

FoSPB Monthly Meeting April 30, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair

Marjorie Newman

Carol Barkley

David Loftus

Alan Bell

Ian Nicol

Debbie Bell

Suzie Downing

Mike Bower, ONI

Asa Arden, Park Ranger

Alan Pendergrass, PPS

Mack Holland, PPS

Bill Zanze, PPR

Agenda:

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
- Meeting with potential cart vendors and City of Portland Permit office, 3.31.
 - o 2 vendors
 - o Friends Elka Grisham, David Newman, Gunnar Sacher
- Gardening events – 4.19, 4.22, Turf improvement
 - o 4 friends participated
 - o Brainstorming of ideas about how to improve turf
- Gardening event – 4.26., Mulching
 - o 14 friends participated
 - o Weeded and mulched beds in Lincoln block
- Letter of reference for Pacific Patrol Services to submit a proposal for security services for the Downtown Clean & Safe program
 - o Friends David Newman, Gunnar Sacher
- Letter to Jenn Cairo, Urban Forestry, to support tree top thinning and to solicit other ideas to improve turf conditions
 - o Friends Jo Durand, Carole Barkley, David Newman, Gunnar Sacher
- PP&R Horticulturist Bill Zanze designed additional plantings for Lincoln block center beds.

Park update

- Transitional Youth Dinners
 - o GNA signed by all stakeholder
 - o Dinners to be discontinued at Shemanski starting 4.21.
 - o Thanks to all who have worked with FoSPB to make this adjustment in meeting location for Transitional Youth happening
- PPS – Mack, activity summary (provided in writing)
 - o We issued five (5) exclusions for violations including Possession of a Controlled Substance (one marijuana, one heroin), Trespass II, Urinating in the Park, Alcohol in a Park, Restroom Violations, Park Closure, and Camping.
 - o We issued two (2) warnings for Restroom Violations.
 - o We responded to two (2) dispatches regarding skateboarders in the park. We did not receive any other dispatches for any other violations.
 - o We also encountered a car that had been pushed onto the park during a minor crash, and turned one piece of found property over to Portland Police.
 - o As stated earlier in the meeting March has been fairly inactive but as the temperatures rise so does patronage. We are expecting a rise in alcohol, controlled substance use, camping and park closure, as well as an increase of positive park guests.
 - o Schedule training conducted by PPS / ONI (**Gunnar**)
 - Decision tree whom to call
- Ranger – Asa, activity summary
 - o Summer travelers coming in mainly from the South
 - o 32 exclusions, 16 warnings within 2 months
 - Mostly drug issues – mainly Marihuana incidents
 - o 2 dog's of leash
 - o 1 needle in the loo in a months
 - o Transitional Youth moved to new location
- ONI – Mike Boyer, activity summary
 - o Patrol schedule – Monday and Friday
 - Litter biggest issue
 - Drug dealing
 - o Resource sheet to be provided by Mike
 - No police walking group
 - o GNA transitional youth signed off

Special Topics

- Turf project (**Jo**) – Tools in University Park condo store room.
 - o David - co-leader
 - o Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - o Sent letter to Jenn Cairo, Urban Forestry, to propose three canopy thinning
 - To be discussed at 5.9. PPR meeting
- Fundraising (**Marjorie**)
 - o Project: Improved plantings and labeling in the Lincoln block.
 - PP&R was contacted with our request for planting plan and estimates to proceed with fundraising project using Portland Parks Foundation
 - Bill Zanze, PP&R horticulturalist completed his drawings and plant cost spreadsheet
 - Reviewed plan
 - \$1,200
 - o Could lower the cost if needed

- Barrier not part of the plan yet
 - Fall or Spring for planting
 - ¾ of plants NW natives
 - Could do labels in a later stage of project
 - Fundraising mechanism Portland Parks Foundation
 - Contacted Jessie Bond (Program Manager)
 - Can act as liaison
 - Need to setup agreement as soon as a project is identified
 - Can act as project manager
 - Incentive programs in place
 - Next develop plan and submit to Portland Parks Foundation (**Marjorie, Alan**)
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Met with Teresa Erhardt from PPR Customer Service who explained guidelines and provided application material
 - 2 locations
 - Two interested parties
 - Salvador Molly's (Darielle, Suzanne) - filed application for Friday lunch time
 - Momo Cart LLC (Evan, Stephanie) – looking for storage place for 3x2x4 trailer (\$50 per month), ready to make use of the opportunity if we can solve storage issue
 - Follow up with leads on storage – Brian Owendoff, Bryan Aptekar (**Gunnar**)
 - Send email to Jo Durand, Alan – PPS, mailing list (**Gunnar, David**)
 - Once we have cart vendors signed up think about helping with the marketing
 - Communicate schedule to PPS and rangers (**Gunnar**)
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Five labels installed
 - 1 went missing
 - Secured more labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)
 - A couple more are available
 - PPS to inventory labels daily

