



In attendance: Commission Members: Tom Jewell, Patrizia Bailey, Meri Lowry, Colleen Tucker, Roger Berle, and Steve Morgenstein. Portland Trails Representative Kara Wooldrik. City Staff: Doug Roncarati, Ethan Hipple, and Alli Carroll.

Land Bank Commission Minutes

February 8, 2018

5:00 PM

Portland, Maine City Hall
389 Congress Street, Room 24

Tom called the meeting to begin at 5:10 PM.

I. Citizen Comment Period

There are no citizens present to make a comment at this time.

II. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2018

Colleen moved to accept the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Roger seconded. Pat abstains. Passed with four in favor.

ii. New Business

a. Camelot Farm Development Status Update

Pat explained that the developers will soon have the proper permits. They will start digging in Spring and have a forty-five-month timeline to build. Trying to make development as compact as possible. They are still open to continue the discussion to work with Portland Trails and Land Bank about the twenty-four acres of open space. Kara and Doug explained the land on a map presented over the projector.

iii. Old Business

Roger moved to go into executive session to discuss Redlon Woods/TAPC parcels, Oat Nuts Park parcel, and Forest Ave. parcel abutting Riverton Elementary School. Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.

a. a. Update on Redlon Woods/TAPC Parcels

Executive session 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

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c. Forest Ave. Parcel abutting Riverton Elementary School.

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 moved to come out of executive session. Colleen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Meri entered the meeting at 5:30 PM.

d. Paper Street Subcommittee

Land Bank Commissions part in this topic is done as of right now. This topic will stay on the agenda for future updates from City staff on its progress.

e. PATHS update

Will be changing this update title to "Improvements to Land Bank Properties". There will be continued efforts to remove invasive plants from the meadow area at PATHS. Riverton Trolley Park and Evergreen Woods are priorities for conservation groups that could help make improvements.

f. Verizon Pines (Davis Farm Road) Update

Also known as Consolidated Communications. It is still on Roger's hands. Ethan said that this area is part of Jeff Tarling's tree tour if anyone wanted to join in the Walk in the Park Series.

g. TAPC List Update

Pat confirmed that the Land Bank Commission is waiting for a new list from staff. Doug and Ethan agreed and stated that they haven't seen anything yet.

h. Annual Land Bank Commission Report

Simon was not able to attend but a draft of the annual report was included in the packet Alli provided for Commissioners. Pat suggested that accomplishments should include that they added property to the Land Bank. Tom suggested the PATHs project, pictures of it, and pictures of Redlon Woods. Commissioners agreed to look over this draft and that they will vote to accept the annual report next month.

iv. Communications/Updates

a. Monthly Parks Report – Ethan

Ethan explained that the Parks Conservancy has a board now. The Parks Commission Chair and himself have voting seats. Currently, they are working on an MOU and looking for an Executive Director.

Meri briefly updated the Land Bank Commission on the Parks Commission's last meeting. They spoke of the new Parks Conservancy and is moving forward with subcommittee projects for the year.

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting and Colleen seconded. Passed unanimously.