

Agenda No. 426

REPORT

Appoint and reappoint members to Portland Parks & Recreation Board
(Report)

May 10, 2021

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following appointment to the Portland Parks & Recreation Board:

Appointment	Term	Replacing
Adrienne Feldstein	06-30-2022 (Partial Term)	Jenny Glass
Ali Berman	06-30-2023 (Partial Term)	Punneh Abdolhosseini
Dr. C.N.E. Corbin	06-30-2023 (Partial Term)	Alejandra Cortes
Nova Newcomer	06-30-2024	Ian Jaquiss
Elana Pirtle-Guiney	06-30-2024	Katy Holland
Sabrina Wilson	06-30-2024	Tamara Layden

Reappointments	Term
Bonnie Gee Yosick	06-30-2024 (Second Term)
John Casey Mills	06-30-2024 (First Full Term)

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler

Mayor

Introduced by

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Bureau

Parks & Recreation

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Requested Council Date

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Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain 9:45 am
10 minutes

Date Filed with Clerk

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Bios follow below:

Adrienne Feldstein

Adrienne is a physician at Kaiser Permanente Northwest, a swim instructor with PP&R, and a landscape painter and resides in NE Portland. Adrienne has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Master of Science in Public Health Nutrition from Columbia University, and received their Medical Doctorate from George Washington University School of Medicine. Adrienne has demonstrated commitment and experience working with a diversity of people through their work as a public health physician. As a young woman in the sciences and medicine, Adrienne was deeply involved in the reproductive rights movement and in Physicians for Social responsibility and Physicians for a National Health program. Throughout Adrienne's career they have provided health services to migrant farmworkers and people experiencing homelessness and have also worked to improve worker safety and reduce hazardous exposures. As a population health director at Kaiser Permanente, Adrienne evaluated outcomes to look for inequalities and developed corrective programs.

Ali Berman

Ali is the Communications Manager at Portland Audubon and resides in SE Portland. Ali has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from Sarah Lawrence College. Since 2020 Ali has served as a Board Member with Disabled Hikers. In Ali's application they share that equity and working with a diverse group of people is central to their work, both as the Communications Manager for Portland Audubon and a board member for Disabled Hikers. Ali is passionate about disability justice and racial justice and believes that an intersectional lens is vital if we want to create a welcoming space for all people. For people who are multiply marginalized, it is critical to learn about and fight for social justice in all its forms so that people can bring their full and authentic selves into a space.

Dr. C.N.E. Corbin

Corbin is an Assistant Professor at Portland State University and resides in NE Portland. Corbin received Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Media Studies and African American Studies and their PhD in Environmental Science, Policy and Management from the University of California, Berkeley. Corbin served on the City of Oakland Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission from 2015-2020 and currently serves on the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation Board. Corbin works on park access

issues with a diverse group of stakeholders, community members, and residents. Corbin's work and scholarship in environmental justice and climate justice focuses on policies, practices, and processes while incorporating praxis to meet people where they are.

Nova Newcomer

Nova is the Executive Director at Friends of Baseball and resides in North Portland. Nova has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Portland State University and currently serves on the Portland State Athletic Advisory and Multnomah Athletic Foundation Boards. Nova has a heart for justice, access, and making good on commitments made to the community. Nova's advocacy centers around children and youth to focus on upstream solutions to access to recreational activities. Nova believes that populated parks are safer for the children and families and we need to be open to investing in programs, accommodations, and accessibility that allow all community members to enjoy, grow, engage, and sustain our parks resources.

Elana Pirtle-Guiney

Elana is Legislative Director for the Office of the Governor and resides in NE Portland. Elana studied International Affairs and Political Science at Lewis & Clark College with an emphasis on Environmental Policy and Middle Eastern Politics. Elana has demonstrated their commitment and experience working with a diversity of people through their work on the City Club Board to diversify their membership, in their current role in the Governors Office working with Reimagine Oregon and supporting her Racial Justice Council. Elana volunteers with and supports organizations working on LGBTQ issues and volunteers with the Jewish community. Elana believes that making space for all people sometimes means slowing down and often being willing to do things differently. It also means centering community, and not ones' own needs. Elana is ready to do both while still moving PP&R's work forward.

Sabrina Wilson

Sabrina is the Executive Director at The Rosewood Initiative and resides in East Portland. Sabrina has Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communication from California State University, Long Beach, and a Master of Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino. Sabrina demonstrates her commitment to diversity by serving a diverse community with a diverse leadership, professional staff and an inclusive volunteer force that

reflects the community's population. Dismantling systems that were not created with diverse and intersectional people in mind is a part of everything Sabrina does. The neighborhood and community The Rosewood Initiative serves is one of the most diverse in the state of Oregon with 142 languages spoken and one third of residents being foreign born.

Bonnie Gee Yosick

Bonnie is an Economic Analyst/Consultant who lives in NE Portland. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from Wellesley College and Master of Business Administration with a certificate in Public/Nonprofit Management from Boston University. Bonnie has over 25 years of experience conducting economic and policy analysis for public- and private-sector clients. In addition to her role on the Parks Board, she serves on the Portland Farmers Markets and Farmers Market Fund Boards, where she supports the success of farmers and other food producers and seeks to improve access to healthy, locally-grown food for underserved Oregonians. Bonnie loves going to parks with the guide dogs in training she fosters and is interested in expanding the role PP&R can play in improving public health and equity in public services.

John Casey Mills

Casey is a retired lawyer who practiced for 30 years focusing on reorganizations of financially troubled businesses. Casey has been significantly involved with Pacific Northwest College of Art, both as a member of its Board of Governors and as its Interim President. He lives in the South Waterfront, and presently runs the website www.oregoncourses.com, about all the golf courses in Oregon. Casey received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his law degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. Casey helped to create and direct diversity and equity programs at Miller Nash, LLP, and PNCA, and regularly volunteers for a variety of conservation organizations including The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, Earthwatch, SOLV, and the US Forest Service. Casey believes that equitable access to safe open and natural spaces for all Portland citizens is a key for a productive, successful, and healthy Portland, and wants to help Portland retain a positive legacy of an exceptional park system.

Action Taken: June 9, 2021 Confirmed

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio - Yea

Ryan - Yea

Hardesty - Yea

Mapps - Yea

Wheeler - Yea