

# Help Shape the Future of Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC)

We are recruiting a diverse group of community advisors.



**Portland Parks & Recreation is looking for interested Portlanders to serve as members of the IFCC Community Advisory Committee.**

This group will help shape a programming / business model for IFCC and subsequently, make recommendations on the organization(s) that will occupy the building through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Those with strong connections to IFCC, the African American community, and the N/NE Portland community are encouraged to apply for this advisory group.

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) is a community-based arts center located in North Portland at 5340 N Interstate Avenue. It was founded in 1982 by Portland's first African-American elected official, Commissioner Charles Jordan. The renovated structure contains a 99-seat theater, rehearsal studio, and gallery/multi-purpose room. The building was originally constructed in 1910 as a fire station and was in use until 1959.



The original mission of IFCC is to create an environment in which people of every ethnic and cultural background come together as artists and audience to explore, preserve, and celebrate their diversity.

PP&R is charged with developing a community-driven plan to reopen IFCC as a center for arts & culture with the following goals:

1. Uphold IFCC's original mission to explore, preserve and celebrate Portland's diversity;
2. Respect and honor IFCC's history and roots in the African American community; and
3. Advance the City of Portland's commitment to racial equity.

The historic IFCC building is owned by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), a City of Portland bureau. The Center was managed by the nonprofit organization IFCC, Inc. until May 2010, when the non-profit concluded its operations. In August 2010, management authority was given to Ethos, Inc. by a unanimous vote of Portland City Council. Ethos returned management responsibilities to the City of Portland in December 2014. Portland Parks & Recreation took over management responsibilities in 2015.

### **Community Advisory Committee**

The Community Advisory Committee will be appointed by the Commissioner of Portland Parks & Recreation to help:

- Determine an enduring model for IFCC that fulfills the above goals and is programmatically and financially sustainable,
- Engage the broader community for input and ideas to develop a community-supported programming / business model,
- Once a model is determined, select organization(s)/individual(s) to occupy IFCC through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, and
- Balance the needs and perspectives of artists and the community at large.

### **Meetings and Timeline**

The Advisory Committee will meet a minimum of 4 times in June and July 2018. Members are also encouraged to attend the IFCC Public Forum planned for July 2018. The RFP review process is projected to occur in September. Dinner will be provided at evening meetings. TriMet passes and childcare will be provided upon request.



# PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION - ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTEREST FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use additional space or paper if needed to answer the following 6 questions:*

**1.** Why are you interested in participating as a Community Advisor on this project?

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**2.** Please tell us about the communities, groups, or interests you want to represent in this process (including cultural groups, the arts/artists, N/NE neighborhood, youth, LGBTQ, disability, etc.).

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**3.** Please tell us about the perspective, experience, or knowledge you can contribute to this committee (including arts management, working artists, business/entrepreneurship, nonprofits, fundraising, etc.).

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**4.** Please describe your experience working with communities of color.

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**5.** Do you, or members of your immediate family, have any business interests with the City of Portland or other public agencies? (This question is in the interest of full disclosure, not a way of excluding anyone.)

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6. Are you affiliated with a group or organization that is interested in submitting a proposal for consideration in the IFCC Request for Proposal process? Please describe your connections as this may pose a conflict of interest for your group or organization, and as such, is important for us to consider as we select community advisors.

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**Please tell us about yourself**

I am age  16-24  25-34  35-44  45-59  60-79  80 & over

I am  female  male  trans female  trans male  genderqueer  gender-neutral  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children living with you under the age of 18? \_\_\_\_\_

I identify as (please check all that apply):

- Hispanic/Latino  African American/Black  Asian  Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander  
 Native American/Alaska Native  Slavic/Eastern European  Caucasian/White  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

My most frequently used mode of transportation is:

- foot  car  bike  bus/train  other \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

- I understand that by expressing my interest in participating on this committee, I am able to commit a minimum of 20 hours in meetings and preparation work.
- I understand that part of my role on this committee is to work with others to achieve the best result for the community, and the City of Portland.
- I understand that Portland Parks & Recreation will provide me with the necessary information and materials, in a timely manner, to ensure I can effectively participate and fulfill my commitment to the project.
- I understand the selection and appointment of the committee members is based on the needs of this project.

**Signature**

**Date**

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**Please submit your completed Interest Form by Thursday, May 24, 5:00pm to:**

Soo Pak, [soo.pak@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:soo.pak@portlandoregon.gov), 1120 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1302, Portland, OR 97204 **Questions or Assistance?** 503-823-3345



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