



City of Seattle

Central Waterfront Oversight Committee

Tuesday, March 31, 2026, Noon-1:30pm

Attendees: Emily George, Gerry Johnson, Geraldine Poor, Captain GarthGreen, +Lt. Sage Farewell, Ryan Smith, Jim Rowe, Bob Donegan, Ed Leigh, Michele Finnegan, Jessa Timmer, John Scholes, Pamela Quadros, Rachel Ligtenberg, Meg McCann, Diamatris Winston, Angie Brady, Shawn Jackson, Tiffani Melake, Alyssa Hall, Tessa Pilz

1. Welcome
 - a. First meeting of the year
 - b. Randy Engstrom, new Seattle Center Director announced last week; first day was this week, 3/30/36
 - i. Randy comes to us with arts & culture experience, as well as city experience as lead of office of arts & culture for the city for the last 8 years
2. Report on Subcommittees
 - a. Financial Planning – Gerry/Emily
 - i. MPD Carryforward: 1.95M to be added to 2027
 1. Seattle (Metropolitan) Park District
 2. MPD cycle in 2028; current cycle ending (6-year cycle)
 3. MPD: special district under state law
 4. Received education with city budget office and mayor's office, with respect to balance of funding for this current MPD cycle
 - a. As the project has grown geographically and staffing-wise, we've had carry-forward.
 - b. This carry-forward becomes critical in these last 2 years of our cycle
 - i. We'll now be fully open and fully staffed in these last 2 years
 - c. MPD Vote – August 2028
 5. To re-set the percentage threshold
 6. 75cents/1,000 as current state law
 7. Process looks like: Engage the community, bring to Parks Board of Commissioners to make a recommendation to the mayor & city council
 3. Performance Standard – Tiffani/ Alyssa
 - a. 2025 May Performance Standard Report – target

- b. Recommendation for a meeting with peer park executives
 - i. Public safety, maintenance, & program activation
 - ii. Tiffani reached out to ETM who we worked with on our initial performance standard
 - 1. Asked them for a list of park contacts
 - 2. We've reached out to the contacts provided to gain additional insights and are awaiting to hear back
 - c. The performance standard committee will review the maintenance section of performance standard in early April
 - i. We're currently gathering data from various groups (Seattle Center, SDOT, etc.)
 - ii. This year the subcommittee will do an initial review of each section for feedback before we report directly to full CWOC for additional review and feedback.
4. Park Inspections – Tiffani/ Tessa
- a. Volunteers
 - i. Bob and Emily each identified and provided a list of 30 community volunteers to assist with park inspection surveys.
 - ii. Of those 30 initially identified, 14 of them attended a training
 - iii. We held 3 training sessions (2 virtual options and 1 in-person)
 - 1. The last in-person training session was held in the snow, so we had a small turn-out, but these individuals expressed continued interest in participating in the next quarter.
 - b. Q1 Park Inspections
 - i. New Platform for public engagement
 - 1. Public Engagement
 - 2. Social Pinpoint (now Open Point rebranded)
 - a. Dedicated survey weblink: [EngageWaterfront.com](https://www.engagewaterfront.com)
 - 3. Surveys were open March 3-22
 - 4. QR codes to come
 - ii. Intro to interface:
 - 1. The Q1 Park Inspection Survey was made up of 8 individual surveys. This allowed us to keep data separate and more easily examine the data over the coming quarters and eventually, across years.
 - 2. Inspectors were given flexibility in how and when they completed surveys, which supported participation

- a. Completion rates varied, with Railroad Way Plazas receiving the fewest responses, likely due to their relative location
 3. We were able to track which inspector completed which surveys and sent out reminders, but ultimately it was up to each individual to complete their 8 sections, and as volunteers, we are very thankful for any surveys they were able to complete.
- iii. Results
 1. As a reminder, our performance standard sets 90% as passing and anything less than 90% as failing.
 2. Overall Q1 park inspection score = pass
 3. Pier 58: PASS
 - a. Highest scoring area in the park. The only area that received less than 90% was Restroom.
 - b. 36% of respondents reported music was not playing in the restrooms
 4. Pier 62: FAIL
 - a. With a small sample size of 10 respondents, each individual response carries significant weight in the overall results.
 5. Overlook Walk: PASS
 - a. Pedestrian Paving: 4 of the 10 respondents mentioned surfaces had visible stains, graffiti, litter, or gum present.
 6. Union Street Ped Bridge: PASS
 - a. Pedestrian Paving: 4 of the 10 respondents mentioned surfaces had gum and green, needing pressure washing.
 7. Promenade: PASS
 - a. Water fountains: 9 respondents total, which means we had 2 people say the water fountains were not in good order which led us to a 77% result.
 - b. Should be clearer on if we're referring to drinking fountains along the promenade or the 2 water fountains.
 - c. Comments on pedestrian paving and landscaping were both related to gum and litter blowing.
 8. Habitat Beach: PASS

