



**PORTLAND PARKS BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 7, 2017**

**8:00 – 10:00 am**

**Room B 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Portland Building**

**Board members present:** Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Aubré Dickson, Kathy Fong Stephens, Patricia Frobes, Jenny Glass, Ian Jaquiss, Dion Jordan, Paddy Tillett, Sue Van Brocklin, Jeff Anderson, Kendall Clawson,

**Board members absent:** Tonya Booker (excused), Jenny Glass (excused), Jim Owens, Gladys Ruiz, Ty Schwoeffermann, Meryl Redisch, Christa Stout.

**PP&R Staff present:** Mike Abbaté, James Allison, Eileen Argentina, Art Hendricks, Jennifer Yocom, Ramiro Villalvazo, Cristina Nieves, Brett Horner, Maya Agarwal

**Call to order,  
Welcome and  
Introductions**

Judy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of the  
Minutes**

Motion to approve the April 2017 minutes by Patricia Frobes seconded by Kendall Clawson. Carried.

Motion to approve the May 2017 minutes by Aubre Dickson seconded by Kendall Clawson. Carried.

**Commissioner's office  
update**

Mike introduced Cristina Nieves from Commissioner Fritz's office. Cristina shared that the Mayor will be making official announcements of Bureau assignments by this Friday.

**Public Testimony**

There was no public testimony.

**Parks Board  
Deliberation on Public  
Testimony**

No discussion.

**Committee &  
Foundation Reports**

**Land Use**

No update.

**Communication**

No update.

**Parks Foundation**

Announcement dates: Cully Park Fundraising will be completed late summer early fall.



There is a Foot Bridge public information meeting at world forestry 6:30 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Fund raising just passed \$2.20M mark. Working with the city to figure out the structure of the project going forward will be and having the actual cost stay close to the \$2.5M budgeted.

Carmel Hurst is the interim Development and Program officer. She will be working on raising funds through Charles Jordan program and small grants program. She has been working in development for 16 years.

Wildwood bridge is going to council and have almost closed the funding gap in early July. Considering a sole source contract for the project. Everyone is involved to make sure it is a good solid approach. Ramiro's team is project lead. Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> on the bridge.

**Director's Update** This week the Mayor will announce the bureau assignments after the adoption of budget.

Mike shared that the City as a whole is reacting to the Max event. One of the victim Rick Best was a Bureau Development employee who worked closely with our tree inspections crew.

Mike stated that this was a racist attack and victims included the two women who were verbally assaulted. PP&R staff has been processing this trauma. Tomorrow the Bureau is hosting a forum at Matt Dishman to share what they are thinking and have an opportunity to talk. PP&R are on the leading edge of diversity.

The summer season kicks off with movie concerts and free lunches for kids. Programming at Director Park. This year there is attention to fitness in the parks, a pilot was done last year championed by Megan Dirk and was extremely popular and we are bringing it back this year under Summer Free for all. Mike invited parks board member to attend and wear their name badges while there. The Summer Free for all brochures are distributed in nine languages across the community.

Construction is going. Just completed Under Armor Field. Lents Park soccer field was opened. Another game tonight. Pickles want to do a two-sided benefit for summer free for all. Homerun derby and also a drawing for a Star Wars jersey by Lucas Films.

John Ryan from the Seattle Seahawks was there.

Judy BlueHorse met with Brett about the strategic plan. She asked how much bicycling is going on? Is 20 years plan too far out is 10 years too expensive? That is the lag time for a masterplan and waiting in the wing for funding to show up? How to maintain community engagement during the process of completing a park? Should we not do a masterplan until there is? Brett shared



that in some cases it takes 8 years between conception to completion.

Kathy spoke about looking at the strategic plan as a whole. She suggested that updates be sent out on what is moving forward as a long range plan. Struggled with the proposed 2017-2020 planning for the plan with lots of community planning process to bring people in. It is a really long time. Consider making it shorter. What are the options to making it shorter?

Mike shared that he will share next month about a short strategic plan. Always want to be under a plan that focus and give direction. Need to be ready in 2020 to have a plan that looks forward 20 years, and have a short term plan that looks between now and 2020. One project which will be launched soon is a big community survey to gather feedback. This will be looking at what the level of service should be. There are a bunch of background stuff that is being done now. It has a lot to do with equity, health and safety issues, environmental etc.

Paddy stated to look at a masterplan as three-stepped process. The first part is looking at what is now and making correction, next is looking at 5-10 year and the third piece is conceptual. Being able to engage people now and having them see the relevance of the long range plan.

Kathy would like Vision 2020; hoping that as we work on the vision plan; take a look at how the Parks Board is relevant.

Judy asked about inviting Mayor Wheeler to a Parks Board meeting. Judy sent out two invitations and have not heard back from the Mayor's office. Looking at 10 minutes to meet with the Mayor.

**New  
Appointments/Re-  
Appointments/Officers**

Motion by Sue Van Brocklin, seconded by Aubrey Dickson to approve the appointment of the new Board Members Paul D. Agrimis, Michelle A. Dedeo and Joseph A. O'Leary to Parks Board. Re-Appointment of Kendall Clawson, Patricia Frobos, Jim Owens and Gladys Ruiz to Parks Board. Appoint Patricia Frobos as Chair and Kendall Clawson as Vice Chairs of the Parks Board. Motion approved.

Aubrey stated that he was very impressed by the background of the candidates and was very impressed by the depth of their knowledge.

Judy thanked Kendall, Jim and Cristina who participated in the interviews.

She acknowledged Sue's service on the board. Sue was one of the people who made her feel at home and very welcomed and the work was doable. Sue took on the big items about smoking in parks and has offered to continue on the homeless committee and attend the equity training. Sue stated that the Parks Board was a very gratifying and warm group to be a part of with a very high caliber of people.



Mike shared that Sue will be getting a bench to recognize her years of service to PP&R.

Sue shared that she had a choice for three benches that were up for adoption, and she selected Selwood pool. Her three daughters all learned to swim at the Selwood pool and became instructors at the Selwood pool, so there is a lot of fond memories and connection.

Mike acknowledged Dion's service and his down to earth approach to solving problems. Looking forward to seeing him and his family around the city.

Mike acknowledge Judy's service as chair.

Judy acknowledge Pat and Kendall willingness to step up to be the chair and vice-chair of the Parks Board and offered her help and support in anyway.

Judy asked for a picture of Sue and her three daughters on the bench.

Mike shared that naming cost \$5,000 for a new bench and \$3,000 for a refurbished bench. One of the things Mike put forward is the memorial park bench for consideration for a memorial for the victim of the transit attack.

**Lang Syne Plaque at  
Unthank Park**

Brett Horner and Maya Agarwal presented.

**Poet's Beach Status  
Report**

Pat asked how is swimming at Poet's Beach going to be marketed and public transportation to get to the beach. Maya shared that there is public engagement project particularly to northeast Portland and some safety information on the Parks website. It will be accessible by public transportation, biking walking and there is some paid parking available. Safety and security people have been informed and are involved as the plans proceed. No glass will be one of the rules and additional trash cans and additional staff to empty trash cans.

Kendall shared that the business community in south waterfront should be engaged to support this effort and if looking for any additional dollars to fund this initiative the Arts Commission and Oregon cultural trust can be a partner along with Travel Oregon/Travel Portland.

Mike mentioned that the board will be making a trip to the beach this summer.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42a.m.

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