

FoSPB Monthly Meeting April 24, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7 PM to 8:15 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Marjorie Newman
Elka Grisham
Ian Nicol
Alan Bell
Debbie Bell
Susie Downing

Agenda:

- The month(s) in review
 - Weekly Foot Patrol – 6:00 pm on Mondays, 3:00 pm on Fridays
 - Picking up a lot of litter
 - Transitional Youth continues handing out dinner
 - PP&R – FoSPB meeting
 - See separate minutes
 - Garden work party, 4.20., 9 – 11
 - 10 Friends of the SPB participated
 - Main focus – mulching
 - Advertised event thanks to Friend Jinny Shipman
 - Foot Patrol training, 4.22., 7 - 8
 - 12 participants from the Eliot Tower
 - Two rangers, ONI, PPS participants
 - Advertised event in several buildings thanks to Friend Jinny Shipman
 - City Council meeting
 - Dog off leash and scoop law violations – change from criminal to civil offense
 - Ability to give fines up to \$150
- Park update
 - Transitional Youth Dinners
 - Unsure about time frame of the dinners
 - No permit needed
 - Find out from Parks and Recs their position on the event and share concern of the Friends group regarding livability, time limits, etc.
 - As long as there is no negative activity in the park, nothing can be done of the event
 - Reached out to First Baptist Church to understand the issue with Transitional Youth / Street Church
 - Going forward, FoSPB will be informed about permitted events in the park
 - Permitted events – should permit be available at site
 - Permit requirements for SPB's use checked
 - Reached out to Mike B, ONI
 - Camping along First Christian Church
 - Reached out to new administrator through Mike B
 - Bags of garbage along the sidewalks posing a health hazard to campers
 - Trash container will be installed at SW Market St Streetcar stop

- 2013 FoSPB project objectives - Update
 - 1) Install cigarette trash containers - CLOSED
 - No budget
 - Not supported by PP&R
 - Focus on creating support for smoking ban
 - 2) Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter
 - Covers litter, i.e. cigarette butts
 - Reach out to PDNA to ask for a neighborhood position about smoking in the park
 - Invite PDNA board member and propose to discuss at board meeting (**David, June**)
 - 3) Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul**)
 - 4) Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
 - 5) Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Understand permit policy
 - Understand guidelines for businesses supported
 - Recruit businesses
 - Approach Arlington Club
 - Present plan to PP&R
 - 6) Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - Identify project to raise funding
 - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
 - 7) Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 - 8) Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 - 9) Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Start raise money
 - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
 - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Carole??**)
 - 10) Member recruitment
- 2013 Accomplishments
 - Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide
 - Create card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards
- Communication
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
 - Website: www.fospb.org
- Action Item update (see below)
- Upcoming Events
 - Park Ranger review committee – David – seeking update from Art Hendricks
 - Public Safety/Security Program Trainings – Verbal Judo, April 29., 9 am – 1 pm, Charles Jordan CC – Small Gym
 - Online registration available
 - OES students litter pick-up in park Wed, May 8 – need FoSPB representative; time? – ask Jinny (**David**)

- Garden work parties, Saturdays at 9:00 – 11 am
 - Activities: mulching, weeding, pruning, painting
 - Proposed garden work parties: 5.25. (Reschedule as this Memorial Day weekend) (**David**), 6.22.
 - Use evenings instead of weekends
 - Summer event – June
 - Have a beer
 - Socialize in the park
 - Q3 meeting with Parks & Rec – September., 2:00 pm
- Future Topics
 - 1) Install Pet Stations
 - Look at North-Park installation
 - PP&R did not like design
 - Built by CleanScapes
 - Not the biggest problem
 - Needs funding / sponsors
 - 2) WiFi In the Park - Establish WiFi hot spots in the South Park Blocks
 - Low priority for now
 - Cost issue – look for business support
 - Most people use smart phones
 - Move to future topics / opportunities
 - 3) Event planning
 - Social events in the park
 - 4) Fundraising and fund needs
 - 5) Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway
 - 6) Vest replacement by T-Shirts
 - Have business sponsoring T-Shirts
 - Have business sponsor incentives

Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room (5.29., 6.26.)

Action Items

Detail	Update	Owner	Date	Status
Governance of FoSPB: Study other Friends groups and then decide on FoSPB Governance structure		Carole	5/28/2012	Open
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Governance of FoSPB: Provide contact for ByLaws example		Mike Boyer	5/28/2012	Open
Create FoSPB Task List	Created for 2013	David / Gunnar	5/28/2012	Closed
Membership solicitation - University Place		Bob	5/28/2012	Open
Tree Cutting	What happens with cut wood? What is replacement plan?	David	7/31/2012	Open
Smoking Ban	Follow up with Parks and Recs – next meeting to be discussed 4.5.	David / Gunnar	7/31/2012	Closed
Event sponsoring	What is the procedure for FoSPB	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Open
Garden Work Party	Schedule event Schedule bench cleanup Events planned for February, March, April	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Closed
Phone number	Create phone number card of important number	Jinny	11.28.2012	Closed 3.28.
Spring PP&R Guide	Get some copies	Gunnar	3.28.2013	Closed 4.24.