

**Agenda No. 427**

**REPORT**

Appoint Brianna Westenskow, David Staczek, and Karl Cheng and reappoint Karen Loper Tracy to the Portland Parks & Recreation Bond Oversight Committee for terms to expire December 31, 2023 (Report)

City of Portland

June 2, 2021

As Mayor and Commissioner of Finance & Administration, I request Council confirmation of the following reappointment and new appointments to the 2014 Portland Parks & Recreation Bond Oversight Committee. The Bond Oversight Committee is composed of five distinguished community members, each of them was selected by a member of the Council to oversee the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond Program.

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
Brianna Westenskow	1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023	Ken Richardson
David Staczek	1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023	Janice Mason
Karl Cheng	1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023	Jonath Colon

<b>Reappointment</b>	<b>Term</b>
Karen Loper Tracy	1/1/2021 through 12/31/2023

Bios of appointees attached.

**Introduced by**

Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Bureau**

Parks & Recreation

**Prepared by**

Robin Laughlin

**Date Prepared**

May 4, 2021

**Requested Council Date**

June 9, 2021

**Requested Agenda Type**

Time Certain 9:55 am  
15 minutes

**Date Filed with Clerk**

June 1, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler

Mayor

## **Bios of Appointees**

**Brianna Westenskow** was born and raised right here in Portland, minus the short three years she lived in Phoenix, Arizona in her 20's to pursue education and training in cosmetology. She returned to pursue an education and training as a medical assistant at Mt. Hood Community College. Currently, she is a medical assistant at OHSU and the Lead Medical Assistant at the Benson High School-Based Health Center. She lives in Southeast Portland with her husband, two dogs and three chickens. She is excited about applying her interests and advocacy - in partnership with her Committee colleagues and city commissioners - to help create a better Portland for all by serving on this committee.

**David Staczek** is an architect and designer at ZGF Architects. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, David found his way out west in 1992. In the last 28 years, David has worked to plan, expand, and renovate local and regional hospital campuses. David's work with healthcare institutions to design nurturing and healing environments has fostered a deep appreciation for the healing power of nature. He is an avid mountain biker, and currently supports Portland Parks & Recreation with his service on the Portland Parks Board. He is excited to help make Portland a great place to live, work and play.

**Karl Cheng** is a Senior Investment Officer at the Oregon State Treasury. Karl grew up in the Northeast, moved to the West Coast in 1999, and ultimately settled down in Portland in 2008. He has worked in the investment industry for over 20 years at various organizations and has previous experience in reviewing financial statements and forecast models. Karl has come to appreciate the beautiful parks in Portland, particularly with two children who have benefited from the athletic fields maintained by Portland Parks & Recreation. He is excited to be a member of the Parks Bond Oversight Committee.

**Karen Loper Tracy** grew up in Portland and spent her career with Portland Parks & Recreation. Starting in college, she held various positions over time including

Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach and Communication Manager. Her broad exposure to virtually every aspect of the suite of Parks & Recreation services makes her an invaluable member of this Committee. She understands the roles and responsibilities of employees and volunteers of PPR and how upgrades to the park system help staff respond to citizen recreational needs. She also understands the budgeting protocols and monitoring/managing funding to meet bureau-wide objectives. She retired in 2012 after 4 years as Assistant Director. She worked on many bond and levy programs (before, during and after) ensuring the public was involved and informed throughout the process.

Action Taken: June 9, 2021 Confirmed

Commissioners voted as follows (Yea or Nay)

Rubio - Yea

Ryan - Yea

Hardesty - Yea

Mapps - Yea

Wheeler - Yea