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Board Member Position Summary

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is seeking candidates for its Board of Directors to include representatives of communities throughout the City of Pittsburgh. We plan to add several new Board members residing in parts of the City where we currently have no or low representation. We are interested in finding candidates who are excited about our mission to restore and improve the public parks in the City of Pittsburgh, including our new initiative to expand funding for parks through a citizens petition to put a referendum on the ballot at the upcoming November election.

The Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy was founded in December 1996 by a group of citizens concerned with the deteriorating conditions of Pittsburgh's historic city parks. A non-profit organization, the Conservancy works closely with the City of Pittsburgh under an official public-private partnership agreement to restore and improve the city's park system to its full potential. To date, the Conservancy has raised more than \$120 million and completed more than 20 major park improvement projects. The Conservancy works with thousands of volunteers and provides programming for more than 7,500 children annually.

The Conservancy and Mayor Bill Peduto announced a ballot initiative starting in June to restore safe, accessible parks to all communities in the City of Pittsburgh. The ballot initiative proposes to amend the City's Home Rule Charter to create a dedicated Parks Trust Fund for restoring and maintaining all city parks. City residents will be able to sign a petition to get the Home Rule Charter amendment on the ballot this November. The petition will be available until August 6, 2019.

The Conservancy's Board of Directors currently includes 4 City representatives and 38 community and business leaders. Directors serve on one or more Board Committees, which include Audit, Finance, Planning, Community Engagement, Development, Education, Nominating & Governance, and Human Resources. Directors are expected to make a personal gift to the Conservancy's annual fund commensurate with their financial ability, and 100% board giving is expected. There are four Board meetings per year, and each of the Committees meets about 4 times per year, usually in advance of the Board meetings.

Interested persons are encouraged to send an email and bio/resume as soon as possible to Pam Rollings at prollings@pittsburghparks.org. We will schedule "meet and greet" meetings in various communities in July and August, which any interested persons are welcome to attend, to find out more about the Conservancy and the Board opportunity. Please feel free to call Pam Rollings at 412-682-7275, ext. 218 or check our website at www.pittsburghparks.org for more information.