



**PORTLAND PARKS BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 6, 2014  
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
Lovejoy Room, City Hall**

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**Board members present:** Mike Alexander, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Tonya Booker, Kendall Clawson, Kathy Fong Stephens, Patricia Frobos, Dion Jordan, Andy Nelson, Jim Owens, Linda Robinson, Christa Thoresz

**Board members absent:** Nick Hardigg, Tony Magliano, Meryl Redisch, Gladys Ruiz, Sue Van Brocklin, Julie Vigeland, Mauricio Villarreal

**Staff present:** Mike Abbaté, Hasan Artharee, Eileen Argentina, Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Deb Lev, Todd Lofgren, Travis Ruybal, Kia Selley Jeff Shaffer

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**Call to order** Kathy Fong Stephens, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:04.

**Park of the Month** Kathy noted that Colonel Summers Park was last month's Park of Month, and Forest Park will be this month. She said that she and Mike Abbaté, as well as the work plan subcommittee, talked about what should come out of naming these parks of the month. It was decided that the Board would not only encourage everyone to visit, but would also assign one or two people to go there and report back briefly -- look at issues, talk to people who use it, get a sense, and then report back. She noted that this can become part of our two way conversations with the public, letting people know that the Parks Board wants their input. She asked if anyone would like to volunteer to report back on a visit to Forest Park, and Kendall Clawson volunteered.

**Approval of the minutes** Mike Alexander moved to pass the July minutes. Tonya Booker seconded, and the motion carried to accept the July minutes.

**Park Foundation Update** As Nick Hardigg's proxy, Jessie Bond gave an update on the Parks Foundation, noting that the Foundation has been to about 60 of 130 summer events so far, as part of their outreach campaign. She said that in addition to herself, the events have been staffed by 7 amazing, talented college interns that are joining them for the summer and carrying the Foundation's messaging to park goers. They have had great success so far, adding 1500 names to their database. Additionally, she noted that she and Nick Hardigg will be working closely with Amy Ruiz on the Fix our Parks organization.

**Nominating Committee update** Andy Nelson reported that the Nominating Committee is working their way through nominations. They intend to talk to all ex-officio members to get a sense of their plans, and potentially look at other organizations we work closely with to see what other ex-officio members could be added. He noted that they plan to come back in September with a proposed slate.

Kathy Fong Stephens noted that in reading over the Parks Board bylaws, ex-officio members are non-voting members, though the Board has not, in the past, put a huge emphasis on that. She noted that we can change that if we want to.

**Work Plan update** Christa Thoeresz reported that she, Mauricio Villarreal, Kathy Fong Stephens and Nick Hardigg met and worked through what Andy Nelson had outlined as priorities for the next year. She said that they worked out some details, and identified three overarching priorities: 1) Informed Advising, 2) Advocacy, and 3) Equity, as well as a list of sub priorities. Christa noted that they will pass the current draft around, and also send electronically.

Kathy noted that the work plan is not intended to be a detailed road map, but a guide. She noted that we want to be mindful as things come up about what some of the priorities are. She said that they talked about adopting the plan formally, but that is probably not necessary. She asked Board members to please read over the draft, and send comments to Christa.

**Draft Report to Council** Andy Nelson reported that he is working on a draft report to Council. He noted that the report will be a 2-page letter to Council, highlighting some of the things the Board looked at and discussed in 2013-2014. He said that he would like the Board to suggest highlights, and that he will draft the report and circulate it back to the Board for feedback. Andy noted that some of the highlights the report will cover include:

- The advice the Board gave around SDC funding for new parks in east Portland and Central Northeast.
- The work around the budget – Andy noted that he really appreciated how the Mayor and Council Members absorbed the information, especially given the amount of time the Board spent with the budget. He noted that knowing their feedback was considered is appreciated.

Andy asked the Board for additional highlights.

