



In attendance: Commission Members: Chair Patrizia Bailey, Kara Wooldrik, Roger Berle, Steve Morgenstein, Andrew Butcher and Councilor Justin Costa. City Staff: Doug Roncarati, Ethan Hipple and Alli Carroll. Member of the public: George Rheault.

City of Portland
Land Bank Commission Minutes
May 8, 2019, 5:00 PM
Portland, Maine City Hall
389 Congress Street, Council Chambers

I. Citizen Comment Period

George Rheault described how London is dealing with similar housing issues as the United States. They have a slogan, “Places People Play”, so that people are never left out of the conversation of parks and open space. He suggested the Commission look into how they are handling things.

He also suggested that the Land Bank Commission reach out to Portland Water District regarding the Sebago Lake Watershed. He mentioned the Federal Government’s potential interest in a filtration plant in this area. This is an estimated half-billion-dollar project that will raise taxes. Encouraged the Commission to protect the watershed before the filtration plant comes into effect, if it does.

He also suggested that the Commission look at the open space and environment sections of the Comprehensive Plan report. It could act as a road map for the next ten years. Hoping to hear a discussion on it in a future agenda.

II. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: April 10, 2019

Roger moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 10, 2019. Steve seconded. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

ii. New Business

- a.** Prior to the meeting, Roger notified members that he will be resigning from the Commission. This is his last meeting. He took a minute to share his history with the Commission and thanked everyone for working with him and shared his gratitude for being a part of the Land Bank since its start. Members and staff thanked him as well.

- b. Parcel Priority List & Criteria**

Kara shared a presentation regarding the criteria and priority parcel list. Commission looked at the City Charter Chapter 2, current criteria and priority parcel list. She proposed other items that could be added to the criteria list. Members worked together and voted on items that were most important to them. Kara will take that information and recreate a new criteria list.

iii. Old Business

- a. Land Bank Parcel Map:** There will be a quick update to the Land Bank parcel map. Should be done by next month.
- b. Portland Opportunity Crew:** The Commission can fund the crew if they are working on

Land Bank parcels. They are about to start working in the next week or two. Sponsorship is \$1300 a week. Staff will come up with a list of projects on Land Bank properties and will bring them next meeting.

iv. Communications/Updates

a. Treasurer Update

Andrew thanked Ethan for providing the updated financial statement. It is a quiet month so not much news but would like to look at the housekeeping of the policy and procedures. Would like a future meeting with Ethan regarding this.

b. Secretary Update

Simon is not in attendance but he had asked Andrew to share: With Rogers and Meri's departures, there are two open spots on the Commission. Ethan has spoken with City Clerk so that she is aware. He will touch base with her again now that he knows this is Roger's last meeting.

c. Outreach Committee Update

They will bring a process for RFP next meeting. Goal is to make it public in September so that we are making decisions in November.

Steve shared a prototype of the proposed signs for Land Bank properties. They are \$40 each and there will be about 10 signs.

d. Parks Update

Green Space Gathering: The Land Bank Commission held a table at the Green Space Gathering this year. They had a couple members of the public view it and were able to share the new outreach program with them.

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin seconded. All in favor. Passed unanimously.