



# PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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## Parks Replacement Bond Community Oversight Committee

MEETING #8: January, 6, 2017: 8:30 am – 10:30 am

PURPOSE:

- To review the Bond Phase 1 progress
- To review and discuss the Bond Phase 2 Process Approach
- To refine and gain consensus on the Bond Phase 2 Process Approach
- To review the public process for public discussion of the Bond Phase 2 Approach

### AGENDA

8:30 AM	Welcome <i>Special welcome to Ken Richardson</i> <i>Introductions by the Committee</i>	Dion Jordan
8:35 AM	Report on the Bond Phase 1 progress <i>Are there any clarifications or questions?</i> <i>Does the committee have any concerns with the progress of Bond Phase 1?</i> <i>Are there any suggestions for changes?</i>	Lauren McGuire
9:00 AM	Bond Phase 2 Process Approach	Lauren McGuire
9:30 AM	Bond Phase 2 Discussion <i>Are there any clarifications or questions?</i> <i>Does the committee have any concerns with the Bond Phase 2 approach?</i> <i>Are there any suggestions for changes?</i>	Lauren McGuire/All
10:15 AM	Bond Phase 2 Public Process	Maija Spencer/All
10:15 AM	Status report on public involvement	Maija Spencer
10:20 AM	Meeting wrap-up & next steps	Dion / Lauren
10:30 AM	Adjourn	

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### **Oversight Committee (OC) Members**

- Dion Jordan, Zari Santner, Karen Loper, Ken Richardson

### **Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Staff**

- Mike Abbaté, Lauren McGuire, Maija Spencer, Josie Kostylo

## TIMEKEEPING

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- The meeting began at 8:35am
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:24am

## DISCUSSION

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### **Report on the Bond Phase 1 Progress**

- 31 of the 33 projects are on schedule; Couch Park and Pioneer Courthouse Square (PCS) are behind schedule.
  - In order to accommodate gatherings on Inauguration Day, construction at PCS has been delayed until January 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - The lower quarter of PCS will remain open, but the remainder will be closed for waterproofing renovations.
- Budget Overview
  - Except for Pools, budgets in each theme are on-track.
- Future Audit of the Bond
  - Lauren asked the OC for their thoughts regarding a mock-audit in preparation for a future, official audit.
    - Zari feels PP&R should approach the Auditor's Office and ask for their input regarding audit criteria and PP&R's current preparedness.
    - Mike and Lauren will speak with the Commissioner regarding a mock-audit with the Auditor's Office.
- Bidding Climate Challenges
  - The construction market continues to be very tight.
    - At the recommendation of Procurement, several projects will begin the bidding process over Winter to increase the chance of receiving multiple competitive bids.
  - PP&R continues to reach out to MWESB contractors and is working with Procurement to educate contractors on the City's contracting procedures.
    - On some projects, larger contractors have partnered with smaller contractors to provide them with increased capacity and experience.
  - Zari suggested allowing longer or negotiable construction periods for projects with a tight budget.
- Project highlights

- Ventura Park's playground is being redesigned with new play equipment, safety surfacing, accessible pathways, a loo and art work.
- Colonel Summers has both Bond and System Development Charge (SDC) projects occurring on-site. This includes a new splash pad, loo, and decorative gates for the shelter.
  - SDC funds were used for the construction of gates and the splash pad.
- For a list of projects with complete or upcoming construction, please see the full version of the meeting notes.

### **Bond Phase 2 Project List Development**

- The spend-down target for Phase 1 informed the release of Phase 2 funds.
  - Phase 1 of the Bond spent ~\$48M of the total \$68M. Phase 2 will spend the remaining ~\$20M.
- The general approach to establishing the Phase 2 list is as follows:
  - Criteria. Look at the original 2014 Bond Program Criteria.
    - Immediate safety concerns and urgent repairs are the #1 priority.
  - Commitments. Determine what the Bond language requires.
    - This includes three more playground renovations, at least \$1.2M in Trails & Bridges, repairs to Peninsula Pool, and repairs to the Multnomah Arts Center.
  - Obligations. Look at what we accomplished in Phase 1 and what remains to be completed as part of Phase 2.
  - Analysis. Analyze assets according to their likelihood and consequence of failure.
    - The analysis' criteria was determined by the Bond language.
    - This analysis specifically targeted assets with the highest consequence of failure; this included roofs and playgrounds.
  - Equity. Analyze the distribution of projects and funding for equity.
    - Equity factors considered diversity, age (youth under 18) and income less than \$25,000.
  - Short List. Create a short list according to these analyses and scope the projects.
  - Public Outreach. Approach the public to review the Phase 2 process and determine if any additional projects were missed that met the criteria.
- Phase 2 will be organized into the same themes as Phase 1 with the inclusion of Play Piece Replacements as a sub-theme of Playgrounds.
  - PP&R proposed four, complete playground renovations. Additional funds would be allocated toward replacing play pieces in multiple parks that had been removed due to lead content.

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- The OC feels that East Portland is where most expansion should occur.
  - The OC supports this approach but feels that only three, complete playground renovations should occur. This will allow additional funds for the Play Piece Replacement sub-theme throughout the City.
- Per recommendation by the OC, Phase 2 will also include a \$2M program contingency to help address the current bidding climate.
- The OC feels that public involvement for Phase 2 should stress that much more needs to be done; this Bond is just a beginning.
- Dion asked if PP&R has considered the seasonal use of the parks when determining project schedules; does the community understand construction constraints?
  - PP&R has considered park use when scheduling construction. A common constraint is construction requiring dry weather.
    - The public has been largely understanding of this.

### **Bond Phase 2 Public Involvement Process**

- The proposed public process will include meeting with the neighborhood coalitions, the City's Diversity and Civic Leadership Group to promote messaging to underrepresented communities, two broader public meetings, and an online comment form.
  - At these meetings, the public will be asked if the current criteria for selecting projects is the correct criteria. They will then be shown the list of projects generated by following the criteria.
    - Zari understands focusing on criteria rather than particular projects but does not feel the public will be entirely satisfied with that solution. The public should also be given the justification for these project choices.
      - Mike clarified that there will be some flexibility with the specific projects, and the neighborhood coalition's input on projects in their area will be valuable.
    - Karen feels that discussing Bond improvements cannot be separated from discussing the mandatory budget cuts facing PP&R.
      - Mike shared that PP&R will be taking a 1% cut, but this should not affect capital assets in a significant way.
      - PP&R will speak with one voice when addressing potential cuts and potential Bond improvements.
  - A significant amount of public outreach occurred at the start of the Bond.

### **Status report on public involvement**

- For a list of upcoming public involvement events, please see the complete meeting notes.

### **Meeting wrap-up and next steps**

- The next Oversight Committee will be 1:30-3:30 on April 14<sup>th</sup>.