CENTRAL WATERFRONT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

PARKS, PUBLIC UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
December 10th, 2025

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY FOR PARK OPERATIONS

Ordinance/Resolution	Date	Description
Ordinance 123142	November 2009	Establishes Central Waterfront Partnerships Committee to advise City; large scale community engagement on design begins
Resolution 31264	January 2011	Endorses Central Waterfront Guiding Principles; creates Central Waterfront Committee
Resolution 31399	August 2012	Resolution 31399 endorses Waterfront Concept Design and Strategic Plan, establishing funding plan, including LID and philanthropy
		Friends of Waterfront Seattle incorporated as non-profit organization
Resolution 31768	September 2017	**Stated intent to enter into an agreement with Friends for the long-term provision of high-quality operations and management services commensurate with Central Waterfront Improvement Program**

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Ordinance 125760	January 2019	Establishes the $160M Local Improvement District (LID)
Ordinance 125761		**Approves the O&M Ordinance, created the Central Waterfront Oversight Committee; authorizes two-year pilot agreement for Pier 62; established framework for long term management agreement with Friends of Waterfront Seattle**
Ordinance 125762		Contractual agreement with property owners to waive the LID protest in exchange for the **City committing to a set standard of maintenance, programming and public safety;** designating park boulevards
Ordinance 126444	September 2021	Portions of the waterfront are designated as Waterfront Park Boulevards
Ordinance 126754	January 2023	**Delegates authority to Seattle Center for Operations and Management of Waterfront Park**

PARK OPERATIONS

- Partnership with non-profit Friends of Waterfront Park
- Dedicated, specialized City maintenance team
- Free public programming and events year round
- Public safety and outreach services
- Oversight Committee to ensure accountability and Mayor/Council reporting

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CENTRAL WATERFRONT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CWOC)

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ROLE

- Mayor/Council appointed. 20 members, including:
  - At-Large (6)
  - LID Tenant/Owner (8)
  - Non-Profit (5)
  - Port (1)

- Developed the Waterfront Park Performance Standard in 2021

- Advises on central waterfront operations, maintenance, safety, cultural and recreational programming

- Provides annual report to Mayor and Council

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OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE HISTORY

- Committee work started Jan 2020 and COVID-19 impacted committee work

- 2023 Legislation reset original terms to 4 years and added:
  - Port of Seattle (Permanent)
  - Friends of Waterfront Park (Ex-Officio)
  - Seattle Center (Ex-Officio)

- 2026-2028 next appointment cycle

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REAPPOINTMENTS

POS #	Position Title	Name	REAPPOINTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	Appointed By
1	At-Large (Environmental)	Donny Stevenson	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor
2	At-Large (Labor)	Katie Garrow	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
3	At-Large	Gerry Johnson	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor
4	At- Large	Pamela Quadros	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
5	At- Large	Eric Howard	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor
6	At- Large	Michelle A. Rusk	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
7	LID Residential Tenant	Leslie Volez	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor
8	LID Commercial Tenant	Jim Rowe	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
10	LID Condominium Owner	Emily Hoober George	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
11	LID Residential Apartment Property Owner	Edward M. Leigh	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor
12	LID Office Property Owner	Ryan Smith	REAPPOINTMENT	Council
13	LID property on or within one block of Pike/Pine St. Owner	Shawn Jackson	REAPPOINTMENT	Mayor

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