



**Office of Mayor Ted Wheeler
City of Portland**

May 29, 2019

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

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
John Casey Mills	06-30-2021 (Partial Term)	Tonya Booker
Alejandra Cortes	06-30-2023	Jim Owens
Alejandro Orizola	06-30-2023	Pat Frobos
David Staczek	06-30-2023	Kendall Clawson
Juan Piantino	06-30-2023	Gladys Ruiz
Punneh Abdolhosseini	06-30-2023	Michelle Dedeo
Reappointment		
Mike Elliott	06-30-2023	
Paul Agrimis	06-30-2023	

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Wheeler
Mayor

[Include **brief bio** and a **statement from appointee of their interest** in this position.]

John Casey Mills

Bio:

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 also 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.

Interest Statement:

I want to help. The easy access to safe open and natural spaces for all Portlanders is, I believe, a key for a productive, successful, and healthy community. Portland has a positive legacy of providing an exceptional park system. But an increase in population and a decrease in relative funding has placed significant stress on Portland's parks. I hope that I can assist in finding ways to help alleviate some of this stress by serving on the board.

Alejandra Cortes

Bio:

Alejandra is a Biologist, Naturalist and an Environmental Educator for Metro Regional Government, residing in Vancouver Washington. She received her B.S. in Biology with a focus in Ecology and Evolution from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Alejandra has over a decade of experience conducting community centered engagement and environmental advocacy. She has been involved with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, the Latino Youth Leadership Conference and Clark County Nevada Parks and Recreation. Alejandra would like to contribute to a safe and welcoming parks system for all people of Portland. She is passionate about environmental justice, anti-racism work and green space accessibility.

Interest Statement:

I hold a strong belief that community change is only equitable when communities themselves are the people driving those changes. As a person who has benefitted and grown in a system of service to communities and parks, it is both my passion and purpose to serve the public in a meaningful and equitable way. I believe the communities we engage and serve through Portland Parks and Recreation are a mixture of people who either have held predominate access to land and water and people who have historically been excluded and unwelcome in outdoor and recreation spaces in this region. I want to serve on this board with the objective of serving the

public with a racial equity lens and with a personal hope to bridge long standing gaps in community engagement and service.

Alejandro Orizola

Bio:

Alejandro is the Conservation Director for the Forest Park Conservancy. He holds a law degree from the Universidad de Chile and an LLM in Environmental Law and Natural Resources from the University of Oregon. He has over ten years of experience in the planning and implementation of land conservation strategies and projects in both Chile and the US. Alejandro is convinced of the critical role that parks and natural areas play in communities' mental and physical health, and to address issues of equity.

Interest Statement:

I am interested in serving on this board as an opportunity to make a deeper impact in the Portland Metro community by promoting and facilitating the access to our parks and natural areas. My expectation is for the advisory board to provide strong and informed input on the city's strategy to ensure equitable access to parks and on a sustainable and long term funding strategy for operation and maintenance of parks.

David Staczek

Bio:

David is an architect and designer at ZGF Architects. Originally from Toledo, Ohio, David found his way out west in 1992 and fell in love with the Pacific Northwest, marrying a native Oregonian. He now leads teams in master planning and design for healthcare and educational institutions around the country. In the last 28 years, David has worked with Oregon Health & Science University, Providence Health, Legacy Health and Kaiser Permanente to plan, expand and renovate their local and regional 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 strives to support Portland Parks and continue to make Portland a great place to live, work and play. He is an active member of the design community as well as his local community, maintaining memberships in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) and previously serving on the foundation boards for Duniway Elementary School and Cleveland High School. He is also an avid mountain biker who has recently discovered the thrill and agony of cyclocross.

Interest Statement:

I would like to help elevate the quality, care, accessibility and safety of the Portland Parks and programs. My professional work focuses on creating accessible healing environments for major healthcare institutions around the country and I would like to share that expertise with my hometown and its amazing public resources. Being active and engaged can keep the mind, body and spirit healthy. Many of my larger scale healthcare projects involve community outreach and community engagement and I enjoy listening, gathering input, iterating & generating ideas and building consensus.

Juan Piantino

Bio:

Juan is an Assistant Professor, Director of inpatient Pediatric Neurology, and Director of Pediatric Neurocritical Care Program at Oregon Health and Science University. He received his M.D. from the University of Buenos Aires, School of Medicine, in 2003 and Research Fellowship at Harvard Medical School Children's Hospital. Before making his way to Oregon in 2014, Juan was a Pediatrics Resident at Brown University Hasbro Children's Hospital and Child Neurology Resident at the University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital. He received a Pediatric Neurocritical Care Fellowship at Northwestern University at Laurie Children's Hospital and Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at University of Washington's Seattle Children's Hospital. In addition to his education and teaching experience, Juan has received many awards, scholarships, research funding and scientific publications on pediatric neurology. Juan is passionate about ensuring all kids in Portland have access to parks and natural areas.

