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City of Portland
Parks Commission Agenda
February 18, 2021
5:00 PM
Portland City Hall
389 Congress Street, Room 24

The Mission of the Portland Parks Commission is to advocate for the enhancement and stewardship of our parks and open spaces. Review and propose projects that impact parks and open spaces and recommend action. Foster collaboration among park users and the City. Promotes public access and enjoyment. Advocate for public and private funding for parks and open spaces. Enjoy Portland for Life.

- I. 5:00pm - 5:15pm Welcome Game - Two Truths and a Lie
- II. 5:15pm- 5:25pm General Discussion and Background Information on MOU- Cynthia and Ethan
- III. Group Discussion on MOU:
 - a. **5:25pm - 5:40pm Mission**
 - Does the Friends Group (FG) have a mission that supports the Parks Commission (PC) mission and Department of Parks Rec & Facilities?
 - What should the PC do if the FG mission is not compatible?
 - Does the FG have a Master Plan?
 - Should the FG be asked to develop work plans that are to be agreed upon with the Department of Parks Rec & facilities?
 - b. **5:40pm- 5:55pm Representativeness**
 - What constitutes a FG?
 - Do FG need to be a non-profit?
 - Which FG's need an MOU?
 - Why would a Friends group want an MOU?

City of Portland Commissions are not required to take public comment under FOAA and our Ordinance is silent regarding the duties of the Commission. The Commission has the discretion to not allow or allow public comment during its meetings, including the authority to limit the duration of comments. Since the Commission makes recommendations to the City Council, public comment is available at that level.

c. **5:55pm - 6:10pm Accountability**

- Should FG's be asked to provide financial reports to the Department of Parks Rec & Facilities? How often?
- If FG is fundraising, how much can be used for FG overhead vs direct park improvement?
- Should there be any limitations on solicitations for fundraising?
- Is financial reporting necessary if the FG is not raising money?

IV. 6:10pm- 6:30pm Conclusion and Next Steps

V. 6:30pm Adjourn