



Training summary

Meeting: Natural Areas + Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee Criteria Training
 Date/time: Monday, July 26, 2021 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 Place: Virtual meeting, Zoom
 Purpose: Explore Bond criteria with focus on racial equity
 Outcome(s): Shared understanding of bond criteria

Attendees:

Committee Members

Tana Atchley Culbertson (she/her)	Michelle Lin (she/her)	Tabitha Palmer DuPrau (she/her)
Burt Edwards (he/him)	Martita Meier (she/her)	Eric Peterson (he/him)
John Ferguson (he/him)	PK Melethil (he/him)	Erin Upton (she/her)
Lisa Freedman (she/her)	Bryan Mercier (he/him)	Cary Watters (she/her)
Nicole Johnson (she/her)	Georgena Moran (she/her)	Owen Wozniak (he/him)
	Michael Morrow (he/him)	

Metro Council

Councilor Mary Nolan (she/her)

Metro staff

Beth Cohen (she/her), Melanie Reinert (she/her), Susanne Raymond (she/her), Robyn Stowers (she/her)

Guest facilitators

Béalleka Makau (she/her)

Absent

Vivek Shandas, Shantae Johnson, Shannon Shoul

Welcome and Agenda Review

Béalleka Makau (she/her), Béalleka Consulting, launched the training on the parks and nature bond criteria to provide a foundation for thinking about three bond criteria and explained that the meeting does not cover committee business of decision-making and won't be recorded (or heavily attended by Metro staff) in order to create space for members to be honest in break-out discussions, and to get to know one another. Béalleka reminded members that there will be a "bike rack" for questions specific to official business that can be addressed at the September committee meeting.

Criteria focus: Equity

Béalleka shared context and an overview of the criteria of equity including the context for prompts: REDE (radical empathy disrupts entitlement) origin story and use in equity training. Béalleka introduced privilege and how responding to prompts enables thinking about it. Members entered into a breakout section around how privilege shows up.

Béallega defined equity vs. equality and articulated the reason for a focus on racial equity. Béallega shared [a video](#) with personal testimony about being in the outdoors as a person of color.

Béallega touched on ableism and accessibility as it relates to parks and nature. Béallega specifically articulated the theme of how people inhabit space differently including cultural distinctions in how we relate to “natural” spaces, safety and gender considerations and intersections with race and representation and other tools of safety.

Criteria focus: Climate resilience

Béallega introduced the second criteria, climate resilience, and touched on the importance of human behavior in adapting to a changing climate. She launched a breakout session for members around willingness to protect priority areas for climate resilience. Béallega walked through the cultural cues we receive about being in Nature and introduced the concept of stewardship.

Criteria focus: Community engagement

Béallega introduced the third bond criteria, community engagement by touching on questions around how community is defined, how people are documented, counted, recognized by government.

Members convened in breakout sessions to think about what newcomers are taught about Portland, what’s left out of this narrative and what that means about who this place is for.

Béallega highlighted the theme of *“Nothing about us without us,”* to guide thinking about meaningful engagement.

Committee as Community

Béallega provided an overview of the importance of group agreements, why they matter. Béallega shared examples and considerations while forming them. Members convened in a breakout session to reflect on potential group agreements that individual members may want to propose at the September committee meeting.

Adjourn and next steps

Béallega asked members to come to the September committee meeting prepared with ideas of potential group agreements to share and reminded members to fill out a doodle poll with their availability for the September meeting.