



PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, **September 15, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall, 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Link to join the meeting virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85806615790>

AGENDA

- 1) Commission meeting called to order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Consent Agenda*
 - a. Approval of minutes for the August 18, 2026 Regular Session ([Page 3](#))
 - b. Ratification of bills from August 11, 2026 – September 9, 2026 in the amount of \$296,859.86. ([Page 7](#))
 - c. Approval of payrolls for August 19 – September 4, 2026 in the total amount of \$81,726.15
- 3) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
- 4) Reports and Presentations
 - a. BOG Seismic, Safety & Preservation Studies Project Report: David McCurry, Parsons Transportation ([Page 11](#))
 - b. BOG Centennial Celebration Update ([Page 19](#))
- 5) Commissioner Comments and Sub-Committee Reports
- 6) Executive Director Report
- 7) Business Action Items
 - a. Approve Contract with AKS Engineering for Permitting & Design Services for RV Park Development Project ([Materials available soon.](#))
- 8) Adjourn

IMPORTANT DATES

September 3-Oct 1 – Riveting History: 100 Years of the Bridge of the Gods exhibit, Oregon State Capitol – Galleria West.

September 19 – Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration

October 3 – Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day (EasyCLIMB)

October 12 – Indigenous Peoples Day (Port offices closed in observance)

October 13-15 – PNWA Annual Conference in Vancouver, WA

October 20 – Commission Meeting

** Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Commissioner may make a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion.*

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PUBLIC MEETING: Port Commission Special Meeting

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LOCATION: Cascade Locks City Hall 140 Wa Na Pa St, Cascade Locks, OR 97014

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MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:02 PM
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - i. President Lorang (excused)
 - ii. Vice-President Klute
 - iii. Commissioner Nance
 - iv. Commissioner Gann
 - v. Commissioner Dodd
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Deputy Executive Director Genevieve Scholl; Operations Manager Parker Nelson
 - c. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of minutes for the July 21, 2026 Regular Session
 - b. Ratification of bills from July 16, 2026 – August 10, 2026 in the amount of \$82,763.91
 - c. Approval of payroll for July 28 – August 4, 2026 in the amount of \$47,680.37
 - d. Approval of Final FY 25-26 Small Grant Report from Landmass Wines
 - MOTION:** To approve the consent agenda
 - MOVE:** Travis Gann
 - SECOND:** Albert Nance
 - VOTE:** **Aye:** Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd
Absent: Brad Lorang
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- 3) Public Comment (Speakers may be limited to three (3) minutes)
- 4) Commissioner Comments and Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. C Dodd reported that trail usage is on track to increase by 30% over last year, with approximately 7,000 riders in 2025. Dodd raised concerns regarding the increased use of Gorge Trail 400 and the impact of improper access points. Dodd identified the need for better signage, accurate road signs, a west-side trailhead, and updated kiosks to improve user behavior. Discussion occurred regarding potential partnerships with the ODOT Historic Columbia River Highway subcommittee to address signage issues.
 - b. C Gann relayed that he noticed a high level of activity in town over the weekend, expressing appreciation for the strong turnout. Additionally, C Gann voiced his excitement for the upcoming Centennial Celebration.
 - c. C Nance expressed gratitude for the community efforts surrounding recent local events and festivals.
 - d. VP Klute reported that the Centennial Celebration Committee is in its final planning stages for the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Festival scheduled for September 19. VP Klute stated that event highlights include live music, food vendors, fireworks, free Sternwheeler rides, a car show, and a special dinner cruise. Staff will begin advertising via posters and social media across the Gorge within the next ten (10) days.

5) Executive Director Report

6) Business Action Items

VP Klute announced that the agenda would be reordered to discuss the Approval of the Final Grant Report from Kaile'a Coffee Co. first under Action Items.

c. Approve Final Grant Report from Kaile'a Coffee Co.