- Linda Robinson suggested including the work on updating the Board's Equity Statement, and Andy agreed, noting how that work is now tethered to a staff position (Equity & Inclusion Manager).
- Jim Owens said to be sure to include the Board's expressed support for forwarding the bond measure.
- Kathy Fong Stephens added that in order to define the Board's communications role with the public, helped build the Foundation report.
- Mike Alexander suggested including work of the Budget Advisory Committee, and how the Board was involved in difficult decisions, sometimes taken out of comfort zones, around investments and deferred maintenance.
- Mike Abbaté suggested including reflections from the tour of facilities that the Board did last year, and the tour of undeveloped properties this year, noting that some of the broken things, Tabor Yard, and other sites visited helped inform the Board's support for the bond.
- Kathy Fong Stephens noted the transition to a new Commissioner
- Jim Owens suggested the work on a smoking policy

- Judy Bluehorse Skelton noted that touring the land was significant, and said that she has found that a lot from those tours has come into her community conversations.
- Jim Owens suggested that in highlighting the equity policy, we mention how that has factored into our recruitment and appointments to this group.

Andy noted that he will pull all of these suggestions together into a draft report, which he will send to the Board.

**SDC old town/Chinatown waiver**

Kathy noted that an e-mail was sent to Parks Board members yesterday regarding a PDC proposal before Council on Old Town/Chinatown, which would include an SDC waiver (system development charges). She noted that Parks has a fund from SDC charges on new development, so do streets and water. Linda Robinson noted that schools do not. Kathy said that one part of the 5 year plan for Old Town/Chinatown is a proposed change in the way that SDCs are applied for a limited amount of years, and amount of units. She turned the topic over to Jim Owens, and noted that Jim will discuss, we the Board will vote on a message to Council. The vote is set to happen today on the 5-year plan.

Jim Owens apologized for the last minute addition to the agenda, noting that he became aware of the proposal last week, and it raised a red flag. Jim distributed several documents to talk through, including supporting materials, and a letter from Director Abbaté to City Council on this issue. He noted that he became aware of the issue from the Portland Mercury blog, and said the blog included a whole slew of emails back and forth between Council members on this issue. Jim noted in full disclosure that he has talked to staff and the Mayor's office on this issue. He said that he asked Kathy to put this on the agenda, in order to take action and ask City Council to delay approval of this until we and other advisory bodies of this city have a chance to be briefed, and discuss the possible financial implications of it.

Jim noted that frankly there are some positive aspects of the proposal, and said that the issue for him is that it hasn't been discussed outside of City Council. He added that these conversations are important for this group because SDCs are a key funding source for Parks. As far as I know, Jim noted, SDCs have never been waived in this manner. There have been some exemptions, he said, but he is unaware if they have been waived for private development. He is unaware if waiving fees would spur development. Jim expressed concern regarding the message this may send to the public on the bond measure that is out there. On the one hand, we need money from private homeowners at the same time we waive fees for private development. He noted that there has been no referral of this major policy to us or any other advisory committee. The SDC advisory committee knows nothing of this. Jim noted that this is exactly the type of policy decision, that this body (the Parks Board) and other advisory bodies have been created to advise the City Council on. He said that he feels it is appropriate to ask City Council to delay action on this, so we can be brought up to speed. That is the basis of his recommendation.

Linda Robinson noted that during the recession, it was suggested for the Gateway Urban Renewal that we waive SDC fees to spur development. She said that they were told by PDC absolutely not, and it would never be considered. Linda noted that it troubles her that another area is now being considered.

Andy Nelson noted that he is curious about how this proposal came about, and asked if PDC is operating off some input from the public, or solid policy.

Jim noted that the development of an Old Town/Chinatown plan has been underway for some time. A variety of stimuli has been promoted, but it has been slow to redevelop in comparison to other parts of central city. Jim noted that he doesn't know the genesis for this particular part of the plan, whether it came from PDC or the community, but said that it has been in front of Council several times. Commissioners Fritz and Fish have indicated opposition. The vote was delayed at that time. It has been swirling around in front of them for about 6 weeks.

Mike Alexander noted that it would be beneficial for the Board to be briefed on this. He noted that, for example, in looking at the smoking ban policy, there was a direct concern on the quality of life, then we had to look at larger considerations, asking how would that affect other people? He noted that in this instance, the City is struggling to come up with low income units in the city – there is a potential for development that may displace people - shift from low to middle income properties. Mike noted that this issue can't be looked at in isolation, and he hopes there would be a thoughtful analysis since it is an issue that has a much broader context.

Jeff Shaffer gave a brief summary of the proposed program, noting that it is part of the 5-year action plan put forth in the Old Town/Chinatown plan. He noted that the plan is included as an attachment on the ordinance, if you go online and look at the Council docs.