Interest Statement:

I was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Growing up in a city of 12 million people, there was not much space for me to play, and my parents struggled to keep us occupied. I have experienced firsthand the results of not spending much time outside. When I moved to Oregon, I was immediately fascinated by its open spaces, forests, trails, and parks. Now that I have three boys of my own, it is time for me to become an advocate for these unique resources. I would like to join the board because I want my boys, my patients, and all the other children in Portland to have a place to play, ride their bikes, and go explore.

Punneh Abdolhosseini

Bio:

Punneh currently coordinates the operational needs of the Regional Illegal Dumping program for Oregon Metro Regional Government. Some of that work includes supporting a trauma-informed care approach when enforcing the illegal camping policy and supporting the development of a work transition program for people coming out of incarceration. Before her role on the Regional Illegal Dumping team, she worked in the Parks and Nature Department. One of her roles included the management of the Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Action Plan. That work included creating a communication strategy that brought awareness to staff on issues and successes related to the REDI Action Plan and supporting department leadership in their growth and learning. During her time in the Parks and Nature Department, she also oversaw an environmental education field trip program that served over 8000 students a year. That work included researching and updating content to be culturally responsive and respectful, and researching the history around how white supremacy culture shaped and continue to affect our views of nature and wilderness.

Interest Statement:

I want to serve on this advisory body because I think that it is important for access to nature and recreation to be accessible to all cultures and people. Through a legacy of discriminatory policies, we know that this is not the case. Over the last 10 years, I have

focused much of my personal and professional time on these issues and I want to bring that experience to the Portland Parks & Recreation Advisory Body.

Paul Agrimis

Bio:

Paul is a landscape architect, civil engineer, and professional wetland scientist with over 30 years of experience in environmental planning and design. Paul lives in NE Portland and holds an MLA in Landscape Architecture from the University of Washington and a BSE in Civil Engineering from University of Connecticut. He seeks to create places that integrate cultural and regional context, meet the needs and interests of site visitors, and will become community and regional destinations.

What excites you about continuing to serve on this advisory body?

The Portland Parks Board is actively engaged with PP&R's leadership team to determine a Sustainable Future for PP&R. We are also advising on the proposed I-5 Rose Quarter, Green Loop, and Broadway Corridor projects. We are helping to shape important components of a healthy park system for Portland.

Mike Elliott

Bio:

Mike has nearly 30 years of business experience with national employee benefits consulting firms, the final 27 of which were with Portland-based M Benefit Solutions. He is an analytical, systemic thinker with broad-based experience that includes management, budgeting, consensus building, strategic planning, and consulting to C-suite management teams and Boards of Directors. A third generation Oregonian, Mike traveled extensively as a 'military brat.' He graduated with a BA from Northwestern University, with majors in Economics and Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences (with Honors). After returning to Oregon and joining M Benefit Solutions, Mike earned his MBA from Portland State University. Mike retired in October 2016 and is excited about giving back to the region in ways that align with his interests in the local community, the outdoors, financial services, and food access. To that end, Mike has served as a Member of the Board of Directors for Farmers Market Fund.

What excites you about continuing to serve on this advisory body?

I am excited about continuing to work with the other members of the Board and serving the community to help ensure fair and equitable access to the city's abundant outdoor space and recreation programs. I believe strongly that helping Portlanders play has very strong benefits to our collective physical and mental well-being.

APPOINTMENT REPORT

Title

Appoint John Casey Mills, Alejandra Cortes, Alejandro Orizola, David Staczek, Juan Piantino, and Punneh Abdolhosseini and reappoint Paul Agrimis and Mike Elliott to the Portland Parks & Recreation Board (Report)

<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Wheeler</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>June 2, 2020</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance & Administration - Wheeler <small>Sonia Schmanski</small></p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <small>Digitally signed by Sonia Schmanski Date: 2020.06.01 22:08:10 -07'00'</small></p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Vacant</p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	<p>By: <u>Karla Moore-Love</u> <small>Digitally signed by Karla Moore-Love Date: 2020.06.02 18:23:55 -07'00'</small> Deputy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 10, 2020 Confirmed</p>
<p>Bureau: Office of the Mayor</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Brooke Gardner Date Prepared: <u>5/29/2020</u></p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: <u>L Law</u> <small>Digitally signed by L Law Date: 2020.05.30 16:05:44 -07'00'</small> required for contract, code. easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan</p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date <u>June 10, 2020</u></p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: <u>10:05am</u></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>15 minutes</u> (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Vacant		
3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler		