

FoSPB Monthly Meeting, March 29, 2017; Eliot Tower, Library, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman

Marjorie Newman

Suzie Downing

Sussie

Diez, PPS

Clay, PPS

Rohan - PP&R Lead Ranger
Christina Harris - PP&R Ranger

Agenda:

Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – Suspended until further notice - new mayor
- Turf Improvement - Tue 9:00 - 11:00
- Winter Rose Pruning Work Party - Feb 11 completed
- New roses and perennials planted in South Bed - Feb 28
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - start in May
- Park Rangers
 - o Dogs off leash biggest issue past month
 - o Contact was made with Ranger Supervisor and Christina Harris, Ranger Outreach and Engagement Coordinator; plan is to have 8 rangers in CBD by end of April; new rangers will concentrate on Director Square, SPB, NPB and O’Bryant Square; pairs on bike
 - o Pacific Patrol Services: have not heard status of night security contract; new PP&R budget replaces PPS with PP&R Rangers. **Contact PPS and PP&R Director** (David)
- PPS report - Quiet; pedestrian hit by car in SW Columbia St

FoSPB Activities 2017

- Proposed two general member meetings per year: Spring and Fall (Parke Diem); monthly meetings for planning
- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Implement “public good”; Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger - planned for 2018
 - o Funds for Public Good – \$375K will pay Portland Parks Foundation to develop a park master plan for the South Park blocks, due to PPF before June 1, 2017
 - o Update on the building - parking levels near completion
- Foot patrol suspension and safety / security related initiatives
 - o Re-evaluate, Park Rangers and ONI willing to support new effort possibly once a week
 - o Work with other downtown Foot Patrols - South Waterfront, South Downtown
 - o Christina Harris offered Ranger help, Jacob at ONI
- Rothko Building at PAM blocking access and walkability around SPB - letter of opposition written
- Oregon Symphony - Party on the Park - possible collaboration opportunity April 1
- Portland Parks & Rec Quarterly meeting April 7, Portland Building, Ste. 1302
 - o Tree replacement - storm damage repair with DED resistant trees this spring
 - o Park Ranger coverage - consistent coverage this summer; night security contract
 - o Dog Activity - increased dog waste, dogs off leash
 - o Parks Budget - DED funding, night security
 - o Bond Phase 2 - SPB irrigation system replacement
 - o Broadway Tower - follow up with Bret Horner

Project Update

- Turf project – Tools in University Park condo store room, Key with Eliot Tower concierge
 - o Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block

- Some trees have come down in the park with the last storm(s); will be replaced this spring
- Slice seeding and aeration done by Turf Crew 3-23-17; all string fences taken down
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing
 - Fence Design: Current preference for bollard & chain fence
 - Prototype of fence temporarily with chain strung between existing T-posts in both beds to see if this works effectively as a deterrent to keep people from walking through the beds

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance - need for a board?
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park
 - Approach Arlington Club
- Improve signage
 - Add larger no-smoking signs to light posts
 - Add to signs - fines for dog poop \$50/\$150/Exclusion
- SPB project ideas
 - Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
 - Signage to enhance park experience
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
 - Contact apartment and condo buildings along SPB to encourage them to provide dog bags to their dog owner residents (**Marjorie**)
- Event planning
 - Films/concerts in the park - fund and apply for film by Jan 15 each year.
 - Summer Free For All - must be sponsored by business or organization; may be cut from 2017 budget
- Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway, Portland 5

2017 Accomplishments

- Rose pruning and mulching work party - Feb 11
- New bush roses planted in the south bed of the Roosevelt Block 3-7-17