Jeff noted that today we are getting a lot of low income housing in Old Town/Chinatown. There have been a lot of exemptions for parks in there already, so only 63k has been collected for parks over the last 5 years because of the number of low income units. Jeff noted that the maximum collected in SDCs would be 2.9 million if they shift to middle and higher income housing. He said that the Mayor's office asked PP&R for the history of SDC funds collected, and what is in the pipeline that Parks could be losing.

Linda Robinson noted that this is a major policy decision that shouldn't be for just one area. She said it should apply for all struggling urban renewal areas. Linda noted that they have been mostly getting affordable housing in Gateway because of the exemptions. She noted that this impacts the kind of development. She noted that her vote is that there needs to be more process.

Jim Owens said that there is a lot of substance around this issue, and a desire to be informed about it. He noted that his personal concern is the lack of process.

Patricia Frobbs asked if we send a letter, and the vote is today, will it be read at Council? If they already have the votes, what is the process?

Mike Abbaté noted that there will be time for Board members to testify, and the ability to have the letter read. He noted that it will most likely be on the agenda at 12:15 or so.

Jim Owens noted that if the Board did pass along a recommendation, the Commissioner would advise the Council that the recommendation has been put forth. Jim moved that the Board request a delay of the City Council vote on a waiver of SDCs for Old Town/Chinatown until this Board and other advisory boards have a chance to review and advise, discuss policy and the financial implications of such.

Mike Alexander Seconded. And the motion was passed unanimously.

In wrapping up the discussion, Jim noted that he feels strongly about making a personal statement – He said that this is a great Board, very knowledgeable, politically connected, and committed. The fact that this matter has been in front of City Council, and neither the Commissioner in charge or Bureau has advised us of this issue, or sought our input, is a grave disappointment.

### **Holladay Park Programming**

Kathy noted that PP&R staff will give a series of presentations on Holladay Park programming, the new Futsal Field at Montavilla Park, and K<sup>h</sup>unamokwst Park.

Mike Abbaté reported that really exciting things are happening at Holladay Park. He noted that the new owners of the Lloyd Center came to PP&R, and that things have moved very quickly. Mike introduced Eileen Argentina, who oversees PP&R services, and Hasan Artharee, who oversees the rangers, to give the Board an overview.

Eileen Argentina noted that the changes at Holladay Park have been really exciting, and that at some point in the future she would like to have N/NE Zone Manager Sue Glenn and Urban Park Coordinator at Director Park Alicia Hammock come and present to the Board. They both happen to be on vacation this week. Eileen noted that it is really important to understand the park's historical context. The Parks Bureau and others have been trying to engage, and improve the environment, so that people feel comfortable. The park has had problems with some unruly youth, some conditions related to violence and gangs. It's a beautiful park, but its setting presents challenges. It serves as a thoroughway between the mall and transit. There are large trees, which are beautiful, but can make the park feel somewhat shadowed. Eileen noted that there is so much potential, and a long history. She said that recent efforts have included some park modifications to improve lighting, improve access, teen engagement, community groups regularly patrolling, increased presence by police and rangers. She noted that conditions have improved, but it can be difficult to improve perception.

Hasan Artharee added that there has been a perception that Holladay Park was unsafe, not a place to bring family and relax. The reality is that Holladay park had an element of homelessness, young kids gathering, and a reputation of drinking and doing drugs. Hasan noted that increasing ranger presence has really improved. In the past, a number of people were sleeping overnight in the park, but now the rangers come in the morning and the park is empty. Hasan said that now people come by, and ask about using ping pong and how they can bring their families. In just 2 or 3 weeks, he noted, the whole place has changed, people are eating lunch in the park. Rangers are present from 10 am to 6:30 pm daily. Hasan noted that rangers are not there enforcing, but rather there to educate people. People who were

there before, are going elsewhere, and it has changed dramatically

Eileen noted that the new Lloyd Center owners, Cypress Equity, hired Biederman Redevelopment Ventures (BRV), the company that programmed and developed Bryant Park in New York City, and others. They specialize in creating and revitalizing urban parks and plazas. They approached the City, and expressed an interest in capital improvements in the park. Eileen noted that we focused on programming because capital improvements take time. We started new programming July 21<sup>st</sup>. Rather than having BRV hire employees for programming the park, we used PP&R employees. We wanted to be able to do that, she said, adding that we already had a model at Director Park. We understand that Holladay Park has a history, and we are familiar with the community. We wanted to make sure we did it right. Programming has included classes and activities in the park. A non-profit advisory group has been put in place, the Holladay Park Partnership. An MOU has been signed. Rangers have been selected based on their ability to engage the community, particularly youth. Capital improvements will be evaluated more fully in the future. Eileen noted that Cypress and BRV are planning a major renovation, intended to open the mall to the park.