MOTION: To approve the Final Grant Report from Kaile'a Coffee Co.
MOVE: Ted Dodd
SECOND: Albert Nance
DISCUSSION: Sobaski presented her project as one of the first recipients of the economic development grant, detailing her renovation of a vacant building. The project involved significant structural changes, including plumbing installation, ADA compliance upgrades, and electrical work. Sobaski noted that she personally invested approximately \$53,000 in addition to the grant funds to complete the project.
VOTE: **Aye:** Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd
Absent: Brad Lorang
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a. Approve Conference Schedule for FY 2026-27

MOTION: None
MOVE: N/A
SECOND: N/A
DISCUSSION: ED Bue presented a proposed conference schedule for the upcoming fiscal year to streamline staff and commissioner attendance. Discussion focused on evaluating the value of specific conferences to ensure they provide meaningful professional development.
VOTE: The item was presented for consideration; no motion was introduced, and no action was taken
Absent: Brad Lorang

b. Approve Campground Study Review Scope of Work

MOTION: Move to authorize the Executive Director to finalize the scope of work and enter into an agreement with ECONorthwest for the campground study review and regional benchmarking analysis in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, with the review to occur concurrently with continued advancement of the campground project into final design, with additional directions that was just mentioned.
MOVE: Ted Dodd
SECOND: Travis Gann
DISCUSSION: The Commission reviewed a proposal to hire Eco Northwest to perform a peer review of existing campground feasibility studies. The study would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 and aim to provide an independent financial range and benchmark analysis. Commissioners agreed that a second pair of eyes is worth the investment given the significant scale of future campground spending.
VOTE: **Aye:** Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd
Nay: Carrie Klute
Absent: Brad Lorang

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- c. Consider Updates to Port Economic Development Grant Program for FY 2026-27

MOTION 1: To approve the updated grant program guidelines, application scoring criteria, and score weight as discussed.

MOTION 2: To approve the FY 2026-27 Grant Program application and project deadlines as stated.

MOVE: Ted Dodd (moved both motions combined via "so moved")

SECOND: Albert Nance

DISCUSSION: Staff proposed updates for Round 3 of the Economic Development Grant Program, focusing on downtown revitalization and job creation. New recommendations include a 90-day grace period for permits and a maximum 24-month completion window for construction projects. The Commission discussed whether to hold back 10% of large grant awards until final reports are accepted to mitigate risk. The Commission deliberated on using the City's downtown overlay zone as the official definition for program focus areas.

VOTE: **Aye:** Carrie Klute, Albert Nance, Travis Gann, and Ted Dodd

Absent: Brad Lorang

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- d. Adjourn 8:58 PM

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Port Commission President
Brad Lorang

Port Commission Secretary
Albert Nance

Date Approved
Prepared by Keriane Stocker

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PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS

Bills and Payments
August 11-September 9, 2026

Date	Transaction type	Memo/Description	Amount
Andrew Endres			
07/21/2026	Bill	BOG Centennial Audio Services	3,272.00
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-3,272.00
04/27/2026	Bill	BOG Centennial Audio Services	2,912.00
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-2,912.00
Worldpay-Vantiv-IQ			
07/11/2026	Bill	Merchant Fees	9,244.76
08/11/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-9,244.76
Catscade Locks Feline Rescue			
08/07/2026	Bill	Feral cat trap neuter	975.00
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-975.00
Delta Dental of Oregon			
08/07/2026	Bill	Dental Insurance Premium for September 2026	453.28
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-453.28
09/01/2026	Bill	Unpaid balance due - error correction	0.59
09/03/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-0.59
P - Square Solutions			
08/06/2026	Bill	Toll System Maintenance Extension FY 27	43,513.92
08/28/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-43,513.92
Special Districts Insurance Services			
05/29/2026	Bill	Executive Director Evaluation Consulting Services	2,063.00
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-2,063.00
09/04/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-14,783.86
08/31/2026	Bill	Health Benefits Invoice	14,783.86
AquaTechnex			
08/06/2026	Bill	Aquatic Weed Treatment Swim Beach and Irrigation Zone	4,885.00
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-4,885.00
Neal Creek Portable Sanitation			
08/01/2026	Bill	Site: Easy Climb Trail, NE Cramblett Way Cascade Locks, OR 97014	148.00
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-148.00
08/01/2026	Bill	Site: Marine Park Beach, SW Portage Rd Cascade Locks, OR 97014	340.00
08/13/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-340.00
09/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-466.00
09/01/2026	Bill	Site: Easy Climb Trail, NE Cramblett Way Cascade Locks, OR 97014	170.00
09/01/2026	Bill	Site: Marine Park Beach, SW Portage Rd Cascade Locks, OR 97014	296.00
Ricoh USA, Inc.			
07/31/2026	Bill	Admin - Copier	282.73
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-282.73
Hood River Garbage Service Inc			
08/01/2026	Bill	July 2026 extra dumpsters Garbage Service	1,029.23
08/12/2026	Bill Payment (Credit Card)		-1,911.55
08/01/2026	Bill	July 2026 Garbage Service	882.32
Columbia Ace Hardware			
08/13/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-343.40

