



In attendance: Commission Members: Tom Jewell, Simon Rucker, Meri Lowry, William Mann, Colleen Tucker, and Roger Berle. Portland Trails representative Kara Wooldrik. Staff members: Ethan Hipple, Doug Roncarati, Michael Goldman, and Alli Carroll.

Land Bank Commission Minutes

January 11, 2018

5:00 PM

Portland, Maine City Hall

389 Congress Street, Room 24

I. Citizen Comment Period

No members of the public came to participate in the citizen comment period.

II. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2017

Roger moved to accept the minutes of the December 14th, 2017 meeting. Colleen seconded. Meri abstained. Four in favor.

ii. New Business

a. Report on Redlon Woods after City Council Jan. 3rd, 2018 Meeting

Bill entered at 5:10pm.

Ethan described the City Council meeting where the Department made the argument that Redlon Woods would help the 10 Minute Walk to a Park Initiative. Then they discussed it among themselves. Councilor Ray mentioned affordable housing but it was made known that that is not an option. So, Council passed it unanimously.

iii. Old Business

Tom moved to go into executive session. Colleen seconded. Passed unanimously.

a. Update on Redlon Woods/TAPC Parcels.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(C) and (E) to discuss real estate negotiations and the City's legal rights and duties.

b. Oat Nuts Park Parcel Update.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(C) and (E) to discuss real estate negotiations and the City's legal rights and duties.

c. Forest Ave. Parcel abutting Riverton Elementary School.-

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(C) and (E) to discuss real estate negotiations and the City's legal rights and duties.

Roger moved to end executive session. Tom seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Roger moved to spend the money for the appraisal of the Forest Ave. parcel. Simon seconded. Passed unanimously.

d. Paper Street Subcommittee

So far, a subcommittee has not come together to discuss this further. Ethan will talk with Camille Alden, Lori Paulette, Greg Mitchell, Michael and Doug to work towards making this happen.

e. PATHS update

Ethan says that this project is completely done. He has reached out to SCA to come out again this summer and it sounds promising. He will be getting together with Jaime Parker about where the next project will take place. Tom suggested the Ocean Ave/Virginia Woods area.

Ethan will get a quote on removal invasive species from the PATHS meadow.

f. Camelot Farm Development Status Update

Kara says the space along the river is the open space that has been thought to go to the City but that still needs to be sorted out. Ethan said that it's living with planning at the moment. No other update at this time.

Meri excused herself at 6:15pm

g. TAPC List Update

Michael said the TAPC committee will be getting a list of new properties next month. Once they receive that, it will be brought to the Commission. He estimated within the next two months.

h. Annual Land Bank Commission Report

Simon said Pat was going to update last year's annual report. He will contact Pat to see what will be happening next.

iv. Communications/Updates

a. Monthly Parks Report – Ethan

The Division brought the idea of creating an interpretive trail honoring Mayor Baxter Woods in November and they liked it. Jaime Parker, Jeff Tarling and Ethan are helping create it. There is funding in the Baxter Trust to help pay for the signs. They do not believe it will be expensive.

Parks Conservancy – The Blue Sky Commission's work is done. Their first board meeting is next week. Ethan will be sitting on the board. City is donating office space to them. They are going to be looking for an executive director whose job will be to raise money for park improvement projects and recreation. The City and outside groups will be able to apply for funds through the Conservancy.

Roger moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom seconded. All in favor.