



Fort Worden
State Park Conference Center

Fort Worden Advisory Committee (FWAC)

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COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Noon Thursday May 16, 2019

Members Present: Pam Adams (PT City Council), Kevin Alexander (Friends of Fort Worden & Historic Interpretive Programs), Joan Best, Tom Ferrell, Anna Green Forrestal (Partners), Brian Hageman (Parks), Steve Reed (Point Wilson Lighthouse Liason), Owen Rowe, Val Stewart, Joan Rutkowski (PDA)

Guests and Staff Present: Janine Boire (Marine Science Center), Lys Burden (Native Connections Action Group (NCAG)), Celeste Dybeck (NCAG), Dave Robison (PDA), George Randall

Members Absent: Kate Dean (County Commission), Galen Clark, Susan Cronshaw, David Given, John Polm, Jr. (Supt. PT Schools), Steve Tucker (Port Commission)

- I. **WELCOME** Introduction of members and guests
- II. **MINUTES:** March 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved as presented
- III. **PRESENTATION:** A slide presentation was made by the Native Connections Action Group on the Chetzemoka Interpretive Trail (see attached handout). The trail will be dedicated June 29. The tribe gifted a totem pole to the Maritime Center. It will be installed in front of the Maritime Center on June 27
- IV. **FORT WORDEN STATE PARK AREA UPDATES.** Request that electronic versions be sent to chair the morning before each FWAC meeting
 - A. **PDA** - Dave Robison:
 - Dave Robison introduces the new Executive Coordinator Joan Rutkowski
 - An update on the PDA activities is attached
 - B. **State of the Park** - Brian Hagemen:
 - The Park is undergoing significant utility upgrades.
 - Where the dunes washed out a couple of years ago, Parks is working to re-establish a primary dune.
 - The Maintenance Manager position is vacant at the moment and interviews to fill the position will occur soon.
 - A program to remove poisonous hemlock has been initiated.

- Rehabilitation of the Rothschild House is underway and the house should reopen in June.

- C. **Partners** - Anna Greene Forrestal: See attached Programming Partners Report
- D. **Friends of Fort Worden & Historic Interpretive Programs** - Kevin Alexander:
- Friends has made steps in the uphill segments of trails to facilitate uphill walking.
 - The telescope is having problems and Friends is working with the manufacturer to correct the problems.
- E. **Friends of Fort Townsend** - Susan Cronshaw: No Report
- F. **Status of Point Wilson Lighthouse** - Steve Reed: The license for the U.S. Lighthouse Society to operate the Lighthouse is stalled due to the Coast Guard's change from issuing licenses to issuing leases. It is unknown when the lease will be issued.
- G. **Volunteers/ Updates-** Bill Drath: No report

V. **UPDATES RELEVANT TO FORT WORDEN:**

- A. **County** - Kate Dean: No Report
- B. **City** - Pam Adams: Pam had to leave the meeting so there was no report.
- C. **Port** - Steve Tucker: Steve was unable to attend the meeting.
- D. **School** - John Polm, Jr.: See attached report.

VI. **ADA issues on Fort Worden State Park.** Joan Best reported that she has had significant difficulties locating ADA entrances to the Museum and Taps. The ADA entrances are not on the front of the buildings and there is no sign indicating where they are. Kevin indicated that for historic purposes, signs on the fronts of the buildings were not allowed. State Parks should revisit this issue. Also Joan reported that it is difficult to find ADA buildings and other facilities on the websites. She is going to write a letter to the Committee outlining those concerns.

VII. **Member Resignation:** Due to personal matters, At-Large member Galen Clark reluctantly submitted his resignation. Steve Reed, an Ex-Officio member offered to occupy the vacant position, and fill out the term, assuming the voting members agree. Steve was an At-Large member prior to accepting a role as an Ex-Officio member. This matter will be addressed in the July meeting.

VIII. **MEETING ADJOURNED at 2:05 PM**

NEXT MEETING - Thursday, July 18, 2019 12-2. Location Kitchen Shelter #526