

Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

May 12, 2026

5-7pm

Portland Building Room 202 and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Board members present:

Ali Berman, Dr. C.N.E. Corbin, Suenn Ho, Allison Snopek, Andre Buenacosa, Jacob Karson, Tommy Schopp, Myrah Rafi'ah Beverly, Kitty Firth, Adrianne Feldstein, Patti Miles, Jessica Green

Board members absent:

Sabrina Wilson, Sally Bernstein, Bill Van Bang

City staff present:

Sonia Schmanski (Interim Bureau Director), Maximo Behrens (Recreation Division Manager), Lauren McGuire (Assets & Development Division Manager), Jenn Cairo (City Forester), Claudio Campuzano (Finance, Property, and Technology Manager), Amanda Manjarrez (Policy Strategies & System Improvement Manager), Kellie Torres (External Affairs and Partnerships Manager), Tonya Booker (Land Stewardship Division Manager), Sarah Huggins (Sustainable Future Program Manager), Jenna Stathopoulos (Community Engagement Coordinator)

Others present:

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm with roll call following.

Agenda Items

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

General Announcements

Dr. C.N.E. Corbin (Board Member) announced she is leaving the Board.

Matt Shipkey (Vice Chair) thanked Board Members for meeting with Council and circulating talking points during the budget cycle. Council members have been responsive to the letter sent by the Board. Jacob Karson (Board Member) added that it has been an easier lift than expected.

Jacob has been nominated to take on the role of Board Chair, which will need to be voted in June.



Approve April Meeting Minutes

Jacob moved to approve the April minutes, and Suenn Ho (Board Member) seconded. All voted in approval and the motion carried.

Director's Report

PP&R will be in two Council Committee meetings this month. Heritage Tree listings and delistings are scheduled for May 26 at the Public Works Committee and UFC appointments and reappointments on May 28 at the Committee of the Whole.

Working Groups

Board Affairs

Board Affairs planned May Board meeting, and discussed Board Retreat, will continue discussing Board Retreat agendas.

Land Use and Infrastructure

Next meeting has moved up to May 19 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Financial Sustainability

Time ceded for the presentation.

Community Engagement

Corbin reported that the CEWG has been thinking through what Board Community Engagement looks like, and the pipeline between the Board, Mayor and Council. Forum for community to discussing issues.

Culture, Nature, and Recreation

Allison Snopek (Board Member) reported similar conversations to Community Engagement Working Group and the pipeline to City Council and to community. There was a presentation and discussion on City Nature Programs, specifically nature day camp and cost recovery. Issues stemming from lack of administrative capacity, which then impacts the program Alternative funding opportunities, fundraising campaign for nature day camp.

Portland Parks Foundation

Went through the selection process for Joey Pope Award for Emerging Parks Leaders or Initiatives.

PPF had a successful Raymond Park Playground Opening Celebration May 8! Over 300 kids and families came through to celebrate with 15 East Portland specific partner organizations and city groups.

PPF is also reopening the North Portland Community Grant, with Board Member Bill Van Bang serving on the grant selection committee. This year there is \$80,000 in the fund, and the process wraps in June.

Jessica encouraged all to join on Thursday for the Spring Allies Summit, celebrating the Volunteer nominees and emerging leader awards.



Sustainable Future Discussion (FSWG and Sarah Huggins)

Adrienne Feldstein and Sarah Huggins provided an introductory presentation for the Long-Range Financial Plan initiative. They started with service context with some of the ways we look to how we provide parks service, who has service, and who doesn't.

Other Business/Public Comment

There was a reminder to sign up for testimony - Matt, Jacob, Jessica (PPF), Andre, and Tommy have committed.

There was no public comment.

Meeting Adjourned

Ali adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

