

Join one of our 2025 Community Partnership Committees!

Friends of Waterfront Park ('Friends') is seeking community leaders, organizers, creatives, and individuals who are passionate about shaping the Waterfront Park experience to join our 2025 [Community Partnership Committees](#)! Our committees play a vital role to ensure Waterfront Park is a vibrant and inclusive community space for building connections, meaningful experiences, and fostering belonging (waterfrontparkseattle.org/community-partnership-committees).

In 2022, Friends developed two pilot committees – the Pulling Together (Indigenous-centered) and Community Connections Committees (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color/BIPOC-centered). In 2024, we launched our third, Accessibility Advisory Committee, (experts with lived or professional experience working with disability communities).

Goals we hope to achieve through the committees

1. **Develop Inclusive Programming:** Create and advocate for cultural and recreational programs that cater to local communities, ensuring inclusivity for historically marginalized groups (BIPOC, youth, immigrant, disabled, among other communities).
2. **Promote Racial Equity:** Implement initiatives that promote racial equity within the park's operations, events, and engagement strategies to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment.
3. **Enhance Community Engagement:** Recommend or facilitate meaningful community engagement efforts to ensure that the voices and needs of underrepresented groups are heard and integrated into park planning and decision-making processes.
4. **Advocate for Accessibility:** Identify insights and recommendations to enhance the accessibility and appeal of Waterfront Park for all community members, prioritizing historically marginalized groups.
5. **Foster Collaborative Partnerships:** Establish and nurture partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and community groups to expand outreach efforts and create synergistic opportunities for community involvement.
6. **Educate and Raise Awareness:** Develop educational initiatives and awareness campaigns to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion within the park and the broader community.
7. **Sustain Long-Term Impact:** Create a roadmap for sustaining the committee's efforts beyond the completion of Waterfront Park in 2025, ensuring a legacy of inclusion, equity, and community empowerment within the park's offerings.

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 Park 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 completed by 2025. Learn more about Friends [here](#) and our equity statement [here](#).

Member Activities & Role Expectations

- Members are required to attend monthly in-person meetings (approximately eight meetings between February and October)
- Meetings consist of presentations, roundtable discussions, and social gatherings
- Members will be asked to provide feedback, recommendations, and help make decisions across a wide array of work (e.g., programming, developing placemaking activations, marketing/storytelling, etc.)
- Members are encouraged to review materials prior to each meeting
- Members are requested to communicate with project managers on scheduling conflicts prior to joining the committee
- Members have the option to participate in elective projects or activities such as interviews, additional meeting discussions, and more (additionally compensated)

Benefits

- Members are compensated \$75 for every 60-minute meeting and \$100 for every 90–120-minute meeting. Total number of meetings can range from eight to ten per year.
- Meetings will be held in-person, with limited exceptions for online participation based on the interactive format.
- For in person meetings, Friends will provide travel or parking reimbursements, food and beverages, and other accommodation and access needs as requested.

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.
- 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).