

City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

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Commission December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Present Commission Members: Baxter Miatke (Treasurer), Daniel Herzlinger, Evan Ferguson-Hull, Jon Kachmar (Chair), Michael Carey, Michael Scrameyer, Simon Rucker (Secretary)

Not Present: Alaina Chormann, Pious Ali (City Councilor), Robert Foster

Staff: Ethan Hipple (Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Director), Doug Roncarati (Public Works Stormwater Coordinator), Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant)

Call to Order– J. Kachmar called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

General Citizen Comment Period– The following people came to provide public comment– Sarah Goodall (Hope Ave. resident), Jessie, Michael Shaughnessy of Westbrook, Steph Noyes (Falmouth Friends of the Presumpscot River), Pete Champagne (Hope Ave. resident) Bob Benak (Falmouth Resident)

Agenda Items

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2024

Motion to accept meeting minutes: The motion was made by M. Scrameyer and seconded by D. Herzlinger.

Passed: 6–0 with 1 abstain

New Business

Land Bank Current Holdings Map– tabled discussion until a future meeting

Secretary's Report– S. Rucker provided updates and described the edits made to the 2024 annual report.

Treasurer's Report– B. Miatke provides a budget report. As of 12/10, the current budget with allocations is \$444,817.27. Without allocations, the budget is \$547,217.27

Communications and Updates

Parks Division Report–E. Hipple provided an update on the Parks Division report.

Parks Commission Report– R. Foster was not in attendance so the Parks Commission report was tabled until the next meeting.

Redlon Woods–Mike Carey was not able to make contact with the owner of the Barry parcels. Contact with a neighbor has been made but no update was provided on the willingness of the property owners to engage in purchase negotiations. Questions arose regarding whether the funds currently allocated to purchase the Barry parcels should remain on the allocations list in 2025.

o Hope Ave.–D. Roncarati abstained from discussions because he is a member of the Friends of the Presumpscot River. A scorecard on this property exists. The commission engaged in discussions about what next steps should be taken. The question of allocating funds to this project arose. Creating a letter of interest was discussed.

Commissioner Requests for Agenda Items

- Project allocation discussion
- Review o Gray Rd and Murray St.
- Land Bank holdings map update
- o Hope Ave. suitability

Adjournment