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Date	Transaction type	Memo/Description	Amount
06/30/2026	Bill	Supplies and Small Tools - July	343.40
Oregon Department of Transportation			
08/13/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-839.86
08/05/2026	Bill	Operations - Maintenance Dept. Fuel	839.86
09/01/2026	Bill	Operations - Maintenance Dept. Fuel	382.58
09/04/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-796.49
07/02/2026	Bill	Operations - Maintenance Dept. Fuel	413.91
Pro Shine Window Washing LLC			
08/13/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-4,049.34
07/14/2026	Bill	Toll Plaza cleaning	4,049.34
PERS			
08/13/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-31,356.22
08/13/2026	Bill	PERS	31,356.22
08/26/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-8,564.77
08/26/2026	Bill	PERS	8,564.77
09/09/2026	Bill	PERS	8,861.31
09/09/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-8,861.31
Cascade Locks Museum			
08/19/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-40,000.00
07/01/2026	Bill	Collection Management Contract Services	40,000.00
Century Link			
08/06/2026	Bill	CenturyLink Service to 541-374-8471	34.28
08/19/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-34.28
MBO Cleaning			
08/19/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-323.36
08/15/2026	Bill	Office Cleaning Janitorial Service	323.36
Merina+Co			
08/19/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-7,758.25
07/31/2026	Bill	Financial Services May - July	7,758.25
The Port of Hood River			
08/19/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-8,865.80
08/17/2026	Bill	POHR Breezeby system billing for July 2026	8,865.80
Business Oregon			
08/17/2026	Bill	Loan 649-11-01	14,057.54
09/04/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-14,057.54
Joanne Wallace			
08/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-14.95
08/18/2026	Bill	PERS correction	14.95
Onsite Supply House LLC			
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-452.00
08/13/2026	Bill	Irrigation system parts	24.34
08/12/2026	Bill	Irrigation system parts	427.66
ARTHUR J GALLAGHER & CO			
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-41,144.00

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Date	Transaction type	Memo/Description	Amount
08/17/2026	Bill	Bridge Insurance Installment 4 of 4	41,144.00
KolorKraze			
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-104.00
08/23/2026	Bill	BOG Centennial Rack Cards	104.00
Mahr Strategies			
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-6,000.00
08/19/2026	Bill	July 2026 Government Affairs	6,000.00
Oregon Made Creative Foundation			
08/27/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-2,662.93
07/16/2026	Bill	Oregon Film Trail Signage	2,662.93
Primo Brands			
08/21/2026	Bill	Drinking water delivery Toll Booth, Maintenance, Admin	145.87
08/28/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-145.87
Cable Huston LLP			
09/01/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-20,526.19
08/26/2026	Bill	Legal services	18,516.19
08/26/2026	Bill	Legal services	2,010.00
AT&T Mobility			
08/05/2026	Bill	AT&T Cradlepoint	44.73
09/01/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-44.73
Jones Boys Electric and Construction			
09/01/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-475.00
08/27/2026	Bill	Service call for power at Campground	475.00
Rock-N-Locks LLC			
08/26/2026	Bill	Service to Harvey Road Restroom Program Locks	4,450.00
09/01/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-4,450.00
Blue Mountain Networks			
09/01/2026	Bill	Internet Service August 2026	1,235.41
09/01/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-1,235.41
Gorge Enterprises llc			
09/02/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-4,110.00
08/26/2026	Bill	Painting Services House 1	4,110.00
RADCOMP Technologies			
09/09/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		-3,932.48
09/02/2026	Bill	IT and Monitoring Services September 2026	3,932.48
CivicPlus, LLC			
09/03/2026	Bill Payment (Credit Card)		-395.00
09/01/2026	Bill	Monthly website platform subscription	395.00
TWGW Inc. NAPA Auto Parts			
09/03/2026	Bill Payment (Credit Card)		-64.99
07/31/2026	Bill	Operations Vehicle Maintenance Supplies	64.99

