

PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

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February 8, 2017

To:

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Dan Saltzman Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

From:

Mike Abbaté, Director

Portland Parks & Recreation

Subject:

Explore Washington Park Program Review

I am pleased to introduce to Council a program review from Heather McCarey, Executive Director of Explore Washington Park (EWP) on the transportation and parking programs in Washington Park.

As one of Portland's busiest parks, Washington Park has historically faced a variety of access and transportation challenges. With the introduction of a pay-to-park program in 2014, Portland Parks & Recreation has been able to devote a dedicated stream of funding to improving access and the visitor experience to, from, and around the park. Explore Washington Park receives a portion of this funding to perform a variety of transportation management initiatives, such as the free parkwide shuttle, visitor information services, transportation planning, and stakeholder coordination.

This report will showcase the excellent work Explore Washington Park has achieved to date, including the marked reduction in vehicle trips to the park, while simultaneously maintaining attendance at park venues.

In addition to the work by Explore Washington Park, Portland Parks & Recreation has also been successful in addressing a variety of long-term deferred maintenance issues and code required improvements using the dedicated pay-to-park funds.

We look forward to presenting on the accomplishments of Explore Washington Park at this meeting.

Sincerely

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www.PortlandParks.org Amanda Fritz, Commissioner Mike Abbaté, Director Sustaining a healthy park and recreation system to make Portland a great place to live, work and play.



Agenda No. REPORT

Title

Accept the Explore Washington Park 2016 program review. (Report)

INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Fritz	CLERK USE: DATE FILED JAN 31 2017
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance & Administration, Wheeler Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman Position 4/Safety - Eudaly BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Parks Bureau Head: Mike Abbaté Prepared by: Victor Sanders Date Prepared: 1/31/17 Impact Statement Completed	Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland By: Deputy ACTION TAKEN: FEB 0 8 2017 ACCEPTED
City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan	
Council Meeting Date 2/8/17	

	AGENDA		
	CERTAIN ⊠ ime: <u>9:45 a.m.</u>		
Total amount of time needed: 30 minutes (for presentation, testimony and discussion)			
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FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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2. Fish	2. Fish		
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	/	
Wheeler	Wheeler	/	