



In attendance: Commission Members Co-Chair Tom Jewell, Co-Chair Pat Bailey, Simon Rucker, Meri Lowry, and Colleen Tucker. Portland Trails Representative: Kara Wooldrik. City Staff: Doug Roncarati, Ethan Hipple and Alli Carroll.

Land Bank Commission Minutes

May 10, 2018

5:00 PM

Portland, Maine City Hall
389 Congress Street, Room 24

I. **Citizen Comment Period**

There is no citizen comment at this time.

II. **Agenda Items**

i. **Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2018**

Meri moved to accept the minutes of April 12, 2018. Simon seconded. Motion passed with 4 in favor, Pat abstained.

ii. **New Business**

a. **Funding of Maine Conservation Corps Crew**

Every year, \$4000 is put into the Parks Budget for the Maine Conservation Corps Crew to work in collaboration with Portland Trails. This was cut from the FY19 budget. Last year the Land Bank Commission approved to spend \$10,000 for tools and materials for the Student Conservation Association to work on the improvement of PATHS. Ethan is asking for the Land Bank to fund \$13,000: \$5000 for management of the SCA group, \$4,000 for MCCC, and \$4000 for materials for both groups. Improvements that these crews would work on could be PATHS (phase two), Evergreen Cemetery and Riverton Trolley Park.

Colleen moved for the Land Bank Commission to fund a total of \$13,000: \$5,000 for the Portland Trails management of the Student Conservation Association crew, \$4,000 for the Maine Conservation Corps Crew and \$4,000 for materials for the groups to work on improvements at PATHS, Evergreen Cemetery, and Riverton Trolley Park. Meri Seconded. All in favor.

b. **Potential Land Bank Commission Outings**

Colleen excused herself from the meeting at 5:45pm.

Tom suggested that the Commission do more outings. It would be great for those who haven't visited some of the Land Bank properties. The Commissioners agreed.

c. **Land Bank Commission compared to Parks Commission**

The Ad Hoc committee met to discuss the Land Bank and Parks Commission Chapter 2 and 18 Ordinances. They found that there is a lot of overlap between the two. Michael Goldman will be working on the language.

d. **Land Bank Councilor Update**

The Commission discussed their lack of representation and that they are about to lose a lot of history by two Commissioners terming out. Commissioners expressed interest in wanting a City Councilor to represent the Land Bank. Councilor Costa has had conflicts preventing him from representing the Ethan suggested a letter to Council members.

iii. **Old Business**

Simon moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(C) to discuss real estate negotiations and the City's legal rights and duties. Tom seconded. All in favor.

- a. **Update on Redlon Woods/TAPC Parcels**
- b. **Oat Nuts Park Parcel Update**
- c. **Forest Ave. Parcel abutting Riverton Elementary School.**
- d. **Holbrook Street Tax-Acquired Property, 335-E- 11:**
- e. **205 New Island Avenue, 85-G- 27:**
- f. **Plymouth Street, 345-A- 26:**

Pat moved to come out of executive session. Tom seconded. Passed unanimously.

g. TAPC List Update

Doug will make maps and suggested a subcommittee form. Pat showed interest in being a part of the subcommittee.

h. CMP License – Kara

Kara reported that this is still pending.

i. Paper Street Update

Ethan will follow up with Camille to see if everything has moved forward since the Land Bank Commission's vote. Tom asked for this to be on the agenda for next month.

iv. Communications/Updates

a. Parks Commission Report

The Green Space Gathering occurred last week. There was a great turn out and great speakers.

b. Monthly Parks Report

Ethan explained Piano in the Squares. There will be four pianos painted by four local artists held in four squares. Local businesses have "adopted" them and will be responsible for taking care of them daily.