



**Portland Parks & Recreation
Budget Advisory Committee, Meeting #1
Monday, November 13th
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM (*Dinner at 5:30pm)
Colwood Golf Center, 7313 NE Columbia Blvd
Bus Routes #72 with 15 min walk**

Welcome and Thank You!

Let me say up front that the time, energy and thoughtfulness of community members like you, make our work better. Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Portland Parks & Recreation's (PP&R) FY 2018-19 Budget Advisory Committee.

In November, we are starting our annual community budget process to review our programs and to develop our budget for FY 2018-19. Our budget is our most important tool to implement our mission and goals. Developing our budget is also one of our greatest challenges as an organization. We know everything we do is important, and every choice we make will have an impact on some resident or sector of our City.

The Mayor will release budget guidance later in November, but based on early information we expect to be required to provide cuts/reductions to general fund. We will also be considering priorities to request additional funding (One-Time and On-Going General Fund) if it is available.

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) serves at the center of our budget development process, integrating recommendations from staff and management with community input and priorities within the context of PP&R strategic goals and vision. The invited BAC members include representation from the Parks Board, labor partners, District Coalitions/geographic areas, Parks related Commission and Advisory Committees, and communities historically underserved including communities of color, immigrants and refugees, and youth. We are honored to have such a talented, diverse and committed committee.

Expected Timeline:

The PP&R Budget Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in the evenings from November through January in order to inform our budget development. Locations are still being confirmed but they will be at various locations in the Portland area. Additional meetings or alternative communication may be required if the schedule is impacted by inclement weather. Following is the planned meeting schedule:

- Monday, November 13th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*
 - Monday, November 27th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*
 - Thursday, December 21st, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*
 - Tuesday, January 16th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM*
 - May/June date to be determined (feedback on outcomes and process)
- *Dinner Served at 5:30 PM

In order to support your participation, we are happy to provide you with the following:

Logistics, Language Interpretation and other Special Needs or Accommodations:

- Food will be provided during the meeting
- Locations to be determined will be ADA accessible and located near public transit
- To help ensure equal access to City programs, services and activities, the City of Portland will reasonably modify policies/procedures and provide auxiliary aids/services to persons with disabilities. Call 503-858-9744, or the City's TTY at 503-823-6868, or the Oregon Relay Service 711 with requests no less than five (5) business days prior
- If you are unable to receive email communications or view the online information, please contact Georgia West (Georgia.West@portlandoregon.gov) to make alternative arrangements for materials
- Language Interpretation services available upon request. Please contact Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting to make arrangements
- Children are welcome! (childcare is not provided)

Again, thank you as we begin another year of budgeting – for those new to the process, I promise an experience that will broaden your understanding of Portland Parks & Recreation and challenge and reward you. For those of you who are returning – thank you! Your knowledge and experience are welcome.

I look forward to seeing you on November 13th.

Sincerely,

Mike Abbaté
Director, Portland Parks & Recreation

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