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From: Owen Rowe, Chair, Fort Worden Advisory Committee
To: The Fort Worden PDA Board:

I am writing to re-introduce the Fort Worden Advisory Committee and its purpose to the public who may be listening to this meeting.

The Fort Worden Advisory Committee or "FWAC" was created in 1973, at the same time as the park itself, "to provide assistance and recommendations for the development and operation of Fort Worden State Park." FWAC's voting members include representatives of local governments and the long-standing partners at the Fort, as well as six members appointed from the community at large.

The role of FWAC is to provide a community forum for discussion of plans and programs for the entire 434-acre park, including the campus portion leased by State Parks to the Fort Worden PDA. FWAC has no oversight over PDA organization or finances; that role belongs to the City of Port Townsend, which chartered the PDA. But FWAC does have an advisory role to State Parks on such matters as its Master Lease to the PDA, relations with the independent partner organizations, planning for the maintenance of the park's capital assets, and relations with the community neighboring the park.

FWAC meets every other month, on the third Thursday at 12 noon. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20th. More information about FWAC is available at the State Parks website, and you can contact us via the email address fwaccomments@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time.

Owen Rowe, Chair, Fort Worden Advisory Committee

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