

## Parks Board Meeting Minutes

### Meeting information

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

5-7pm

Portland Building Room 216 and Zoom Virtual Meeting

### Board members present:

Dr. C.N.E. Corbin, David Staczek, Matt Shipkey, Ali Berman, Suenn Ho, Patti Miles, Casey Mills, Sabrina Wilson, Jessica Green (ex-officio), Bill Van Bang, Allison Snopek, Erin Zollenkopf

### Board Members absent:

Adrienne Feldstein, Crys O'Grady, Sameer Kanal

### City staff present:

Adena Long (Bureau Director), Michelle Tran (Executive Assistant), Maximo Behrens (Recreation Division Manager), Tonya Booker (Land Stewardship Division Manager), Lauren McGuire (Assets & Development Division Manager), Jenn Cairo (City Forester and Urban Forestry Division Manager), Amanda Manjarrez (Equity & Inclusion Manager), Kellie Torres (Chief of Staff, DCA Schmanski), Claudio Campuzano (Finance, Technology, and Property Manager), Victor Sanders (Program Development Coordinator)

### Others present:

Kim Collins (Community Member)

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm with roll call following.

## Agenda Items

### Public Comment

Kim Collins, a community member, gave concerns about Parklane Park project development. They included the lack of trees as well as the dirt work and the excess amount that was stockpiled. The Assets and Development team will get back to Kim.

### General Announcements

Adam Lewis is offboarding the Board, effectively immediately – he was not able to attend this evening. As a result, Dr. Corbin and Ali will be reorganizing the Culture, Nature, and Recreation working group.

Dr. Corbin will be absent from the October Board member and Vice Chair Ali Berman will be chairing in her stead.

Sabrina Wilson (Board Member) announced that she will be going on maternity leave at the end of November.



## Approve August Meeting Minutes

Matt Shipkey (Board Member) made a motion to approve the August minutes, and Ali seconded. Allison Snopek (Board Member) made a note that she was not listed as present in the minutes, which will be amended. All voted in approval, with Erin abstaining due to absence.

## Director's Report

Public Works' Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Water Bureau (PWB) have embarked on a 45-day exploratory phase for [One Water](#), exploring how to integrate its water, sewer and stormwater services into a unified model.

They have engaged a taskforce to lead this work, made up of the leadership teams of PWB and BES, along with a few representatives from PBOT, some finance staff, and the project management and consultant teams. Shannah Anderson from BES is also in the space as the conduit to the natural resources work that PP&R has been engaged in.

On Thursday September 5, Natural Resources Service Delivery team convened a meeting that included bureau directors and DCAs engaged in the natural resources work to talk about the potential nexus between natural resources and One Water. There was acknowledgement that there are likely synergies among and between the two efforts and they will be working closely to identify potential alignment. Director Long has been invited to join the One Water taskforce as an "observer," and PP&R team members Jenn Cairo, Tonya Booker, Rachel Felice, and Laura Lehman have been interviewed as part of the process.

The deliverable is due to the Mayor on October 1, which is an extremely fast turnaround. However, whatever the outcome, there is and will continue to be an opportunity to provide feedback.

As one way to help fulfill the Parks Levy promises to the community, PP&R launched the Partner Early Registration Pilot Program in the fall of 2022. The pilot was designed to help new users by giving them information, support, and time to set up accounts, sign up for discounts, and register for activities.

The pilot saw its biggest successes in supporting activity registration for ADA and language access accommodation, as well as growing a network of community organizations with strong reach to underrepresented communities.

During the Early Registration Pilot Program pilot, Recreation management worked with staff, community members, and partners to solicit valuable input and engage in constructive dialogue about how the pilot was serving their needs. It is through this input and collaboration that the bureau is excited to launch Project Connect, an initiative that will support how PP&R will continue to work with community groups and the public to help provide different ways to bring the community and services together.

