



Join our 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee!

About the Accessibility Committee

Friends of Waterfront Seattle (Friends) is inviting community leaders, organizers, artists, creatives, and members to join our 2024 [Community Partnership Committees](https://waterfrontparkseattle.org/community-partnership-committees) (waterfrontparkseattle.org/community-partnership-committees). In 2022, Friends developed two pilot Community Partnership Committees – the Pulling Together Committee (Indigenous-centered) and Community Connections Committee (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color/BIPOC-centered).

These are citizen advisory committees composed of leaders and community organizers who provide recommendations and feedback in support of Friends' inclusion and racial equity impact. As we anticipate the completion and opening of Waterfront Park in 2025, there is a critical need for strategic visioning and planning to ensure that all communities, particularly those that have been historically excluded, have access to enjoyable cultural and recreational opportunities and the economic benefits of Waterfront Park.

In 2024, Friends is recruiting several new members to join our Pulling Together and Community Connections committees and for an entirely new Accessibility Advisory Committee.

For any questions, please reach out to Nico Onoda-McGuire, Sr. Manager, Community Impact: nico@waterfrontparkseattle.org and Jessica Lotz, Community Impact & Programs Coordinator: jessica@waterfrontparkseattle.org.

The **Accessibility Committee** will bring together 10 community members, leaders, and experts with lived experience or extensive professional experience working with disability communities in Seattle. These committee members will convene starting in 2024 to provide valuable input and recommendations with the following goals:

1. Improve everyday Waterfront Park experience (navigation and amenities), to be accessible to a wide range of needs and accommodations
2. Inform and develop Friends' accountability to disability communities by ensuring programming along Waterfront Park is accessible, inclusive, and safe for all people.
3. Ensure Friends' communications around accessibility offerings are communicated robustly so that all may be aware of Waterfront Park access

Note: Park construction is near completion so feedback will focus solely on Friends' jurisdiction of park (operations, events, maintenance, communications)

About Friends

Friends of Waterfront Seattle is the City of Seattle's nonprofit partner, established to help create, fund, steward, and activate a new 20-acre park along the downtown shoreline. Park construction is scheduled to be complete by 2025. As we anticipate project completion, there is a critical need for embedding community visions, values, and perspectives to ensure that all communities will be able to take advantage of emerging opportunities along the waterfront. See our organization's equity statement [here](#).

Member Activities, Goals, & Objectives

- Members are required to attend the monthly in-person/hybrid meetings and one End of Year interview (Meeting details are listed below). All meetings and gatherings will be compensated by the end of the year
- Meetings consist of presentations, roundtables, discussions, and social gatherings
- Members will provide feedback, recommendations, and help make decisions on project-based work including, but not limited to: programming, 2025 Grand Opening, artwork, and more
- Members are encouraged to review materials prior to each meeting, but will not have homework
- Members are requested to communicate with committee liaisons/project managers on attendance/scheduling conflicts

Benefits

- Members are compensated \$75 for every hour-long meeting, including the end of year interview, and \$100 for every 90–120-minute meeting. Members may receive a maximum compensation of \$800 for the 2024 term
- Most meetings will provide an in-person and online option.
- For in person meetings, Friends will provide travel or parking reimbursements, food and beverages, and other accommodation and access needs as requested.
 - There will be meetings that only offer in-person participation, please refer to the respective committee schedule below

Accessibility & Safety

Friends prioritizes the safety and inclusion of all members so they may 'show up' as their genuine selves. We will work with each member to:

- Ensure all participatory needs and accommodations are met. Please reach out to jessica@waterfrontparkseattle.org with any questions or accommodation requests.
- Encourage COVID-safety precautions by providing COVID rapid tests prior to in person meetings and enabling hybrid meetings for those who are unable to attend in-person (masking requirements will reflect current CDC guidelines on in person activities).

Accessibility Advisory Committee Schedule:

All meetings/sessions will be hosted in-person at our offices on the waterfront [here](#) at 1201 Alaskan Wy #200, Seattle, WA 98101, but will provide a hybrid online option. Sessions #2 and #4 will require in-person attendance along Waterfront Park – we will accommodate access needs to the best of our abilities.

Session #	Date	Time	Activity
-	TBD: February 29 th (Thus.)	5:00-7:00pm	Committee Welcome Party (In-person)
1	March 26th (Tues.)	5:00-6:00pm	Welcome and Overview (In-person/hybrid)
2	April 23rd (Tues.)	5:00-7:00pm	In-person tour of Waterfront Park & Feedback session (In Person @ Waterfront Park)
3	May 21st (Tues.)	5:00-6:30pm	2025 Grand Opening Feedback (In-person/hybrid)
4	Summer TBD	5:30-6:00pm	In-person audit of Program at WP (In-Person @ Pier 62)
5	June 25th (Tues.)	5:00-6:30pm	Event audit debrief and feedback (In-person/hybrid)
6	July 23rd (Tues.)	5:00-6:30pm	Marketing and Communications Strategies (In-Person/Hybrid)
7	August 20th (Tues.)	5:00-6:00pm	Final reflections and closeout (In-Person/Hybrid)
8	November	TBD	End of year interviews 1:1 (In-Person/Hybrid) (30 Minutes)

How to Apply:

Accessibility Advisory Committee applications are due: **February 25th at 12 pm.**

Interested individuals can learn more through our [Community Partnership Communities Webpage](#) and [apply online here](#). Visit waterfrontparkseattle.org/community-partnership-committees.

Applicants may also send their responses via email to the following email address: jessica@waterfrontseattle.org, with the following language in the subject line of the email “FWS: Community Partnership Committee Application.”