

City of Portland | Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management  
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## Land Bank Commission September 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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**Present Commission Members:** Alaina Chormann, Daniel Herzlinger, Jon Kachmar, Joshua Barber, Michael Carey, Michael Scrameyer, and Robert Foster

### **Not Present:**

**Staff:** Alex Marshall (Parks Division Director), Doug Roncarati (Public Works– Stormwater Coordinator, Jessica Teesdale (PRF Sr. Executive Assistant), Amber Brooks (Principal Financial Officer)

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

**General Citizen Comment Period-** George Rheault East Bayside

**Emailed comments-**George Rheault, John Bowen, Louise Little, David Cowie

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

August 13, 2025–Motion to accept meeting minutes: The motion was made by D. Herzlinger and seconded by M. Carey. Motion passed 6 yes votes, 1 abstention

#### **New Business**

Secretary's Report- D. Herzlinger reports that he has been in contact with the previous secretary, and he will provide an update on the Annual Report at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report-R. Foster is coordinating with the previous treasurer and will be prepared with a financial report at the next meeting.

#### **Old Business**

**Sumner Court proposal-**

## Discussion and Motion Regarding the Proposed Sale of Sumner Court Property:

Update on Sumner Court Property Proposal J. Kachmar provided an update on the request to sell the property at Sumner Court. This included a recap of the recent site visit and a discussion of the procedural next steps.

Departmental Support- E. Hipple communicated to J. Kachmar that the proposal to sell the property does not have the support of the department heads from the Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department, Public Works, and Planning and Urban Development.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely R. Foster made a motion to postpone indefinitely the decision on the Sumner Court property. J. Kachmar, A. Marshall, and D. Roncarati provided clarification on the meaning and implications of an indefinite postponement. The motion was seconded by M. Carey.

Vote- The motion to postpone indefinitely passed with a vote of 7-0. The proposal is postponed indefinitely, meaning no further action will be taken on this matter by the commission at this time.

### **Communications and Updates**

Parks Division Report- A. Marshall provided updates and answered commission questions on the following projects:

- Preble field ribbon cutting
- Lincoln Park Fence
- Stroudwater Bridge bid proposal
- Maine Conservation Corps to spend 9 days at Riverton Trolley Park
- Dougherty Field renovation project

Parks Commission Report-R. Foster provided an update on the September 4, 2025, Parks Commission meeting.

- Back Cove Music Festival
- 2027 CIP project selection process

Murray St.-D. Herzlinger provides an update on the letters of interest that were sent to the property owners. J. Kachmar will work with D. Herzlinger on what the next steps need to be taken.

Land Bank Community Outreach and PR- M. Carey opens the discussion about how the commission can better communicate the need to balance the need for conservation land while also promoting development on land that is appropriate to do so. Collaborate with Planning and Urban Development more towards the common cause.

Redlon- M. Carey reported that the owner of the Barry parcels has not responded to the letter of inquiry. The allocations list should be reviewed and could be a topic for a future agenda.

### **Commissioner Requests for Agenda Items**

- Allocations list review
- Project list review
- Low Impact Development ordinance
- Davis Farm Rd.

### **Adjournment**