



Join one of our 2024 Community Partnership Committees!

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. *See other overview document for information on 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.

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: 2024 programming, 2025 Grand Opening, temporary 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
- Two members from each committee will have the opportunity to lead a member-led convening with their community/network as a convener and facilitator. This convening will help us partner closely with members to build advocacy and awareness of Waterfront Park and Friends; more details will be shared in-meeting.

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 \$725 for the 2024 term
 - The selected members who participate as a convener and facilitator of the “member-led” convenings will receive an additional \$300 for their time, for a maximum compensation of \$1025 (see below for more details)
- All meetings will be in-person but will also provide an 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 schedules 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 unable to attend in-person (masking requirements will reflect current CDC guidelines on in-person activities).

2024 Committee Meeting Schedules

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. Some sessions will require in-person attendance along Waterfront Park – we will accommodate access needs to the best of our abilities.

Pulling Together Committee Schedule (PTC):

Date	Time	Activity
February 29	5-7 pm	Joint: All-committees welcome party (In person)
March 5	5-7 pm	Joint: First committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
March 19	5-7 pm	Joint: Second committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
April 9	5-7 pm	Third committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
May 7	5-7 pm	Joint: Fourth committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
May 28	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
June 4	5-7 pm	Joint: Fifth committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
July 9	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
August 6	5-7 pm	Joint: Sixth committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
August TBD	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
November	TBD	Committee member 1:1 exit-interviews (online)

Community Connections Committee (C3)

Date	Time	Activity
February 29	5-7 pm	Joint: All-committees welcome party (In person)
March 5	5-7 pm	Joint: First committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
March 19	5-7 pm	Joint: Second committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
April 30	5-7 pm	Third committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
May 7	5-7 pm	Joint: Fourth committee meeting (In-Person/hybrid)
May 14	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
June 4	5-7 pm	Joint: Fifth committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
July 16	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
August 6	5-7 pm	Joint: Sixth committee meeting (In-person/hybrid)
August TBD	5-7 pm	Member-led convening (location TBD)
November	5-7 pm	Committee member exit-interviews

How to apply

Applications for Pulling Together and Community Connections are due by February 1st 12pm PST.

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."