



Commission Members:

Acting Chair Jaime Parker, Cheri Musgrave, Kristen Fulmer, Amy Segal, Jon Kachmar, Marie Gray, Zack Anchors, Eleanor Sears, Beth Rabbitt, Stephen Bentsen, Katie Mears, and City Councilor Victoria Pelletier.

City of Portland
Parks Commission Agenda
June 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM
East End Community School
Address: 195 North St, Portland, ME 04101

The Mission of the Portland Parks Commission is to advocate for the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces. Review and propose projects that impact parks and open spaces and recommend action. Foster collaboration among park users and the City. Promotes public access and enjoyment. Advocate for public and private funding for parks and open spaces. Enjoy Portland for Life.

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I. Call to Order

II. General Citizen Comment Period

a. Public comment

III. Agenda Items

a. **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: May 5th, 2022 - Passed Unanimously**

b. New Business

i. **Parks Commission Election - VOTE**

Commission elected Jamie Parker into Chair

Commission elected Jon Kackmar into Vice-Chair

ii. Annual Parks Report Update

Discussed the status of the Annual Parks Report. Due to time constraints, it is not yet ready. Jamie Parker advised he will be working with Alex and the Parks, Recreation & Facilities department to generate the report. Next year, the annual parks report will start in January.

iii. Greenspace - Presentations by Jeff Tarling, City Arborist and Ethan Hipple, PRF Director.

c. Old Business - None

d. Communications and Updates

i. Parks Report / ii. Land Bank Commission Report

Group discussed the appearance and work done to Lincoln Park, and expressed appreciation for the improvements. Confirmed that the work on the fence will continue. The posts at Congress Square will be replaced, and given caps. Jon asked about the CIP process, Alex Marshall confirmed that CIP input responses from friends groups are due 7/19/22.

There was a request to stock Capisic pond, this would require contacting Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. There exists a few barriers, but they are not impossible to overcome. Further research is needed to determine if a trail that encircles the pond will impact the forest on the back side of the pond.

The CSO project on the Back Cove was discussed, it was determined that the park and fields that were once there will be replaced and elevated, paths and courts restored by Spring 2023 at the latest, this fall at the soonest. The project is designed to improve the quality of stormwater and runoff.

It has been determined that no new park will be installed at the recently opened space on Veranda Street, DOT has funded the project, and despite attempts to push for it, a new greenspace is not possible at this time.

e. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

Motion to adjourn - seconded - passed unanimously.

IV. Adjournment