

Parks Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

June 9, 2026

5-7pm

Portland Building Room 202 and Zoom Virtual Meeting

Board members present:

Ali Berman, Matthew Shipkey, Dr. C.N.E. Corbin, Suenn Ho, Allison Snopek, Andre Buenacosa, Jacob Karson, Tommy Schopp, Myrah Rafi'ah Beverly, Kitty Firth, Adrienne Feldstein, Patti Miles, Sally Bernstein, Bill Van Bang, Jessica Green

Board members absent:

Sabrina Wilson

City staff present:

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

Others present

Paula Gangopadhyay, Jeff Condit, Erin Zollenkopf, Pat Frobes, Jim Sjulín

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

Agenda Items

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

General Announcements

Jacob Karson (Board Member) gave an update on the budget advocacy efforts and commended the Board for getting together as quickly as they did.

Ali Berman (Board Chair) shared gratitude to Dr. Corbin and Sabrina Wilson for their service on the Board.

Jacob was named as the new Board Chair to success Ali. Sally Bernstein (Board Member) moved to vote Jacob on the Board, Patti Miles (Board Member) seconded. All voted in approval, with Jacob abstaining.

Andre Buenacosa (Board Member) moved to vote Matt Shipkey on as Vice Chair for another year, Tommy Schopp (Board Member) seconded. All voted in approval, with Matt and Jacob abstaining.



Approve May Meeting Minutes

Jacob moved to approve the April minutes, and Andre seconded. All approved, with Sally and Bill Van Bang (Board Member) abstaining due to absence.

Working Groups

Board Affairs

Board Affairs discussed Board Retreat, will continue discussing Board Retreat agendas. Sally made a request to think about strategy on planning for the next year at the Board retreat.

Land Use and Infrastructure

Big topics discussed were vandalism of public art and parks property. There was also discussion on Capital projects and SDCs. There was also a presentation on the progress of the Steel Bridge Skate Park project. The next meeting will be June 23 and the topic will be about the neighborhood study led by Brett and policy for park bench removal.

Financial Sustainability

There was continued discussion on Sustainable Funding, including some key areas that will need input from the Board. This includes modelling and scenarios about maintaining funding and achieving goals.

Community Engagement

There were no questions.

Culture, Nature, and Recreation

Allison reported that CNR got to speak with Jamie Sandness to follow-up the Project Connect presentation that she gave.

Portland Parks Foundation

There was no report for PPF.

Pittock Mansion Update

Paula Gangopadhyay, Executive Director, and Jeff Condit, Pittock Mansion Society Board Member, came to visit the Board. They gave an update of Pittock Mansion's program offerings and encourage a continuing relationship with the Board.

Portland Parks Alliance

Portland Parks Alliance (PPA) members Erin Zollenkopf, Pat Frobes, and Jim Sjulín presented to the Board an overview of PPA

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.

