

PARKS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBERS
July 2015

Appointee	Appointed By:	Biography
Don Grotting	Mayor Hales	Mr. Grotting is in his 5 th year as Superintendent of the David Douglas School District, which serves roughly 11,000 East Portland students and includes David Douglas High School - the largest high school in Oregon. Grotting was named Oregon Superintendent of the Year in 2014 by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators for the amazing work he is doing with a district in which 80% of its students come from a low-income home, and where a majority speak English as a second language.
Dion Jordan, Committee Co-Chair	Commissioner Fritz	Mr. Jordan has been a highly respected and valued community leader in the City of Portland for over a decade. Jordan, a nationally known speaker, success strategist and author, is often sought after by both political and community leaders for his integrity, leadership and passion for people and their communities. He sits proudly on both national and local boards including Portland Parks and Recreation's Parks Board. In addition, he is the founder of the Young Speakers Society, an organization that helps youth and young adults build confidence through public speaking. Jordan's commitment to helping others is surpassed only by his passion for his family and his love for God.
Karen Loper Tracy	Commissioner Fish	Ms. Loper grew up in Portland and spent her career with Portland Parks & Recreation. Starting in college, she held various positions over time including Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach and Communication manager. Her broad exposure to virtually every aspect of the suite of Parks & Recreation services makes her an invaluable addition to this committee. She has an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of employees and volunteers of PPR and how upgrades to the park system help staff respond to citizen recreational needs. She also understands the budgeting protocols and monitoring/managing funding to meet bureau-wide objectives. She retired in 2012 after 4 years as Assistant Director. She worked on many bond and levy programs (before, during and after) ensuring the public was involved and informed throughout the process.

Jonath Colon, Committee Co-Chair	Commissioner Novick	<p>Mr. Colón, a Business Development Coordinator for the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber (Hispanic Chamber), a local chapter of the US Hispanic Chamber. Mr. Colón joined the Hispanic Chamber in 2003 and is responsible for providing technical business services to small business owners as part of the Hispanic Chamber’s Business Assistance Program.</p> <p>Mr. Colón is an experienced professional who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to assisting Latino and other minority businesses. He has provided a variety of services in a bilingual/bicultural manner and has demonstrated exceptional success in reaching out to Oregon’s expanding, yet underserved Latino and minority community. Mr. Colón understands the cultural aspects of the community and has used his network of other professionals to assist businesses. Mr. Colón is a known and trusted member of the Latino community who has a reputation for producing results.</p>
Zari Santner	Commissioner Saltzman	<p>Ms. Santner was Director of Portland Parks & Recreation from 2003 until she retired from the City of Portland in 2011. Her nearly 30 years of parks service was exemplified by her commitment to equity and design. Highlights of her career stretch the gamut from projects as such as Powell Butte Nature Park, the Vera Katz East Bank Esplanade, and managing the 1994 Parks Bond to strong policy direction such as making certain parks are considered critical city infrastructure in all city wide budgetary decisions. A landscape architect by training and native of Iran, Santner will bring a unique and comprehensive understanding of Portland Parks & Recreation to the 2014 Parks Bond Oversight Committee.</p>