Community organizations can join the Recreation Services Community Network, request the Recreation Outreach Team attend a community event, and learn about Access Discount, public information sessions, and ADA and language access accommodations. Recreation offered 3 public information sessions in early September to provide an opportunity for community members to learn how to access services.



A few highlights include new accommodation request options that have been created to support the registration processes. The ADA Accommodation form now includes an option to request support for registration with PP&R and 311 will intake ADA and language access requests for registration. These options went live on August 9. Planning is underway to take information about Project Connect and services out into community this fall and winter.

Dr. Corbin asked if Creole and/or Somali languages could be added to the list of translation options since it often excludes African-languages and they are some of the biggest languages spoken at home. Suenn Ho (Board Member) asked if Traditional Chinese could be added to languages in additional to the usual Simplified Chinese.

## Working Group Reports (Q&A only)

### *Board Affairs*

There were no questions. Casey mentioned he can provide a copy of the revised by-laws if Board Members request them.

### *Land Use & Infrastructure*

There were no questions. Suenn shared an idea on having the Burnside Bridge hold park spaces and green spaces. Lauren McGuire responded and mentioned that there will be a vote from the Board of the Burnside Bridge on the type of design. However there will be opportunity for input on the type of space for the on ramp and off ramp. Matt will bring these questions to David Staczek (Board Member) for agenda setting for the working group.

### *Financial Sustainability*

There were no questions.

### *Community Engagement*

There were no questions.

### *Culture, Nature, and Recreation*

There were no questions.

### *PGE Harborton Ad Hoc Group*

The group created a letter on behalf of the Board to send to Council. Casey Mills (Board Member) moved to approve the letter to send to City Council. Patti Miles (Board Member) seconded. All voted in approval and the motion was passed.

## Portland Parks Foundation Report

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual The Kidz Outside (TKO) Festival held at George Park was a success. The event gave out over 450 backpacks with school supplies, over 100 bikes with accommodating helmets and safety vests, as well as over 80 haircuts. TKO will be helping with the effort for the George Park design.

Raymond Park's community survey just closed, and the team will be using the feedback to help determine design options.

PWB selected a lead contractor for the Elk Fountain and that is moving through. There was a conversation about the communications strategy about the fountain.



There is a Monuments Symposium held on October 11-12. There will be conversations around the city's role in monuments, with many of them held in PP&R. There is also discussion about PPF's role in having art in public spaces. That will be part of 2025 programming.

Reminder that the Friends and Allies Summit will be in November, but registration will be open on September 15. Also, Intertwine Alliance will be holding a summit on September 25.

Candidates forum has pivoted due to capacity – there will be more of a survey approach that will have questions.

### **Title 20 Amendments**

Victor Sanders presented an update on the Amendments to Title 20 that will soon go to Council. This was a continuation of presentations in past Board Meetings that had both Dr. Corbin and Crys O'Grady (Board Member) give feedback.

Ali commented that in the last budget cycle, the rangers' program was cut. PP&R has been trying to advocate for the rangers be recognized as an emergency service. Victor commented that they are not part of this current budget cycle, but will hopefully be part of the next discussion.

Corbin asked if the amendments included just parks or all parks facilities. Victor replied that all facilities managed by PP&R so even say, BES owned properties that are managed by PP&R could work.

### **Title 11 Large Tree Amendment**

Jenn gave a presentation on Large Tree Amendment that will soon go to Council. This has had significant public support from community.

Corbin asked about lots under 5,000 square feet – how is Urban Forestry weighing on the removal of trees in a small lot and how to balance that out. Jenn mentioned that this provision is only for when a property is under development. So other lots that are not under development are under different permitting rules.

Casey made a motion that the Board have the authority to provide a letter of support for the Tree Amendment for City Council. Patti Miles seconded. All voted in approval, and the motion passed.

### **Public Comment/Other Business**

There was no public comment.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Corbin adjourned this meeting at 6:47pm.

