

**PARKS COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, July 10, 2014**  
**Portland Public Services**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Commission Members:** Diane Davison, Travis Wagner, Jaime Parker, Carol Hutchins, Michael Mertaugh

**City Staff:** Troy Moon, Melissa Graffam

**Guests:** Peter Monroe

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes May 2014**

There was not a quorum to accept the meeting minutes.

**Discuss Adrian Benepe Lecture**

The Commission discussed the lecture from June 5, 2014. This lecture can be found on the internet at: <http://www.ctn5.org/shows/new-day-portlands-parks-7614>

**Prep for Green Space Gathering**

Troy Moon confirmed that Elizabeth Vizza, Executive Director for the Friends of the Public Garden, Boston Gardens will be our guest speaker for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Space Gathering on October 2, 2014. Location is still being verified and will be set for the next meeting in August. The Committee worked on the agenda and event assignments. Jeff Scher will work with Melissa Graffam on the poster. Dory Waxman will work on the refreshments and Carol Hutchins will contact the cable access television station for meeting notification. Committee members were also asked to take pictures of the parks for a slide show for the event.

**DPS Updates**

The Committee talked about the Capital Improvements Program. Michael Mertaugh said he will talk to Ian Houseal about the ranking criteria for CIP. The Committee created a subcommittee to discuss future requests. The Committee at this time is Michael Mertaugh, Jaime Parker and Diane Davison.

Troy Moon discussed the public meeting that was held in May at Baxter Woods over the concerns of dogs being off-leash. The meeting was to educate and let the public know what the complaints and concerns that were being brought forward. Troy mentioned that he and staff has seen a change in behaviors and fewer problems in the area.