



Commission Members:

Chair Jaime Parker, Vice Chair Jon Kachmar, Marie Gray, Zack Anchors, Eleanor Sears, Beth Rabbitt, Stephen Bentsen, Michael Catania, Cheri Musgrave, Katie Mears, William Elting, Donna Gartland, Alison Mehlsak and City Councilor Victoria Pelletier.

Staff: Alex Marshall, Thomas Nickerson, Madeline Groeger.

City of Portland **Parks Commission Agenda**

November 3rd, 2022

5:00 PM

On November 3rd, 2022 5:00 pm, the Portland Parks Commission held a meeting using Zoom.

I. Call to Order - Eleanor Sears, Michael Catania, Cheri Musgrave not in attendance.

II. General Citizen Comment Period (5 min)

a. Emailed Citizen Comment:

1) Call in: Ashley ~not in favor of music festivals.

2) George Rheault~ Asking for an update on the pedestrian bridge for Stroudwater Reserve. Has it been moved? He is in favor of the proposed music festival.

3) Susane Lavine~ Friends of Payson Park, hoping the park commission will have the review and make comments.

4) Nan Cumming~ Portland Parks Conservancy. Discussed having an alliance with entrepreneurial solutions. Payson Park needs a lot of extra assistance. Pro music festival. The people of Portland have a lot to gain.

5) Leisa Collins~ Is there only one proposal to consider? Feels the number of participants is overwhelming.

6) Mary Castell~ Piolet Food Truck program. Keep the food trucks on Cutter Street.

Agenda Items

b. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes October 6th, 2022

c. New Business

i. Commissioner Introductions: New commissioners: Alison Mehlsak, Will Elting, Donna Gartland.

ii. C3 Concert at Payson Park: Emmett Beliveau spoke generally about the 2 day- 2 stage music festival, from noon-10pm each day. Still in the informal development process. Hoping to have things finalized by Thanksgiving. C3 has a goal of leaving the green space they participate in better than they found it. This is a partnership to help develop parks in Portland.

Question 1) Jamie asked Emmett, What does the city get out of the festival? Is this a reputable organization?

2) Beth asked Emmitt, What will the environmental impacts be on the park? Are there vulnerable ecosystems in the park that could be affected? For example, blacktop and greenspace will be respected. People on greenspace mechanics on blacktop. Company will do an extensive inventory going in. Inventory going out.

3) Marie asked if fencing will be used to secure the park? How will this affect the local community? Park will be locked down for a week for impact but not closure. The public will still have access to the park until things begin to build up. 90

4) Will asked Emmitt, Have you run festivals in parks located so closely to the residential communities?" How do you deal with close neighbors? Shaky Knees festival is an example of payson. C3 will work with the neighbors who will be directly affected, Traffic patterns will be addressed so residents can get to and from their homes. Staff will communicate directly with residents to create a mutual understanding and respect.

5) Katie asked Emmitt, clarification on wet terrain for 20K people. Pay attention to how the park handles water. Will land and hardscape be repaired at departure. Emmitt replied, "we will leave it better than how we found it."

There will be a C3 workshop on 11/14/2022. Vote on 11/21/2022

- iii. Welcome Friends of Trott Little John Park: Bud & Cheryl and Anne Coughlin present. The park is approximately 5.5 acres of property in the middle of Peaks Island. The goal is to clean up the park along with integrating the existing skate park. Lots of community support. Monthly events, picnic tables, regular mowing. Future goals, create a center community gathering space, and a natural forest playground. Looking to the commission for advice and support. Want to have seasonal festivals at the park.
- iv. Introducing Liz Collado, Supervising Park Ranger. Liz is an amazing asset to our community and a beautiful human being.

d. Communications and Update

- i. Parks Report, Suggested commissioners read report
- ii. Land Bank update, John talked about the Coolidge Avenue parcel may be used for affordable housing. Approval of purchase of Redlawn Woods and Rosemont.
- iii. Update on the ongoing developments with CIP & Food Trucks~ Still in review.

e. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items- NA

III. Adjournment Motion to adjourn

IV. Special session: New Commissioner Orientation

Discussed the processes and responsibilities for the council members.