



**PORTLAND PARKS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2017
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Multnomah Arts Center**

Board members present: Jeff Anderson, Tonya Booker, Jim Owens, Kendall Clawson, Judy BlueHorse Skelton, Kathy Fong Stephens, Michelle Dedeo, Patricia Frobes, Joseph O’Leary, Christa Stout.

Board members absent: Paul Agrimis, Aubré Dickson, Jenny Glass, Ian Jaquiss, Gladys Ruiz, Paddy Tillett, Meryl Redisch.

PP&R Staff present: Mike Abbaté, Amy Archer-Masters, Eileen Argentina, Jenn Cairo, Margaret Evans, Jamal Fox, Art Hendricks, Trang Lam, Ramiro Villalvazo, Jennifer Yocom

Commissioner’s Office: Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Cristina Nieves, Claire Adamsick

Call to order, Welcome and Introductions Pat called the meeting to order at 3:05 and asked that attendees introduce themselves. Pat noted that the agenda item dealing with the strategic plan would be deferred until November. The intention is to distribute a new draft of the strategic plan in time for Board members to review and be ready for it prior to the November meeting.

Commissioner’s office update Commissioner Fritz presented her priorities for the Bureau, including:

Golf Program: Structuring the Golf program to insure it will generate enough revenue to cover its costs without any reliance on the general fund

Sustainable Pre-School Funding: Create a full cost recovery plan for preschool programming starting in the next fiscal year. The plan should include a scholarship program for low income families.

Long term Financial Plan: Develop a long term financial plan that addresses SDC funded system expansion and major maintenance needs.

Budget development process: Develop process for community engagement in the budget process throughout the year.

Street Tree Task Force: Create a task force to review selected street

tree code provisions.

Ranger Program – Establish a level of service for the ranger program that ensures equitable distribution of rangers.

Health, Safety and Equipment – Develop a coordinated HSE program with clear policies that promote health and safety of park workers and users.

Systems Development Charges: Update code to allow the city to spend the funds over an extended period. Potential funding priorities include: housing allowances for low income citizens, refurbishing splash parks, establishing a Vanport Community Center, reinforcing buildings to withstand an earthquake.

Public Testimony There was no Public Testimony.

Director's Update Mike attended the National Recreation and Park Association Conference in New Orleans, along with several Parks & Recreations staff. The conference was a great opportunity for Mike to network and to stay on top of legislative details.

Highlights of the conference included the launching of a 10-minute walk campaign. The goal of the campaign is to have a park within a 10-minute walk for all Americans in cities across the country. 150 mayors have committed to this effort. Several Parks & Recreation staff gave presentations at the conference. Som Subedi received a Champion of the Year award for his work in encouraging park agencies to get involved with the state offices.

In November, at the 31st Annual Philanthropy awards, former Parks Board member, Julie Vigeland, will be honored and will receive an Outstanding Fundraising award.

Portland Parks & Recreation downtown office will be moving in October.

Meeting Adjourned The Board meeting as adjourned at 3:50 pm

Sub-Committees The Community Development, Houselessness, and Financial Stability Committees convened after the adjournment of the Board meeting.