Agenda for PPR meeting, 5.9., 2 pm

- Transitional Youth update and closure
- FoSPB Foot patrol – discussion
- Park Ranger Program - discussion
- Long-range SPB Management Plan - Trees, plantings, turf, irrigation - plan ready to go when PP&R funds become available – update on planning process
 - Stakeholders – PSU, PAM, OHS, DNA
- Event sponsoring – what is procedure
- Projects
 - Business recruiting for Shemanski Square - update
 - 2 vendors
 - Need storage for one
 - Build on list of vendors to improve weekly coverage
 - Signage refresh - skateboarding, littering, dogs etc. - update (**Bryan, Asa**)
 - Share design (**Bryan, 3.31.**)
 - Have in place before summer
 - Improve plantings and labeling in Lincoln Block
 - Working with Bill Zanze
 - Develop and test fund raising mechanism

FoSPB Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2014

- Middle Armrest for park benches
 - Develop proposal – FoSPB
 - Whom to work with at PPR
- Turf improvements
 - Built volunteer group to support labor intensive activities
 - Wrote letter to Jenn Cairo, Urban Forestry, to request input on thinning and other ideas (Urban Forestry)
 - Discuss tree thinning and other ideas with Jenn
 - Started regular events
- Action Items from previous meetings
 - Labels for rose varieties (**Paul**)
 - Light posts need attention (**Terry**)
 - Assign UW (Utility Worker) to adjust poles

2014 FoSPB project objectives – Update

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Approach Arlington Club
- Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - Identify project to raise funding – Irrigation upgrade, bench armrests – PP&R will provide estimated costs and project scopes
 - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
- Improve Signage (**Bryan, Asa**)
 - PP&R will fund signage upgrade
 - Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
- Middle Armrest for park benches
 - Find resource to scope project
 - Design armrests and submit formal Park Proposal to PPR
- Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
 - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Marjorie, Carole**)
 - Park Proposal Process: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/46373>
 - Application deadline: Fall
 - Brian A to help with application
- Member recruitment
 - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2014 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan

2014 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R – 2.21.
- Garden work parties – 2.22., 3.15., 4.19., 4.26.
- Started a turf maintenance Friends group

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: www.fospb.org

Action Item update (see below)

Upcoming Events

- Foot Patrols - Mon at 5:00 pm and Fri at 3:00 pm, meet at Rough Rider statue
- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- PPR review meeting – 5.9., 2 pm
- PPS training, June
- PPR Foot Patrol training to be scheduled
- Walk with a ranger, July

Future Topics

- SPB project ideas
 - o South Park Blocks improvement fund
 - o Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
 - o Signage to enhance park experience
 - o Dog fountain
 - o Middle Armrest for park benches Q3 2014 – prove fundraising mechanism first
- Support smoking ban for Portland Parks once on the agenda of PPR
- Install Pet Stations
 - o Look at North-Park installation
 - PP&R did not like design – Commissioner Fritz favors pet owner responsibility vs. bag dispensers
 - Built by CleanScapes in North Park Blocks
 - Not the biggest problem – New fines for off leash and not picking up now enforced by Park Rangers
 - Needs funding / sponsors
- Event planning
 - o Social events in the park
 - o Stacey Tran of Cityscope is looking for public proposals for THE PRESENT IS ARTICULATE, a series of urban interventions, installations, and performances. Installations/performances would possibly be in South Park Blocks, permitted by PP&R.
- Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway
- Vest replacement by T-Shirts
 - o Have business sponsoring T-Shirts
 - o Have business sponsor incentives

Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room (5.28., 6.25., 7.23., 8.27., 9.24., 10.29., 12.10.)

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
Membership solicitation - University Place	4 people from University Place joined FoSPB	Bob	5/28/2012	Closed 2/26/2014
Event sponsoring	What is the procedure for FoSPB	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Open
Unwanted bird feeding	Add Audubon link to website and create some printouts	Gunnar	6.26.2013	Open
Emergency contact numbers	Review triage list and phone numbers to call	Mike B, Gunnar	1.29.2014	Open