



Forest Park Conservancy

Volunteer Position: Member of FPC Board of Directors
Reports to: Chair of FPC Board
Work Schedule: Volunteer, non-paid position
Based in: Portland, Oregon

About Forest Park Conservancy

Forest Park Conservancy is a community-supported 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to protect and restore the ecological health of Forest Park and Marquam Nature Park, maintain and enhance these extensive trail networks, promote equitable access, and inspire diverse community appreciation and stewardship of these iconic urban forests for generations to come. Each year, FPC works with 2,000+ volunteers to maintain trails, remove invasive species, and plant native trees and shrubs. Forest Park Conservancy is also leading a 20-year conservation strategy called the Greater Forest Park Conservation Initiative to restore 15,000 acres of public and private lands to ensure the long-term health of Forest Park.

General Job Description

The Board of Directors promotes Forest Park Conservancy's mission, goals, and achievements to a broad audience of local and state policymakers. It helps establish effective relationships with government, philanthropic, donors, non-profit, tribal, corporate, science, education, and other sectors – as well as with the public at large.

Board members are the fiduciaries responsible for steering the organization toward a sustainable future. The board provides policy advice, expertise, and assistance in developing and implementing Forest Park Conservancy's programs. The board also provides strategic leadership for the programs and is deeply involved in shaping Forest Park Conservancy's strategy to fulfill its mission.

Responsibilities

- Know the organization's mission, policies, programs, and needs, as well as understand its collective purpose
- Read and understand the organization's financial statements and board materials in advance of meetings
- Serve as active advocates and ambassadors for the organization
- Fully engage in identifying and securing the financial resources and partnerships necessary for the organization to advance its missions
- Give a meaningful personal financial donation to directly support the organization's work
- Leverage connections, networks, and resources to develop collective action to achieve the organization's missions
- Help identify personal connections that can benefit the organization's fundraising, improve its reputation, and influence public policy
- Prepare for, attend, and conscientiously participate in bimonthly (six times a year) Board meetings
- Participate fully in one or more committees (finance, development and communications, event planning, etc.)
- Engage in learning opportunities to better understand the community we serve

- Respect the experiences of all who bring their voices and lived experiences into the boardroom and the organization
- Perform an annual evaluation of the Executive Director's work

Skills and Qualifications

To be successful, it is important that we recruit and retain a diverse group of leaders who bring a variety of talents, experiences, and expertise to the governance and strategic direction of Forest Park Conservancy.

Forest Park Conservancy's Board of Directors seeks leaders who are part of the Portland, Oregon community, passionate about Forest Park Conservancy's mission, are well-respected by their peers, have life experience relevant to Forest Park Conservancy's work, are willing to personally contribute time and financial resources to support Forest Park Conservancy's efforts and who, where possible, assist in garnering further support.

Board members also bring a variety of business planning, financial planning, stewardship strategy, communications and marketing, government relations, context expertise, and conservation skills to Forest Park Conservancy's programs.

Equal Opportunity

Forest Park Conservancy does not discriminate against any person or group on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, pregnancy, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or genetic information.