TOTAL \$296,859.86

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PROJECT UPDATE

Bridge of the Gods Safety, Seismic, & Preservation Studies Project

David McCurry, PE | Sr. Program Director | Project Manager
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AGENDA

1. Progress Updates
2. Key Results
3. Next Steps

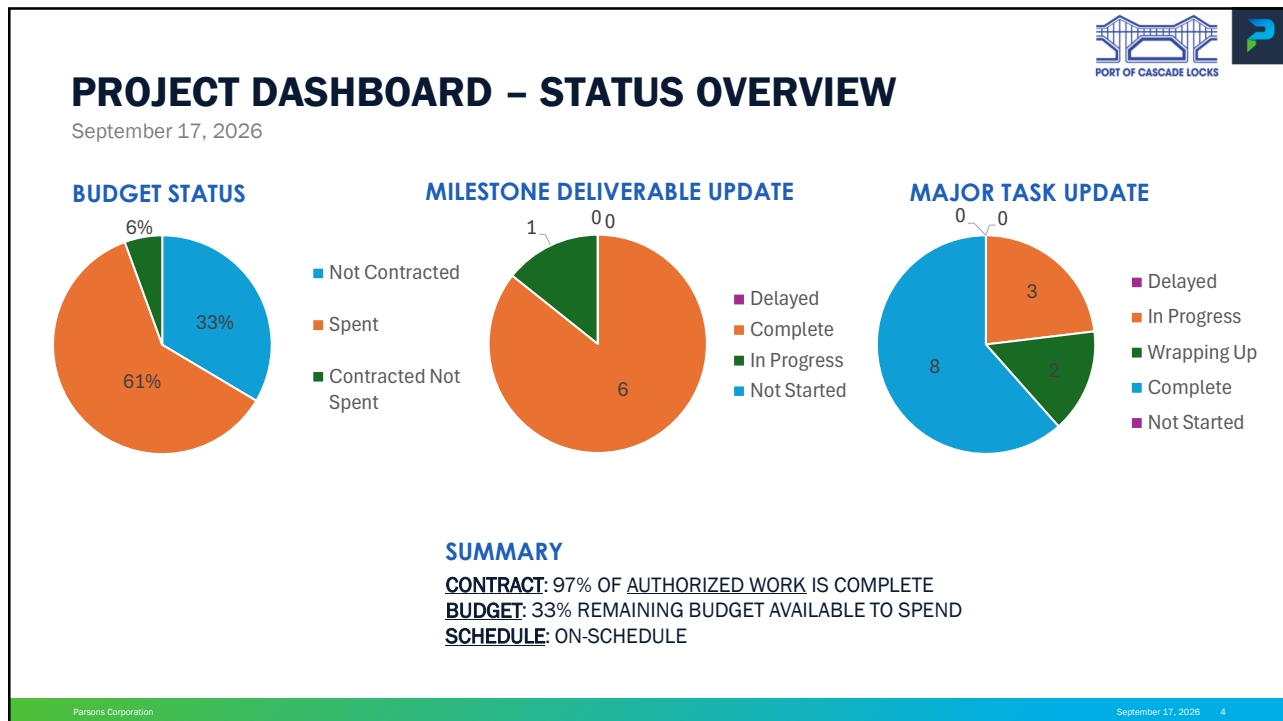
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KEY RESULTS

Relative to the Goals – **What We Have So Far**

3 FOCUS AREAS



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Documented issues
- Assessment of electrical condition
- Concept lighting analysis & strategy
- Clear direction on needed improvements
- Prepared for next steps



SEISMIC ASSESSMENT

- Documented seismic hazards
- Calculated seismic performance
- Preliminary retrofit designs
- Prepared for a larger conversation about next steps



PRESERVATION PLANNING

- Thorough understanding of preservation needs
- Understanding of active loading conditions
- Understanding of vessel impact risk

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KEY RESULTS

Relative to the Goals – **Top Level Results**

3 FOCUS AREAS



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

- Ped/Bike/ADA Improvements are achievable within reasonable costs and could be the very next steps.



SEISMIC ASSESSMENT

- Bridge will perform better than expected at various levels of seismic design, and considering this is practical and achievable.



PRESERVATION PLANNING

- No major new deficiencies found.
- We can plan forward for preservation – “it makes sense” to preserve.

