research leaders at the Sound Citizen Science Summit a report will be issued in February.

#### **Port Townsend School of the Arts**

New classes and events at PT School of the Arts:

- CLASS: Multimedia Art Journals with Kelly Drake WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 28, 9:30 AM-NOON <https://ptschoolofthearts.org/classes/multimedia-art-journals-with-kelly-drake-february-28-march-28>
- WORKSHOP: Collage Studies with Cheri Kopp, March 3 SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 9 AM-4 PM <https://ptschoolofthearts.org/classes/collage-studies-with-cheri-kopp-november-735mz>