A press release went out on the first day of programming. Staffing includes one host, who is a graduate of the GRUNT program. She came to PP&R 5 years ago as a teenager, she grew up in the neighborhood, and now she is telling all of her friends, "you've got to get out to Holladay Park." Eileen noted that it is a great opportunity for the district and neighborhood.

Mike Abbaté added that Dan Biederman was responsible for the big renovation of Bryant Park in New York, and he had fairly low expectations of our ability to understand programming. We took Alicia Hammock, who programs Director Park, and who has been our key point person. They were amazed at what happens at Director Park, and realized that we do understand programming, as well as the issues of community. Mike noted that programming and rangers are intertwined. Not law enforcement/programming arms. They are working together. It's a pilot program, and it's been great for the community. Eileen added that they have placed great importance on how we staff – not to drive people away, but to engage people and bring people in.

Hasan noted that one ranger is a graduate from Benson High, and is really familiar with the kids – he knows them, their families, and he's engaging them. When they are hanging out, he can say, "hey I know your dad." They think that's great, and they really respect it. They are really engaging the youth. You can come play ping pong, and hang out. Like Eileen says, we don't want to push people out, Hasan noted, we want to let them know that the park is there for them, we want them to be there, and understand the rules.

Tonya Booker asked if PP&R has had engagement or feedback from Trimet. Eileen noted that they have been coordinating. Trimet is involved in Lloyd District public safety. We have noticed that some of the activity, formerly in the park, has been pushed to the benches of the light rail. Eileen noted that we will continue to work with them.

Andy Nelson asked if BRV is funding the staffing and programming in the park. Eileen said that yes, all out of pocket costs are covered for staff as well as programming, though some management overview has been funded by the Bureau.

Linda Robinson noted that it is really important to have eyes on the park. She said that the one concern she has is that we don't have a big company to fund Gateway when it opens, but that this is really cool.

**Commissioner Fritz** Commissioner Fritz thanked the Board, and noted that she appreciates the Parks Board. She said that in regards to the proposed waiver of SDCs in Old Town/Chinatown, normally she would have engaged the Board, to get them involved in the process. She noted that she first learned of the proposal in November, when citizens showed up in her office telling her to support it. Several weeks later, she got a briefing on the proposal. She told them absolutely not, we should look at it in the budget, and find another way to fund it. Commissioner Fritz noted that she repeatedly said this when the Mayor's policy advisor came to her, as well as in response to the occasional prods from citizens. She noted that she told them that she supports the plan, but not that funding mechanism. The Commissioner noted that the week before she went on vacation in July, she was notified that it would be scheduled for Council when she would not be there. She said that she learned this just days before she was to leave on vacation, noting that she very much regrets not engaging the Board, and that she feels they would have been very helpful. She said that it was very frustrating to know that it was scheduled while she was not there. She could vote the next week when she returned. At this point, she said, Commissioner Fish does not support it, but it's a done deal. She told the Board that if anyone has time to dedicate to come in to testify at Council today, that would make a statement. The Commissioner noted that she is not hopeful that there will be a delay.

Linda Robinson asked where the proposal came from, and Commissioner Fritz confirmed that the proposal came from PDC. Linda noted that they were told "absolutely not" for Gateway. Commissioner Fritz said that is her point as well, noting that there is already interest in Old Town/Chinatown as the Pearl fills up. She said that the only thing this will ensure is that there won't be any parks to accommodate the growth. If we were going to do this, she said, we should do it for Gateway and Lents, where it is really needed. Commissioner Fritz said that she is not happy about this.

Jim Owens suggested to Commissioner Fritz that part of the message she could carry forward to the five Council members, who have been Commissioners-in-charge, is that "you have created an advisory process – use it." The Commissioner agreed, and noted that this is what she says.