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KEY RESULTS - SEISMIC



TOPIC	KEY TAKEAWAY
Purpose of Study	First-ever seismic evaluation of the Bridge of the Gods to understand vulnerability and guide future retrofit strategy.
Overall Finding	The bridge was not designed for earthquakes, but the main span performs better than expected for moderate seismic events.
Performance – Moderate EQs	Bridge is expected to perform generally well in smaller events (100-year earthquake and Cascadia Subduction Zone event). Only limited components would require retrofit.
Performance – Large EQs	For the largest design earthquake (Risk Targeted Ground Motion) the bridge does not have sufficient seismic resiliency and could collapse.
Key Uncertainty	Limited geotechnical data near river piers creates uncertainty in seismic modeling and soil-structure interaction.
Good News	With reasonable retrofit investment, the bridge could likely be upgraded to withstand moderate earthquakes (100-yr and Cascadia events) with limited damage.
Strategic Opportunity	Combine seismic retrofit with long-term preservation program to leverage funding and reduce lifecycle costs.

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KEY RESULTS—OPEN DISCUSSION



- ✓ Fatigue Analysis Findings & Recommendations
- ✓ Service Life Estimates
- ✓ Vessel Impact Study Findings



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NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Decision on construction of Joint Rehabilitation—October
- ✓ Decision on construction of Base Electrical Systems Rehabilitation — October
- ✓ Complete design of Base Electrical Systems Rehabilitation—November
- ✓ Complete Alternatives Analysis for Bridge User Safety Improvement Project (Includes Structural, Civil, Ped/Bike/ADA, Electrical/Lighting)—December
- ✓ Long-term Preservation Plan—December



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ELECTRICAL/LIGHTING



Electrical System

Completed thorough documentation of the electrical and lighting system



Electrical System

Identified needs for rehabilitation and forward-compatibility



Electrical System

Completed preliminary electrical concept design, transitioning into "shovel ready" development

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JOINT REHABILITATION

GOAL: Replace joints in poor condition (preservation)



In-span deck joint, OR Approach



Asphalt plug joint

- cracked, leaking onto underlying structure

Truss deck joint at OR Approach



Open grid finger joint

- broken joint, temporary repair in place

WA abutment deck joint



Compression seal

- seal ruptured, concrete and asphalt potholing

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PORT COMMISSION REPORT

TO: PORT COMMISSION

FROM: JEREMIAH BLUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: BRIDGE OF THE GODS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Introduction:

Preparations for the Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Festival scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2026, in Marine Park are in their final, operational stages.

Staff, partner agencies, and volunteers are aligned to ensure a safe, family-friendly event.

Event Highlights & Final Schedule:

The main event schedule for September 19th in Marine Park includes:

- **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM:** Complimentary excursions aboard the Columbia River Sternwheeler, offering river views of the bridge.
- **10:00 AM – 5:00 PM:** Mid-Columbia Car Club Vintage Vehicle Display along the riverbank.
- **12:00 PM:** Grounds open to the public.
- **12:30 PM:** Opening Remarks by Oregon Representative Jeff Helfrich and Washington Representative Kevin Waters.
- **1:15 PM – 5:00 PM:** Guest history & community presentations, including Columbia River railroad history and Mt. Hood Community College's 60th Anniversary kickoff.
- **3:00 PM & 7:00 PM:** Live musical performances on the main stage (Julie and the Astronauts; J. Schlick and the New Brohemians).

- **4:30 PM:** History presentation: "*Riveting History: 100 Years of the Bridge of the Gods*" hosted by the Cascade Locks Historical Museum and structural preservation overview.
- **5:00 PM:** Benefit raffle drawing supporting the Friends of the Cascade Locks Historical Museum.
- **8:00 PM:** Grand Finale Fireworks Display from Thunder Island.

Logistics & Operations

- **Vendor & Partner Management:** Marketplace vendor applications are finalized, featuring regional artisans, food vendors, and local businesses.
- **Volunteer Recruitment & Staffing:** Following the call for support during the July Commission Meeting, the Committee experienced a strong surge in volunteer submissions due to Commissioners' recruitment efforts and network outreach. Staff extends their sincere gratitude to the Commission for leveraging your networks and guiding prospective volunteers to our sign-up page to help build the event team.

Recommendation:

Discussion.