



Approved Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting Agenda
Fort Worden Lifelong Learning Center Public Development Authority
(FWPDA)
Tuesday, March 22, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom (Remote Meeting Per Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-28.15)

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Meeting Agenda

I. Call to order (5:30)

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PDA Board: Brad Mace, Celeste Tell, David King, Eva Weber, John Begley, Rodger Schmitt, Torie Brazitis

Partner liaisons: Heron Scott, Libby Wennstrom

PDA Staff: David Timmons, Becky Wagner, Carolyn Zipeto, Meriden Vitale

III. Reports

A. Task Force Updates/Restructuring

- a. Staff Report*
- b. Board Clarifying Questions
- c. Board Discussion
- d. Board Liaison Comments

David Timmons gave an update on the task forces and the need to restructure. He recommended a facilitated process for the partners and hospitality, with outside consultants and emphasized the need to all move forward together. The Board decided Torie, Celeste, and Heron will work with the Partners group; Brad and Rodger will work with the Hospitality group.

David King made a motion to accept the recommendation for modification to the Executive

Director's taskforce process. Brad Mace seconded. **Unanimously approved.**

B. Finance Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Profit & Loss*
- c. Balance Sheet*
- d. Cash Flow Statement*
- e. Internal Controls

John Begley and Becky Wagner provided an update on the above finance reports. David Timmons also mentioned that the Financial Audit for years 2018-2020 is currently underway, they do not have a schedule yet but likely several months out from results.

C. Executive Director's Reports

- a. FWPDA Compartmental Task Plan*
- b. Lobbying Report*

David Timmons reviewed the above reports and explained his process for tracking the various tasks and reporting requirements of the PDA. He reported that the Leasehold Exemption Tax passed on a state-wide basis (with one amendment that put a 12 year limit on it). The PDA was also successful in getting \$750,000 for the capital maintenance fund, which can be used for preservation projects.

IV. Public Comment

Meriden Vitale read a public comment from the Transportation Lab/A Local 20/20 Action Group: see attached.

Janine Boire, outgoing Executive Director of the Marine Science Center, introduced the incoming E.D. Bee Redfield.

V. Action Items (6:30)

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Review the January 24, 2022 and February 22, 2022 meeting minutes. *

Proposed action: Approve the consent agenda.

Torie Brazitis made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David King seconded. **Unanimously approved.**

At this point in the meeting, the board skipped ahead to item #3, and then returned to item #2.

2. Vehicle Maintenance Contract

- a. Staff Report
- b. Board Clarifying Questions
- c. Board Discussion
- d. Board Liaison Comments

David Timmons said that the PDA would like to buy eight electric vehicles to be used for grounds and building maintenance, as currently maintenance employees are using personal vehicles to perform grounds work. They will be purchased with money from the Energy Investment Fund.

Proposed action: Motion to approve Resolution 22-07* authorizing the purchase of vehicles by the FWPDA through the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Master Contract.

Brad Mace made a motion to approve the proposed action, Eva Weber seconded. **Unanimously approved.**

3. Proclamation for John Watts

- a. Staff Report*
- b. Board Clarifying Questions
- c. Board Discussion
- d. Board Liaison Comments

Proposed action: Motion to approve the proclamation thanking John Watts and in recognition of his service to the FWPDA.

David Timmons and board members thanked John Watts for his service to the FWPDA. David King read the proclamation.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

VII. Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Adjourn (7:30)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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March 3, 2022

Dear Fort Worden PDA Board of Directors,

In times of COVID, the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the QAnon movement, people seem acutely aware of reality while, at the same time, exhibiting behaviors that are utterly in contrast to that reality.

Here is an example: Traveling to the Earth's poles to view glaciers has become a bucket list item for many interested in the natural world. Most understand climate change and rapidly increasing rates of ice melt in polar regions. For many, the purpose of the trip is to see the ice before it's gone. Evidence shows, however, that the carbon footprint of each tourist visiting the Antarctic results in the melting of 83 metric tons of snow and ice.^{1,2} And, a single tourist trip to Iceland may contribute as much as 1.44 tons of CO₂ to the atmosphere, ultimately contributing to ice melt.³

To take a local example, most visitors get to Port Townsend by motor vehicle. Let's assume that the average vehicle miles traveled (VMT) per person is 100 miles. It's likely that vehicles hold more than one person, but 100 miles round trip per person is a good ballpark estimate of VMT for a weekend in Port Townsend. Assuming an average of 25 miles per gallon fuel consumption, and a total of 10,000 THING visitors, the carbon footprint for participant transportation is about 394 tons of CO₂. CO₂ is a gas so 394 tons is a lot of CO₂!

The impending climate change timeline and the carbon reductions necessary to avoid catastrophe are clear. The IPCC has just released their second of three reports on the

¹ Each Antarctic tourist effectively melts 83 metric tons of snow. Mathew Harris. The Conversation. February 2022.

<https://phys.org/news/2022-02-antarctic-tourist-effectively-metric-tons.html>

²Study Reveals Each Tourist Visiting Antarctica Melts Up to 83 Metric Tons of Snow. Precious Smith. Nature World News. February 2022.

<https://www.natureworldnews.com/articles/49599/20220224/each-tourist-visiting-antarctica-melts-up-83-metric.htm> .

³ Tourism in Iceland: Individual Carbon Footprint and the Potential to be Carbon Neutral Ange-Elise Venet. SIT Study Abroad. Spring 2018.

https://digitalcollections.sit.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3820&context=isp_collection

urgency of addressing carbon emissions.⁴ The authors are calling for immediate and drastic cuts to carbon emissions if we are to avoid extreme environmental and human suffering. Current research suggests that one third of all species will be gone by 2050 without radical human behavior changes.⁵ Further, as a result of a warming planet, it is likely that billions of human beings will die of starvation in this century.^{6,7} Each of you must be aware of the reality of climate change impacts. Each of you is most certainly concerned about the state of the planet, the natural world, and the futures of our children and grandchildren. Yet, to move ahead with tourism promotion of mega events like THING is a clear example of the disconnect between beliefs and behaviors.

Clearly, the hope lies in people - like me and you - making decisions that cut carbon emissions starting today. Let's recognize the disconnect between our cognition and behavior and align our thinking with our behaviors. We trust that 2022 is the year to make drastic cuts in CO2 emissions from community events by developing a way to get people to our beloved community by the most environmentally responsible means.

Sincerely,

Transportation Lab/A Local 20/20 Action Group

Gerald Braude

Richard Dandridge

Rebecca Kimball Carol

McCreary David Thielk

Scott Walker

⁴ IPCC Sixth Assessment Report. February 2022

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg2/>

⁵ Global Warming and the Endangered Species Initiative.

https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/global_warming_and_endangered_species/index.html

⁶ Billions Could Go Hungry from Global Warming by 2100. Catering Brahic. January 2009.

<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn16384-billions-could-go-hungry-from-global-warming-by-2100/>

⁷ Climate Change and Hunger. Rupa Mukerji. October 2019.

<https://www.globalhungerindex.org/issues-in-focus/2019.html>