



Commission Members:

Chair Pat Bailey, Jayne Foley, Daniel Herzlinger, Jennifer Fox, Robert Foster, Jon Kachmar, Simon Rucker, Baxter Miatke, and City Counselor Anna Trevorrow

City of Portland
Land Bank Commission Agenda

April 12, 2023

5:00 PM

On the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm, the Portland Land Bank Commission will hold a hybrid digital (zoom)/in-person meeting.

Physical location of meeting for April 12th, 2023 will be Portland City Hall, room #209

DUE TO USER AND TECHNICAL ERROR, THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED AND EXPERIENCED AUDIO ISSUES DURING THE MEETING. THIS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period-one comment from George Rheult.
- III. Agenda Items
 - i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: March 8, 2023
 - ii. New Business:

Update from Ethan regarding homeless encampments as it related to the LandBank. The reason many of the encampments still remain is because we have not had room in any of the local shelters. Housing availability, mental health and drug addiction are a few of the factors affecting the homelessness. There are reasons i.e safety to the public, for immediate clearing. Focusing all efforts at getting people indoors.

Staff are spending up to 60% of the work day towards managing the encampments. Reporting 150 tents.

 - a. Secretary's Report - Nothing to report
 - b. Treasurer's Report - Nothing to report
 - c. Wetland Report – Coolidge
 - d. Confirming Land Bank Commission meeting times - Ethan Discussion around the meeting time and place. If the Land Bank wants to continue to meet in 209, meeting date and time would need to change. If we choose to stay in room 24 we can keep the meeting time and date as is. Majority of members would like to keep the day and time as is.
 - e. Update on homelessness and Land Bank properties - Ethan (10 Minutes)
 - iii. Old Business
 - iv. Communications and Parcel Update:
 - a. Parks Division Report- Ethan discussed. In the process of hiring a new arborist. First project will be a city wide master tree plan.

- b. Going into tree planting season. Currently planning to plant 150 trees.
- c. How does the city assist the community within individuals group clean-up events? Park rangers and Parks Conservancy promote recruiting volunteers who do small or large spring clean ups with the materials to pick up trash. We will then pick up all the gathered trash at the conclusion of the event.
- d. Our waterways were also mentioned for cleaning and learning.
- e. Bagged animal feces being dropped down the water grills. is becoming a big problem for the waterways.
- f. Affordable housing was discussed as it relates to the land bank. Reusing existing space for Affordable Housing. There is a position open on the LandBank commission from the Portland Trails.
- g. Boat Launches that lead to water resources having public access. Which would add a few parking spots on Land Bank property. Some neighborhood members have concerns and would like to have a meeting in regards.
- h. Stroudwater park is interested in having its own boat launch/ activities. Program is funded by The Parks and could be added to the next agenda.
- i. Ethan discussed the Youth Corps Program. The Parks Conservancy funds the program and we provide the staffing. Much of the work done by them is on Land Commission land.
- j. What's going on with Congress Square Park? Phase one is almost complete. CIP and private funding. The roadways need to be resolved.
- k. Parks Commission Report – Jon, CIP focus may also be on prioritizing where to spend the money.
- l. Union Branch Parkway. Libbytown to Parkside. Exciting new pathways through the city. The state will be installing the trail. Tracks will still remain.
- m. Green Space gathering is in the process of being planned by a few new commissioners. Does the Land Bank wish to be involved? Jon will ask the planners if Land Bank can be helpful and how?
- n. Additional Land Bank signage was discussed.
- o. Discussion around the Parks Commission providing guidance for the larger mega events. Since C3 the application process has been reviewed and refined.
- p. Davis Family Pines Update – Jon, Ticks are out! Jon has a meeting scheduled with the owner of this property. Trees, ravine and brook are what the Land Bank is interested in.

Commissioner requests for Agenda Items
Stroudwater boat launch possibilities.

IV. Adjournment

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.