

PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, May 1, 2014
Portland Public Services
5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members: Diane Davison, Ralph Carmona, Steve Morgenstein, Dory Richards Waxman, Travis Wagner, Jaime Parker

City Staff: Troy Moon, Melissa Graffam, Mike Bobinsky

Guests: Kevin Miller

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes April 2014

Travis Wagner made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ralph Carmona. Motion passed 5-0.

Status of Proposal: Funding for Parks and tech assistance from Trust for Public Land

As previously mentioned at the April meeting, Troy Moon mentioned that the Deputy City Manager, Sheila Hill-Christian sent a letter to Wolf Tone from Trust for Public Land (TPL). The City Manager's office has received information back from the TPL and a meeting has been set-up with the TPL and city staff. Troy said that at the next meeting, he will have more information to report.

June 5th Lecture: Table/Assignments

The Commission talked about what items they would like on display at the lecture.

Reschedule Green Space Gathering to October

The 4th Annual Green Space Gathering will be on October 2, 2014. Location has yet to be determined. Troy Moon was to see if Liz Vizza is available as our guest speaker. The Commission discussed other ideas to discuss.

Love your Parks Brochure

Commission members and staff went over the new version of the parks brochure. Staff will make sure that the brochure is ready to have at the June 5th lecture.

Ordinance Changes (Council Decision 4.28)

The Commission talked about the ordinance changes that were passed at the April 28, 2014 council meeting. One of the items that will be changing is having someone from the Land Bank Commission on the Parks Commission. The Parks Commission will have one representative from the following groups: Eastern Prom, Deering Oaks, Evergreen Cemetery, Portland Trails, Land Bank, a member of the Transportation, Sustainability and Energy Committee (councilor) and seven (7) at-large positions.

The Commission talked about working in the future about by-laws and possibly moving the meeting location and/or meeting date.

Dogs in Baxter Woods

Troy Moon said that staff is planning a public meeting regarding this topic later in May. The meetings focus is to work on education and behaviors of the dogs in Baxter Woods.

DPS Parks Maintenance Approach

Mike Bobinsky mentioned that he is working with other manager's within Public Services on core adjustments in assignments with staff. This will help to have more of a focus on our park maintenance.