Kathy Fong Stephens added, "specifically the SDC committee," and Commissioner Fritz said, "exactly."

Mike Abbaté noted that even though this item is scheduled to come after the Time Certains in the afternoon, he believes that it may show up on the morning agenda.

Commissioner Fritz said that she also thinks it will be in the morning.

Kathy asked the Commissioner, if she think it's a done deal, is there any way to extract that. Commissioner Fritz answered that she always thinks it's worth asking, noting that it is worth making the point, especially to put on record that the Parks Board was never consulted in the process.

Commissioner Fritz noted that another issue that she has been grappling with is the issue of equity in the Parks Proposal Process. She said that we didn't have it during the recession because we did not have the staff. We are now doing it again. She noted that the Board has had policy driven discussions over the last few years on equity, and that she would like the equity subcommittee to help inform moving forward on the Parks Proposal Process. The Commissioner noted that there are discussions all over the city, and her concern is how we do it on these specific projects to make sure it's not just those with the loudest voices who are being heard.

Kathy noted that this will be put on the agenda next month.

### **Futsal Field at Montavilla Park**

Todd Lofgren, PP&R Property & Business Development Manager, updated the Board on the new Futsal Field at Montavilla Park. Todd noted that his team supports the Bureau for capital projects when donors are involved, as well as supporting Eileen Argentina's team with programming in parks. He said that when Christa (Thoeresz) was at the Timbers, she did a great job of calling PP&R up for community events. One idea that came from the Timbers was a community field project. He noted that most people around the world play small sided soccer. Christa Thoeresz added that small sided soccer is like 5 on 5 rather than 11 on 11, and Todd noted that around the world, most people play in the streets with however many players are available. Todd showed the Board a futsal ball, and noted that it has 30 percent less bounce, and is smaller. He showed slides of Futsal Field examples, and noted that in Portland, he thinks we will eventually have one on the top of a building. He said that these smaller fields are ideal for going out to play shorter games.

For the project with the Timbers, Todd noted that PP&R looked at underutilized courts in our parks, including tennis courts, and basketball courts. One location was Montavilla park, on NE 82<sup>nd</sup> and Glisan, which was a great option because it also had a community center to help program it. Todd noted that generally we like to have two or more tennis courts. Single courts, like the one at Montavilla, are not ideal. Like many of our assets, this was in disrepair with poor fencing. Todd noted that when we have things in disrepair, they stop being used for their intended purposes, and are used for other purposes. Todd showed a slide of a tennis court being used as an off leash dog area. For the Timbers project, he noted, we were not expanding the footprint, but changing the use, and giving the community a greater chance to use this park, and activate it. He noted that we reused and reinstalled the turf from Providence Park, Jeld-Wen field. The turf met all of our standards, and we expect it to accommodate 6 – 8 users at a time, possibly for 10 years. The walls are about 4 feet wide, so it is similar to an indoor soccer format, allowing the ball to bounce off walls. Todd noted that this format is great for those who don't want to run a lot, and/or for developing skills. The field is free and open to the public. It will be used by the Community Center. There is a 12 inch by 12



inch donor recognition for MLS, the Timbers, and Adidas, but no exterior signage. That was one of our requirements. For the field dedication, five MLS soccer players were there. They had a tournament during the day. The Mayor, Commissioner Fritz, Commissioner Fish, and Mike Abbaté were there, and it was a well attended event. We are excited to start programming now, Todd said, so if you are planning a kid's birthday party – call Montavilla Community Center.

Tonya Booker noted that she drives past the park every day, and it has been fun to watch how quickly they put it together, and see how many people are coming out. She said that it used to be a few homeless people, so it's great to see all the people using the park

**K<sup>h</sup>unamowkst** Kia Selley, Planning, Development and Asset Manager for PP&R, updated the Board on the groundbreaking for K<sup>h</sup>unamowkst Park on NE 52<sup>nd</sup> and Alberta. She was joined by Project Manager Travis Ruybal and Public Involvement Manager Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong. Kia noted that the groundbreaking for this property is scheduled for tomorrow night (8/7/14) and will be the first park in the Cully neighborhood. She said that it is a good first step in the right direction, noting that as part of the 2020 vision, we are working to provide a park or natural area for every resident within ½ mile. Kia noted that the property, which is a 2.4 acre site, was purchased in 2009.

Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong reported on the planning process, which began in 2012. She noted that the committee included 12 community members, primarily Spanish speaking. There was a lot of engagement, including engagement with the Spanish speaking community, and Rigler school. They asked the committee for goals for planning and also goals for the park. They focused on the fact that it was a diverse neighborhood, with a wide age range, an emerging community that was changing very quickly, and becoming very active. They wanted to provide amenities for all community members who lived there, and make sure they made sense with the feel and temperament of the neighborhood. The final design plan resonates with what they were trying to accomplish.

Travis Ruybal, who is responsible for the project management and construction management, noted that it is an exciting park in an underserved area. He noted that he is hearing positive things from the community. The park is 2.4 acres – the design includes right of way improvements, new signage, path, informal area, open area (Travis noted that the community wanted an informal area for kicking soccer ball, hanging out), traditional playground, which is almost a nature play area with boulders, a skate dot, and picnic shelter with eco roof. Construction started mid-July, and work is ongoing. The groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow night (8/7/14), and we hope to have construction done in November. On a new park, Travis noted, the landscaping, grass, and plantings are not mature, so we will keep the park fenced off through the winter, and have a grand opening sometime in the spring.

Mike Abbaté noted that rather than a Porta Potty – we will put in a loo there. He noted that this park in particular has got us talking about restrooms in general. We want to have a full conversation about loos and restrooms in October with the Board.

Jim Owens asked about the significance of name, and Elizabeth said that an advisory committee was established once the design was in place, to figure out what to name the park. The committee included a representative from the Commissioner's office, several representatives from the Native Advisory Community, the Oregon Historical Society, and community members. They wanted the name to be inclusive and representative of the community. We gave the committee seven recommendations that came from the community. There were a lot of thoughtful conversations. They looked at names that were too sacred – the committee decided on a word from Chinook wawa. Elizabeth explained that when tribes come to trade, they have their own language, as well as the language we can all speak to get business done – the word K<sup>h</sup>unamokwst means together. Elizabeth noted that the committee had names like peaceful, family, and sustainable, but we landed on together. Elizabeth said that the community was really supportive of using a native word. It will be first Portland park that has been named a native word.

Judy Bluehorse Skelton said that it is really exciting, and she has heard positive thoughts and feedback from different community members. This will be a huge gathering place. Portland is at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia. Judy noted that in looking at sacred places, not named for the men that discovered them, but how people come together and use the place. This resonates with the people that live in the place. She said that she is exciting to see that process at the same time as the bridge opening. Judy noted that Chinook wawa is a combination of English, French, and Chinook. Many bands speak versions of the Chinook wawa, and it is an interpretation of the people who come here for a very long time. Judy noted that she is appreciative of everyone who got around that table, and is looking forward to being there tomorrow.

Mike Alexander noted that he represented the Board early on in the process, and that there was huge amount of effort, from the committee as well as colleagues from the Bureau on both engagement and inclusion. He noted that it reminds us that we wake up breathing the same air as everyone else, and then spend the rest of the day separating ourselves. This does a great job of bringing everyone together.

Dion Jordan asked about signage for the community on how to pronounce K<sup>h</sup>unamokwst, and what it means. Elizabeth said that Travis had wanted to do some interpretive signage, and the Grand Ronde is also interested in having educational piece around this. This may be possible in the future. Kia noted that we will have some information on our website, including a recording of someone saying the word properly.

**Directors update** Mike Abbaté encouraged the Board to get out to Montavilla, and Holladay Parks, go to the MLS all-star game tonight, or watch on it on T.V. He noted that we have a new Equity and Inclusion Manager, Art Hendricks, and we have a new Security Manager, Galina Burley. Galina is a Russian immigrant who has worked in Portland, Clackamas County and Norfolk, Virginia. She has experience with security issues, community outreach, equity & inclusion work, and emergency management. Mike noted that he will be bringing them both next month to meet the Board.

Mike noted that on the Parks Proposal process and equity issues that Commissioner Fritz discussed, sometimes community groups come together, and

they say, “we want this to happen, and we will give the money to make it happen.”  
What about those that don’t have those resources? We want to brainstorm this  
with you. We want to say yes to as many people as possible. These are not our  
parks – they are the people’s parks. We want to try to get to yes.

**Adjourn** Kathy adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.