



PUBLIC MEETING: Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, **September 14, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907402862>

AGENDA

- 1) Commission meeting called to order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
 - c. Consent Agenda (***)Consent Agenda may be approved in its entirety in a single motion. Items are considered routine. Any Committee Member may make a motion to remove any items from the Consent Agenda for individual discussion)
 - i. Approval of minutes for the August 17, 2026, August 24, 2026, and August 31, 2026
- 2) Discussion
 - a. Updates on Tasks and Directives
 - b. Confirm Date for Next Meeting
- 3) Adjournment

5 Days Until Celebration



PUBLIC MEETING: Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, **August 17, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907402862>

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:05 PM
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Committee Chair Klute
 - ii. Committee Member Crane
 - iii. Committee Member Stipan (excused)
 - iv. Committee Member Palermo (excused)
 - v. Committee Member Berge
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Festival Producer Jason Waicunas
 - vii. Members of the Public – Lauryl Nagode
- 2) Consent Agenda (***)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)
 - a. Approval of minutes for the July 20, 2026 Advisory Committee Meeting

MOTION: To approve the Consent Agenda
MOVE: Janice Crane
SECOND: Brittany Berge
VOTE: **Aye:** Carrie Klute, Janice Crane, and Brittany Berge
Absent: John Stipan and Louise Palermo

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- 3) Discussion
 - a. Updates on Tasks and Directives

The advisory committee met to coordinate logistics, promotional materials, and programming for the upcoming Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration.

Waicunas provided updates on sponsorships, noting the participation of 25 sponsor booths, with 23 currently secured and two pending paperwork.

Waicunas reported that security arrangements are finalized using staff from PCT Days. Volunteer outreach will begin this week targeting approximately 45 to 50 people, primarily recruited from previous event volunteers and the Port's social media.

ED Blue took responsibility for printing approximately 75 posters once Ber sends the press-quality file. The committee discussed distribution strategies across Hood River, Cascade Locks, White Salmon, Bingen, Stevenson, Carson, and Bonneville. The festival website remains the main marketing driver, and the \$1,000 budget for a social media manager was dropped since Waicunas will handle Instagram at no cost.

Waicunas will manage T-shirt orders through an external contact, with an initial plan to order 100 shirts.

An interview with the Oregonian is planned through the KOIN6 campaign. Crane expressed willingness to participate in the interview.

The committee discussed various speaker slots and potential gaps in the schedule. While most elements are moving forward, some specifics remain unconfirmed.

- 4) Confirm Date for Next Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2026
- 5) Adjourned at 7:06 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Committee Chair
Carrie Klute

Administrative Assistant
Keriane Stocker

Date Approved



PUBLIC MEETING: Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, **August 24, 2026, 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907402862>

MINUTES

- 1) Commission meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Committee Chair Klute
 - ii. Committee Member Crane
 - iii. Committee Member Stipan (excused)
 - iv. Committee Member Palermo (excused)
 - v. Committee Member Berge
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker; Festival Producer Jason Waicunas

- 2) Discussion

- a. Updates on Tasks and Directives
The Advisory Committee discussed final logistics and promotional efforts for the upcoming festival.

Waicunas updated the committee on event preparations, stating that Minuteman Press is producing 100 cotton-synthetic blend shirts for around \$13 each, which the committee plans to sell for \$20 to benefit the Cascade Locks Historical Museum. Waicunas confirmed that the FISH Food Bank will set up at the front gate entrance booth near the info station. Waicunas also informed that the car club withdrew from the event and has prompted him to search for alternative local clubs or individual classic car owners to fill the space.

Klute and ED Blue provided updates on event marketing and logistics. Flyer distribution is complete in Troutdale, Gresham, and Multnomah Falls, with additional posters needed for Bingen and White Salmon; social media outreach via personal accounts is currently driving higher engagement than official Port channels. The event requires 35 volunteers for setup, breakdown, and bridge monitoring, prompting discussion of a "community camp out" on the island to encourage local participation.

To increase focus on the bridge, ED Blue will ask Western Display about launching fireworks from the west side of the island subject to wind and site conditions, while plans are also underway to coordinate free daytime Sternwheeler rides and potential docking in the locks.

- 3) Confirm Date for Next Meeting: Monday, August 24, 2026
- 4) Adjourned at 6:48 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Committee Chair
Carrie Klute

Administrative Assistant
Keriane Stocker

Date Approved



PUBLIC MEETING: Bridge of the Gods Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee Meeting

DATE: Monday, **August 31, 2026 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907402862>

MINUTES

- 1) Committee meeting called to order 6:00 PM
Due to a lack of quorum the Committee could not convene a formal meeting. No official business was conducted, and the session was limited solely to an informational discussion of event logistics among the attending members.
 - a. Roll Call
 - i. Committee Chair Carrie Klute
 - ii. Community Member Janice Crane (excused)
 - iii. Community Member John Stipan (excused)
 - iv. Community Member Louise Palermo (excused)
 - v. Community Member Brittany Berge
 - vi. Members of the Staff and Other Support – Executive Director Jeremiah Blue; Administrative Specialist Keriane Stocker; Festival Producer Jason Waicunas
 - vii. Modifications, Additions, and Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Discussion
 - a. Updates on Tasks and Directives
CC Klute informed the Committee members present that Artist Paul Lanquist will attend the festival, with an approved appearance fee of \$500, and flyers and rack cards were distributed. Waicunas shared that a Luke Borsten reached out to perform at the festival. The Committee discussed possible placement in the festival schedule or at the Main Street Cascade Locks' October programming. Waicunas reported that sponsors have paid, and booth layouts were finalized, including food trucks, sponsor booths, and local artists. Volunteer shifts were assigned, with 34 needed. Commemorative coins for free bridge crossings were proposed, with a potential rush order by the 14th. The Committee also discussed the rights to Paul Lanquist's artwork and the cost of prints.
- 3) Confirm Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- 4) Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

Port of Cascade Locks

Committee Chair
Carrie Klute

Administrative Specialist
Keriane Stocker

Date Approved