

1. 5:00 P.M. Land Bank Commission Meeting

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Commission Members: Tom Jewell, Patrizia Bailey, Simon Rucker, Meri Lowry, William Mann, Colleen Tucker, Roger Berle, Steve Morgenstein, and Mayor Ethan Strimling.

Land Bank Commission Agenda

August 10, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Portland, Maine City Hall

389 Congress Street, Room 24

(Basement)

- I. Citizen Comment Period (5 min)
- II. Agenda Items
 - a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes- June 08, 2017 (2 min)
 - b. Old Business (70 min)
 - i. Possible Executive Session - Update on Redlon Park Acquisition – Greg
 - ii. TAPC Subcommittee Report – Simon
 - iii. CMP Easement at Riverton Rail Trail Update - Mike
 - iv. Update on PATHS improvement project – Ethan
 - c. Communications/Updates
 - i. Report from Parks Commission – Meri (10 min)

The Land Bank Commission is responsible for identifying and protecting open space resources within the City of Portland. The commission seeks to preserve a balance between development and conservation of open space important for wildlife, ecological, environmental, scenic or outdoor recreational values.

**Land Bank Commission Minutes****June 8, 2017**

In attendance: Commission Members Simon Rucker, Tom Jewell, Patrizia Bailey, Meri Lowry, and Colleen Tucker. City Staff: Ethan Hipple, Doug Roncarati, and Alli Carroll. Portland Trails Representative: Kara Wooldrik.

Tom called the meeting at 5:17 PM.

I. Citizen Comment Period

No comment at this time.

II. Agenda Items**a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes- April 13, 2017**

Tom motioned to accept the April 13th, 2017 minutes. Pat seconded. Passed unanimously. Pat suggested a correction to the sentence regarding Oat Nuts Park; It is six *parcels* not six acres. Tom motioned to accept the April minutes as amended. Passed unanimously.

b. Old Business**i. TAPC Subcommittee:**

Pat explained that the subcommittee met with Doug to go over parcels. The subcommittee will continue to meet to go through this list, then they will bring it to the Commission and then to the City Council. They need to coordinate with Doug, but when they agree on this list, a notice in the paper will be created before they go to the Council. Any issues? Doug would like clarification as to when the public notice should be announced; before they bring the list to Council or Commission? Pat is not sure but believes they should agree as a group. There continued to be some discussion until it was decided that the Subcommittee would set agendas for when they met and notice would be distributed prior to meeting with both the Land Bank Commission and City Council. Kara asked if the Land Bank Commission would be interested in these parcels. Ethan replied by stating that if they are adjacent to a park then it makes sense, but they need to take care of what they have. However, the City is trying to expand their community gardens. Tom suggested they reconvene the subcommittee. Simon said that when a date and time is picked, he will tell Alli to place an agenda for the meeting.

ii. Update on Redlon Park Acquisition – Pat

The last update Pat received from Greg Mitchell was that he was assisting the owners with legal counsel. There has not been an update since.

iii. Update on Oat Nuts Park parcels

Pat is still going to bring Greg Mitchell in on the Oat Nuts Park parcels. Tom agrees that Greg should be involved.

iv. Update on PATHS -Ethan

SCA crew that is coming at no charge to the City is coming for two and a half weeks and Ethan is thinking of aiming them to the PATHS project. He is working with Jaime Parker to walk the site to compare notes on the trails. Ethan will be bringing in materials. Some bridges need to be replaced and fixed, so they will probably give them a construction project. Tom would like before and after photographs of the projects. Ethan said they will camp out at or across the Riverside Golf Course or on site at PATHS. This will be a great educational experience for the students. Tom asked if there was an estimate on what they will be spending. Ethan said he will have it for the next meeting.

v. Camelot Farms

Kara said that it is still in the process of zone change. Meri asked if some of the land will be going to the Land Bank Commission. Tom said that part of it will be open space that could be dedicated. Doug added that it is the land along Stroudwater.

vi. Update on CMP license for Riverton Rail Trail – Mike/Colleen

Colleen said that it is still in Mike's hands.

c. Communications/Updates

i. Report from Parks Commission – Meri

Meri described the potential Offset Policy that was discussed at the last Parks Commission meeting. This policy would require any developer to provide a replacement for park land they were requesting to purchase. That got a no from legal counsel. There was a lot of concern in it as more discussion went on within the Commission.

Portland Landing, used to be known as Amethyst Lot, is being done carefully. Those particularly interested, can see more details on the Parks Department website.

Meri gave Ethan a lot of praise for paying so much attention to the CIP process and getting Parks Commission input. It has been very sophisticated and she is very thankful for it. Parks Commission is talking about the Green Space Gathering. A date has not been chosen yet. Usually it is held in the fall. Simon offered to be a part of it so that he could represent the Land Bank Commission. He suggested to hold a table with a display, brochures, pictures, etc.

Meri explained that one of the Parks Commissioners suggested broadening the scope of the Financial Subcommittee. Meri felt it unnecessary to compete with Lucas St. Clare's Foundation. This new foundation should be celebrated.

Finally, there has been news of Steve Morgenstein being a new Commissioner on the Land Bank Commission. Meri suggested that when she terms out, she will also as the Parks Commission liaison; Steve may be a good choice as her replacement.

Tom concluded the meeting at 6:01 PM.