

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

9:00 - 11:00 am

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present

Erin Zollenkopf, Bonnie Gee Yosick, Paddy Tillett, Casey Mills, Mike Elliott, Paul Agrimis, Alejandro Orizola, David Staczek, Adrienne Feldstein, Nova Newcomer, Elana Pirtle Guiney, Randy Gragg, Lorena Nascimento

Members Absent

Sabrina Wilson, C.N.E. Corbin, Ali Berman, Juan Piantino

City Staff Present

Lauren McGuire, Todd Lofgren, Adena Long, Brooke Gardner, Brian Landoe, Mona Schwartz, Kenya Williams, Tim Collier, Kerry Anderson, Claudio Campuzano, Margaret Evans, Maximo Behrens, Tonya Booker

Call to Order/Social Time

Called the meeting to order at 9:02am. The group shared their favorite activities to welcome the fall season.

Approve September Minutes

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Director's Report

Director Long reported that Mona Schwartz will now serve as our liaison to the Commissioner Rubio's office and Jillian Schoene will be serving as Commissioner's Chief of Staff.

Adena shared an update on Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland. The team is recruiting for the Mission, Vision, Values, and Racial Equity Statement (MVVR) and Actions & Results (A&R) Co-Design Teams. The Parks Board is represented by Erin Zollenkopf who agreed to serve on the MVVR Team and Adrienne Feldstein who joined the A&R Team. The internally staffed A&R Prep Team kicked off on August 31 and has been working on an actions and results framework that will capture everything PP&R does and how it is measured. We expect to convene the larger A&R Co-Design Team, which includes external stakeholders, in November. The MVVR Team also expects to kick off in November, once data from the bureau's first wave of community listening has been analyzed and synthesized with past community listening. PP&R is piloting a volunteer payment program for Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland work team participants from community based and culturally specific community organizations, the Parks Board, and Urban Forestry Commission. The pilot is taking place from September 2021 through March 2022.

She shared an update on the vaccine mandate. Employees have until October 18 to become vaccinated or receive an approved exception. As of Monday, October 11, 123 Parks staff have



yet to respond to the vaccine mandate or to indicate their intent. We are still working with managers to get these numbers lowered by either separating staff who are gone or getting current staff to indicate their intent. 14 Parks staff have responded that they haven't received the vaccination, but plan to do so. 30 Parks staff have been approved for a medical or religious exception. Three staff have been denied and we are working with a few more to receive additional clarification. There's a possibility for 127 potential separations, which includes 123 non-responses and 4 who indicated they do not intend to get vaccinated or ask for an exception. These numbers are very fluid as we are working with managers to get employees to respond, receive additional requests for an exception, and make changes to their information online. We should have updated numbers this Wednesday. A Citywide work group is currently developing a policy for Contractors, Vendors, Grants, and Volunteer vaccination requirements when doing work in City facilities. The Board will be updated as we learn more.

Adena shared an overview of the upcoming Council items including the Fall Budget Monitoring Process Work Session, the Board's Annual Report, an Arbor Day Proclamation, and the Errol Heights Park Project.

She reviewed the upcoming PP&R events for potential Board engagement including the Annual Salmon Celebration and Arbor Day event.

Working Group Reports

Community Engagement

The group received additional information about Columbia Pool following the last meeting's public comment. They discussed the focus of the group and how to support the bureau's Community Relations and Equity & Inclusion teams.

Financial Sustainability

Jason Smith is moving into a new role and there is an open recruitment for the Finance, Performance, and Analysis Manager – please share with networks. Erin has volunteered to screen applicants. At their meeting the group reviewed potential American Rescue Plan funding and the bureau's potential project proposals.

Land Use/Infrastructure

The group discussed the Cathedral Park clean up and who is liable, the Holman Dock reinstalment, and the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) feasibility study. They also discussed Columbia Pool and coordinating aquatics citywide, Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge and design concerns, and the Albina Vision and Rose Quarter I5 project. The Board discussed IFCC plan to determine how it will be used then determine what improvements are needed. The IFCC RFP was reviewed by the IFCC Community Advisory Committee panel and the Board expressed interest in being involved in processes such as these.

Board Affairs

The group met and has established a monthly meeting schedule. They will be focused on recurring, ongoing, and special issues. They are interested in updating the public comment

procedure in collaboration with the Community Engagement Working Group, updating the Board's Mission Statement, focus on Board policies, effective use of the Board, and improve the relationship between Board members and bureau leadership. There is interest in this group leading the Board nominations process, maintaining the Board calendar and roster.

Parks Levy Oversight Committee

The Parks Levy Oversight Committee (PLOC) had their second meeting where they decided to move ahead without a Chair, finalized their bylaws, determined they would meet quarterly, and received a budget update, reviewed the Decision Support Tool, and the Levy's impact on each bureau division. The Board discussed the group's effort to gather input from community. The PLOC meetings are public. Participants discussed scholarships, the summer pilot the program allowing for a sliding scale and discount passes, and the bureau's effort to engage prioritized communities inviting them to participate in programs.

Portland Parks Foundation Report

The Foundation's Fall Friends & Allies Summit starts October 22 with a day of service and a second day of service opportunity on October 23. The Summit sessions will be held virtually. Topics include fiscal sponsorships, building community engagement with a racial equity lens, and how to retain and expand volunteers. The keynote speaker will be Commissioner Ryan who will speak on houselessness.

The Foundation continues conversations with PP&R about their relationship as much has changed in the 20 years since the Foundation was created. They are working to identify how they will work together moving forward.

Public Art Discussion

Following an email exchange between Board members regarding recent Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) statement on toppled statues, Bonnie opened the discussion about how the Board may want to engage on the topic. Paddy shared his concerns and desire to discuss the Board's position. The meeting participants discussed the conflicting views expressed and possible next steps.

PP&R has made statements on statue removals and have provided feedback to the Office of Management & Finance and RACC. Commissioner Rubio's Office has indicated a desire for a community engagement effort on the topic, and it may be a way for the Board to participate.

The Board discussed the desire to clarify the PP&R and RACC relationship, their areas of responsibility, and the appropriate engagement of the Board. The topic will be brought to the Community Engagement Working Group where staff will share additional background information.

Decision Support Tool Pilot

Kerry Anderson and Todd Lofgren provided an overview of the Decision Support Tool (DST) components including commitments in the Levy, utilizing the Racial Equity Lens, stronger

metrics, and outcomes metrics. Some decisions are not optional, such as safety improvements or regulatory requirements. The tool helped the team determine what the optional funding categories are and what are not. It also helped determine what problems are modifiable by a program, its effectiveness and who it impacts. They reviewed the tableau overview of how the tool functions and shared that modifications will be made to the tool for use in the FY 2022-23 Budget Request.

The group discussed the importance of considering geographic area when using the tool, so investments are well distributed across the City.

November Meeting Agenda

The November agenda will include a Workforce Development report will come. The group discussed coordinating a meeting time/location for the upcoming Salmon Celebration event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.