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**PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION**

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

July 18, 2014

Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners:

The Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) of Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) is pleased to write in support of Commissioner Amanda Fritz's proposal to refer a Parks Replacement Bond to Portland voters.

Representing a wide variety of interests and stakeholders across the city, PP&R's BAC is comprised of the Portland Parks Board, labor partners and community members. Earlier this year as part of the 2014-15 budget process, the BAC once again examined the scale of resources needed to maintain our cherished city park system. While we were pleased with the City Council's decision this year to add \$500,000 in general fund dollars to PP&R's maintenance budget, we are all aware that with major maintenance needs of more than \$365 million over the next ten years, currently available resources are insufficient to keep all of our park facilities safe and operational.

As noted in our January recommendation concerning PP&R's requested budget, we struggle to address infrastructure needs with a pie that is not big enough—this is a significant challenge that our community must address. At that time, we advocated for a stable, long-term, dedicated funding strategy to address the significant backlog of capital maintenance needs that will not be met solely with general fund allotments. The proposed Parks Replacement Bond is a strong start. The Replacement Bond will allow us to address the most critical and urgent maintenance needs, without raising tax rates for Portlanders.

On July 2 we reconvened as a Budget Advisory Committee to review Commissioner Fritz's proposed Parks Replacement Bond; our vote was unanimous to recommend that the Portland City Council refer it to voters. We also voted unanimously to recommend favorable consideration of the draft Replacement Bond Project List, as well as the general process for determining additional Parks Replacement Bond projects for the second bond issuance. Commissioner Fritz has submitted this package for Council discussion on July 24. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your strong support of Portland's parks.

Sincerely,

Kathy Fong Stephens, Parks Board Chair

on behalf of the PP&R Budget Advisory Committee (*members listed on the following page*)

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MIKE ABBATÉ, DIRECTOR

July 22, 2014

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Portland City Council
1221 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Mayor Hales and City Commissioners,

The Urban Forestry Commission is pleased to support Commissioner Fritz's proposal that City Council put a Parks Replacement Bond before the citizens of Portland on the November 2014 ballot.

This past Thursday, July 17th, the commission discussed Director Abbaté's presentation points from the previous meeting, and all agreed that extending the terms of the current Parks Bond Measure seems the safest way to ensure that critical funds are secured without asking Portlanders to raise taxes on themselves, just as the local economy is picking up after the recent recession. While our membership recognizes that the types of improvement projects that such a bond will afford will not directly involve trees or the urban forest, we believe that maintaining Portland Parks & Recreation's key capital assets is essential to furthering public support for all of the bureau's programs.

We sincerely thank you for your support for PP&R's programs and facilities in this year's budget cycle, and especially for your support for Portland's urban forest, as shown through the funding of Title 11.

Respectfully,

Meryl Redisch, UFC Chair & Kris Day, Policy Committee Chair

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On behalf of the full Urban Forestry Commission:

Catherine Mushel, Secretary

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This Park is Your Park

Abridged Version

Refrain (Adapted from This Land is Your Land) Woody Guthrie, 1940
Adaptation by Michelle L. Rodríguez 2014

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a 'Refrain' section, a 'Fine' section, and a 'To Refrain' section. The lyrics are: 'This park is my park. This park is your park. From Love Joy Foun-tain To Pit - tock Man - sion From Harpers Play - ground. To the Ar - bor re - e - tum. These parks were made for you and me. As I was wa - lk - ing Springwater Corri - dor, I saw a - bove me, Some in - va - sive ivy. And I thought well here, is an op por tun - ity. This park's in need of you and me!'.

7 This park is my park. This park is your park. From Love Joy Foun-tain

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17 re - e - tum. These parks were made for you and me.

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por tun - ity. This park's in need of you and me!

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3. When the sun came shining as I was strolling,
And the pine trees waving, and the rain clouds rolling.

As the volunteers gathered, beneath the canopy:
These parks are loved by you and me.

4. These parks are your parks, these parks are my parks.
We've worked together, through all types of weather.

We can't imagine, our City without 'em.
These parks depend on you and me!

These parks depend on you and me!

Parsons, Susan

From: Reyes, Cindy
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From: Sally Joughin [mailto:sjoughin@earthlink.net]
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To: Hales, Mayor; Commissioner Fish; Commissioner Saltzman; Novick, Steve; Commissioner Fritz
Subject: testimony re Parks Bond

To Mayor Hales, Nick Fish, Dan Saltzman, Steve Novick and Amanda Fritz,

I am unable to get to the City Hall meeting this afternoon, and I had wanted to testify. So please include this written message with the testimony you receive today about the Parks Bond.

First of all, what I wanted to say is that I am very much **in favor** of renewing the bond that would continue funding for Portland's parks through our property taxes.

Why? I consider parks part of my "**personal property**", and our wonderful parks belong to all the people of Portland. Therefore it is very appropriate to include their maintenance, repairs, safety and accessibility in our property taxes. In general, I believe that property taxes are related to homeowners' ability to contribute, and therefore this is a funding source that is preferable to a separate levy.

This would be my point of view even if I did not have a family member who works in parks maintenance and loves doing this work for our City!

Sincerely,

Sally Joughin

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