



In attendance: Commission Members: Co-Chair Tom Jewell, Simon Rucker, Meri Lowry, and William Mann. Portland Trails Representative: Kara Wooldrik. City Staff: Doug Roncarati, Michael Goldman, Ethan Hipple and Alli Carroll. Member of the public Caleb O'Connell.

Land Bank Commission Minutes

June 14, 2018

5:00 PM

Portland, Maine City Hall
389 Congress Street, Room 24

I. Citizen Comment Period

Caleb O'Connell, a resident of Capisic Street, had interest in the Land Bank Commission's discussion on the Bancroft Subdivision. His property is immediately downstream of this, and he has concerns with the impact the plan will have on the stormwater drainage that already negatively effects his property.

II. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: May 10, 2018

This meeting does not have a quorum, so they cannot accept the meeting minutes at this time. Will bring again to the next meeting.

ii. New Business

a. Development on Wetlands – Bancroft Subdivision

Doug said that this is not nor does it abut Land Bank property. It is with the Planning Board right now for review. The Commission suggested ways for Caleb to get more information, such as attending a Planning Board workshop.

iii. Old Business

a. OatNuts Park Parcel Update

Vote to recommend that the City Council approve the purchase and sale agreement to acquire property located in Oats Nuts Park area (CBL numbers 393-A-33 to 37 and 393-B-3-4-33-34) and to recommend that the Council designate such parcels as Land Bank property interests.

This meeting does not have a quorum. This will be brought to the next meeting.

b. Update on Redlon Woods

The Commission is still waiting for an official update regarding this.

c. Forest Ave. Parcel abutting Riverton Elementary School.

Greg is still working on getting the appraisal for it. Ethan just met with the City of Portland's Recreation Programmer, Samara Ray, who uses it for nature activities with children in our Before and After the Bell Program. Tom asked if Land Bank jurisdiction is appropriate for this area with Recreation interested in it. Ethan said that they wish to keep it as open space.

d. TAPC List Update

Michael believes Lori Paulette is working on it. He will reach out to her to get an update.

e. CMP License – Kara

Kara submitted a packet of various licenses but does not have an update at this time. Kara said they told CMP to take their time. So, this will be taken off future agendas until Kara has an update.

f. Paper Street Update

Ethan sent the package to the Assessor's Office. They are going through it and adjusting property lines for the Land Bank. Tom thanked him and said this will come off future agendas.

g. Verizon Pines (Davis Farm Road) Update

The Commission discussed that this has been on Roger's plate for a while. It would, however, be fun to have a field trip to this site as well as others including Rocky Hill, Riverton School Woods, Stroudwater Preserve and Fore River Sanctuary, Riverside Driving Range. Commission agreed that this would be a good field trip.

iv. Communications/Updates

a. Parks Commission Report – Meri

Meri explained that the last meeting started with a lengthy presentation from the Friends of Woodfords Corner. Then they had a very quick debriefing of the Green Space Gathering. They also discussed next year's calendar. The CIP deadline is moving up. An official schedule hasn't been posted yet but they have heard of it being approved by Council by November 1st. Ad Hoc Ordinance Committee would like to separate the parks from the open spaces in the Ch 2 and 18 ordinances. Michael Goldman is working on the language of it and will get back to us in a few months. Parks Conservancy is moving along and they have obtained another board member.

b. Discussion of the Presumpscot River Coalition

Doug expressed that Portland has the most active and open space along the Presumpscot River. The Commission discussed the possibility of the City becoming an official member of the Coalition. Tom suggested putting it on the agenda for next month to possibly bring it to the Council.

As this is Tom's last meeting as Chair, Ethan brought out a cake and mentioned that they got the City Manager's approval to place a plaque at a base of a tree in honor of Tom. Everyone thanked him for his dedication to the Land Bank Commission.