



Fort Worden Advisory Committee (FWAC)

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Noon Thursday March 21, 2019

Members Present: Pam Adams, Joan Best, Tom Ferrell, Rufina Garay, David Given, Anna Green Forrestal, Brian Hageman, Claude Manning, John Polm, Owen Rowe, Val Stewart, Steve Tucker

Members Absent/Unrepresented: Susan Cronshaw, Kate Dean, Steve Reed, Galen Clark excused for family medical reasons

Guests and Staff Present: Jeanine Boire, Bill Drath, John Whillit, Renee Klein

Jean Dunbar passed away. Donations for a memorial for Jean are accepted at the gift shop for a block of memorial pavers.

I. WELCOME Introduction of members

II. MINUTES: January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

III. Presentation by Madrona Mindbody: Co-owner Renee Klein provided the FWAC with an overview of Madrona Mindbody's facilities and operations along with a wish list. Please check out their website:

<https://madronamindbody.com>

Thank you Renee!

III. FORT WORDEN STATE PARK AREA UPDATES. Request that electronic versions be sent to chair the morning before each FWAC meeting:

A. PDA - Rufina

- a. PDA is seeking a Jefferson County Public Infrastructure Grant for renovations to provide affordable housing for employees, interns, etc. in building 203.
- b. Building 225 has been painted.
- c. Maker's Square Project: Construction bid documents are nearing completion and are scheduled to be out within 30 days. KPTZ has provided input regarding their space. The 12-13 month construction project is scheduled for completion in June of 2020.
- d. Glamping Project: SEPA and Archeological reviews have been delayed
- e. A new video has been prepared and is online. It is focused on how to get to Fort Worden
- f. The Repurposing the Surplus effort was a huge success! Almost all of the surplus, totaling 2.5 tons, was given away. Recipients donated

approximately \$1450, which will be used to provide recycling stations in lodging units on Officer's Row and NCO Row.

B. State of the Park- Brian

- a. Sewer/Electric upgrade Capital project has begun and should be breaking ground within a week. No specific timeline as yet. It will start on the hill in JFK area first and then move to NCO row when they are done there. Project is being done by Nordland construction.
- b. 2 weeks of in-service training for State Park Rangers from parks throughout the state are scheduled for this spring.
- c. Personnel news: new operations manager, John Whittet from Bridgeport/Alta Lake area replaces Todd Jensen; new ranger 2, Patty Anderson from Moran State Park is now at Fort Townsend replacing Karl Fisch who went to Fort Flagler; Joe Bensen has retired and his position will be filled soon.
- d. Summer staff will be starting soon; first one April 1st, second one May 1st and two more in June.
- e. Boat launch: only permitted to remove sand from July 15-October 1st. July-August 1st replace sand. If open before July 15 will probably need 4 wheel drive vehicle.
- f. Rothschild House: Park staff have been repairing wooden gutters in preparation for painting. Contractor will paint exterior. Funds provided by Rothschild family and State Parks.
- g. Commanding Officer's House scheduled to be open May 1st.
- h. A conceptual (predesign) planning effort for the shoreline area including the pier, Marine Science Center facilities, and the PDA Canteen and Rest Rooms is underway. The consultants presented preliminary draft alternatives to a Stakeholders Group for discussion March 13; modified alternatives will be the subject of a public meeting sometime in April.

C. Partners - Anna: See attached Programming Partners Report

D. Friends of Fort Worden & Historic Interpretive Programs - Claude: See attached Programming Partners Report

E. Friends of Fort Townsend - Susan: No Report

F. Status of Point Wilson Lighthouse - Steve: No Report

G. Volunteers/ Updates to the FWAC Webpage- Bill indicated that there were 1400 volunteer hours reported in February.

IV. UPDATES RELEVANT TO FORT WORDEN:

A. County - Kate: No Report

B. City - Pam:

- a. A new contract for solid waste disposal is currently being negotiated for commercial and individual. The existing contractor submitted the only bid. If Council elects to proceed with the contract there will be a full year before anything new happens including new rates. There will be a new container on wheels, new efficient trucks, every other week pick up, and higher rates still to be determined. Recycling remains separating glass, plastic, and paper with pick up every other week. There is no scheduled date so far for a vote.
- b. 2nd reading of City's Stormwater Management Plan scheduled April 1st

- C. Port: Steve Tucker advised the group that there is an effort underway to relocate the amusement/rides venue of the Rhody Festival from its traditional location at Memorial Field. He indicated that the County Fairground and Fort Worden seemed to be the most viable alternatives. Although there did not appear to be much information or a specific proposal to the Park at this time, this engendered some active discussion and a motion to allow the venue to locate in the overflow parking area to the east of the beach campground, provided those seeking campground reservation are notified. The motion failed for the lack of a second.
- D. School - John: See attached report regarding Port Townsend School System use of the Fort so far in 2019.

- V. Fulfilling the FWAC Mission: Provide a venue for public input according to the bylaws. How do we reach out to the public and get them to attend our meetings? It's been difficult in the past. Should location, time, and frequency be reconsidered? Maybe write an article in the newspaper and post notices on bulletin boards in advance to invite the public to attend? Ideas up for discussion next meeting.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:05 PM

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, May 16, 2019. Native American Action Group presentation on Chetzemoka Interpretive Trail- Location TBA