

[From Lisa Waipi'o Werner at Centrum on behalf of Partners]

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to clarify the reason for the current configuration of Partner meetings. We wouldn't want everyone to walk away today thinking the format was established because of mistrust or an unwillingness to meet and work together.

Partner Meetings were reformatted by mutual agreement between the Partners, PDA and State Park, and discussed with Rufina and Brian before making the change.

The meetings went forward split into 2 segments, the first including the PDA, State Parks, and other entities as requested (STG is one example).

The second segment was just partners as an operational, collaborative working group. The Partners appreciate that time to kick around thoughts and ideas among ourselves. It's comparable to a staff meeting.

When Covid hit, partners took a while to start Zooming more as a health and welfare check in.

By the time partner meetings really got rolling again the Partners and PDA had reconstituted the Ft Worden Collaborative meetings with PDA and Parks, which seemed like the best use of everyone's time.

Thank you.