- a. Planting Beds: 10 respondents total: 2 out of 10 reported that the beach area was not free of litter and/or weeds
- 9. Railroad Way Plazas: FAIL
 - a. Saw mixed and sometimes conflicting feedback from respondents regarding plaza conditions. This isn't unusual with small samples, but it does highlight inconsistency in user experience.
 - b. Landscaping question: Feedback was evenly split:
 - i. 4 respondents said the plaza is weed-free
 - ii. 4 respondents said it is not
 - c. Trash & Recycling:
 - i. 2 people mentioned the trash was overflowing, 1 mentioned odor, and 1 mentioned stains/ graffiti or stickers on trash receptacles
 - ii. 1 comment mentioned there being no trash cans while another mentioned the trash overflowing
- 10. East Sidewalks: FAIL
 - a. Trash & Recycling:
 - i. All respondents said trash receptacles were free from overflow and free from odor.
 - ii. 3 respondents mentioned staining/ graffiti/ staining on east sidewalk trash receptacles (photos)
 - b. Landscaping:
 - i. 2 out of 9 respondents reported litter and weeds in planting beds; which inevitably brings our score down%; 1 respondent mentioned an unhealthy-looking tree.
 - c. Landscaping is generally in good condition, but trash in planters is causing us to not meet our standard.
- 5. CWOC Annual Report
 - a. Submitted to Mayor/ Council
 - b. Committee put in hard work to get the report together
 - c. 2025 was a big and impactful year
 - i. Thank you to all involved
- 6. Performance Standard, 2025 Review
 - a. Quarter 1: Data compilation from CEN, Friends, & SDOT

- b. Quarter 2:
 - i. Final report drafted/ review with committee
 - ii. Course correction recommendations
 - 1. CWOC has the opportunity to look at the data and re-asses
 - 2. Subcommittee will review first, before moving on to the full committee
7. New committee members
- a. Efrem Fesaha – Boon Boona (council process)
 - b. Benjamin Cohen – Marriot (council process)
 - c. Meg McCann – Aquarium (permanent position)
 - d. Angie Brady – SDOT ex-officio
 - e. Michele Finnegan – Parks ex-officio
 - f. Randy Engstrom – Seattle Center ex-officio
 - g. Marc GarthGreen – SPD ex-officio
 - h. Barbara Lee – OWCP ex-officio
8. Programming Update – Tiffani
- a. Waterfront will be one of the main hubs in FIFA
 - b. Celebrations on all match days: Pier 58/62
 - c. Juneteenth: March to the match from Pier 58
 - i. Route maps are not yet available
 - d. Sounders are looking to do some partnership activations with Reign & Friends on Pier 58
 - e. Potential 4th of July celebrations: ultimately up to the Special Events Committee
 - f. Friends will continue to do activations like day and night markets, food trucks, spotlight series throughout the summer, including FIFA
 - i. Full activations schedule expected to be released on May 1, 2026
9. Open Forum
- a. Electrical Boxes on East Sidewalks: what is the status on this?
 - i. Held with OWCP: likely to continue this project after FIFA/ Fall 2026
 - b. Find-it, Fix-it: what does this data gathering and tracking look like?
 - i. We get a lot of graffiti reports in Find-it, Fix-it, these show up in our Work Order system to clean
 - c. Parking enforcement
 - i. Seeing more load zones being full down the promenade

- ii. SPD working on getting more Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) down to the waterfront
 - iii. CD Vendors parking in areas they should not be & to contact SPD
- d. Is there a plan for re-planting on Pioneer square?
 - i. The contractor is to replant any dying/ damaged plants before Waterfront takes over this area & are supposed to place new mulch in this area.