

City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management

Ethan Hipple, *Director*

Alex Marshall, *Director of Parks*



Parks Commission January 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present Commission Members: Beth Rabbitt, John Clark, Helen Coyne, Alexis Lopez Del Vecchio, Ashley Burdick, Donna Gartland, Robert Foster, Katie Mears

Not Present: Marie Gray (attended via Zoom), Stephen Bentsen, Kristin Fulmer

Staff: Alex Marshall Parks Director, Ethan Hipple Jen DeRice Assistant Parks Director, Jessica Teesdale Senior Executive Assistant

I. Call to Order-

II. General Citizen Comment Period in person- 3 Citizens were present to offer comments

III. Agenda Items

a. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: 12/7/2023-motion by John C. seconded by Alexis LDV. 7 in favor, 2 not in favor

b. New Business

i. Thomas Park- Presentation provided by Ethan Hipple. 2 citizens provided comments. Questions and general discussion by Commissioners- Motion to recommend Thomas Park acceptance made by Donna G., seconded by Katie M.

ii. Parks Commission Role and Charter-tabled

iii. Committee Assignments

Community Outreach Committee including Green Space Gathering- Appointments made: Donna G., William E., Helen C, Katie M., and Alexis LDV.

Annual Report and Inventory Committee- Appointments made: Jamie P. and Beth R.

Park Initiative Committee-Appointments made: John C.

Finance Development Committee-Appointments made: appointment tabled until further exploration into this committee has been completed.

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c. Old Business

i. Annual Report on CC agenda 1/17/2024

ii. Encampment Statement submitted to Council

d. Communications and Updates

i. Parks Report-N/A

ii. Land Bank Commission Report-Rob F. provided an update on Land Bank Annual Report, The Land Bank Encampment statement to City Council, update on parcels.

iii. Green Space Gathering-Donna G provided an update on GSG topics. Date: May 2,2024 Location TBD

iv. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items

- **Parks Commission Role and Charter**
- **Charter Rules regarding workshops outside of meetings**
- **Greenspace Gathering**
- **Parks operations**
- **Committee Assignment Review**

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IV. Adjournment-motion approved unanimously