

FoSPB Monthly Meeting August 28, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7:05 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Marjorie Newman
Carole Barkley
David Loftus
Alan Bell
Susie Downing
Elka Grisham
Hank Schottland
Ian Nicol
Jeff Walden, PPS
Mike Boyer, ONI

Agenda:

- The month(s) in review
 - Participated at National Night Out, August 6.
 - Thank you Friends Carol, Terry, Jinny and Ian for manning the table
 - 6 new contacts for email list
 - Main focus of presentation: education on impact of smoking in the park
 - Washington Park concerts
 - Thank you Steve Pixley for reserving 6 outstanding seats for the events
 - FoSPB made use of 3 events
 - Steve offered same arrangement for next Summer's events
 - Weekly Foot Patrol – 6:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesday 9:00 am, 3:00 pm on Fridays
 - Wednesday attendance did not support a patrol several times in August
 - Check reminders for foot patrols (**Gunnar**)
 - Send out reminder to foot patrol about patrol times and litter pickup (**Gunnar, David**)
 - Gardening events - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
 - Watering of plants, rose budding, etc.
 - Traffic of homeless people further increased since City Hall area and Chapman Square clearance
 - Increased amount of trash and dog feces
 - Park benches occupied by people sleeping
- Park update
 - Transitional Youth Dinners
 - Dinners continue unpermitted one day per week (Monday)
 - Parks office (Amanda Fritz's office) to address topic in September
 - Knife incident on Monday, 8.26.
 - Push forward decision making process
 - Camping along First Christian Church
 - Mike Boyer met with Pastor Amy
 - Decision of meeting: camping not supported by FCC

- Enforce trespass agreement
- Make recommendations for safety improvements – public safety group
- Invite Pastor Amy to FoSPB meeting
- Report violation of agreement to non-emergency number (after 11 pm) or Clean Safe
- PPS report
 - Same number of patrols
 - Busier month – mild increase in activities
 - Twice as many exclusions, two arrests
 - Mostly alcohol violations, activities around the loo
 - Increased patrols after park closure
 - More removals after closure times
- Excerpts from ranger report by Asa Arden (sent by email)
 - There have been fewer Park Ranger visits to most of the parks in the downtown area including the South Park Blocks in the past few weeks. ... The reason for this is that the Park Rangers have been required to spend an inordinate amount of time at Chapman Square. We share responsibilities with the Portland Police Bureau on this front, and have been assigned to coordinate with them on the issues there. We do not expect this to be a long term problem, and are making every effort to continue to provide the same level of service to the South Park Blocks that you have come to expect from us.
 - I have noted your concerns about the number of homeless people in the parks. If the transient population is violating park rules we as always can and do intervene. We have written a number of warnings and exclusions for camping and other issues in the South Park Blocks in recent weeks. We also expect that the transient issues will decrease as the summer draws to a close and be "summer travelers" head south.
- Meeting agenda for PPR and FoSPB meeting on 9.20.
 - Old business
 - Smoking in the South Park Blocks
 - Business Recruiting Shemanski Park
 - Improve irrigation system in all of SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - Label for rose varieties in the rose beds and native plants (**Paul P**)
 - Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Refresh signs being considered (**Bryan A**)
 - Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Provide contact (**Bryan A, Gunnar**)
 - New business
 - Park kiosk – next summer, make kiosk an art installation
 - Middle arm rest for park benches
 - Dog waste dispensers
 - Understand long range plan for trees in the SPB park
 - Don and Bryan will come up with tree plan
 - Light posts need attention
 - Don will check light post base security
 - Exploring different improvements
- FoSPB communication
 - Allow people on email list to opt-out if they do not desire to receive further communications (**Gunnar**)
 - Make this a quarterly message
- 2013 FoSPB project objectives - Update
 1. 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, TBD**)

2. Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul**)
 3. Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
 4. Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Follow up with Brian A who wanted to FoSPB in touch with Jackie about vending at Shemanski (**Gunnar**)
 - Understand permit policy
 - Understand guidelines for businesses supported
 - Recruit businesses
 - Approach Arlington Club
 - Present plan to PP&R
 5. Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - Identify project to raise funding
 - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
 6. Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 7. Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 8. Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Start raise money
 - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
 - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Carole??**)
 - Park Proposal Process: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/46373>
 - Application deadline: Fall
 - Brian A to help with application
 9. Member recruitment
 - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - University Park – have three contacts
- 2013 Accomplishments
 - Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide
 - Card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards
 - Discussed the installation of cigarette trash containers with Park's and Rec's department
 - Portland Streetcar installed trash container at Streetcar stop on SW Market in SPB
 - PBOT agreed to clean SW Park and SW 9th streets along SBP south of SW Jefferson
 - Communication
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
 - Website: www.fospb.org
 - Action Item update (see below)
 - Upcoming Events
 - Foot Patrols - Mo at 6:00 pm, We at 9:00 am, Fri at 3:00 pm;
 - Deadheading roses and watering of new perennials - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
 - Q3 meeting with Parks & Rec – September 20., 2:00 pm
 - Future Topics
 1. Install Pet Stations
 - Look at North-Park installation

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- 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 (9.25., 10.30., 12.4.)

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.

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Spring PP&R Guide	Get some copies	Gunnar	3.28.2013	Closed 4.24.
Meetings	Schedule meetings for second half of the year	Gunnar	5.29.2013	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact PAM and OHS for a meeting	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact Peter Mark and ask if he wants to donate for Park projects	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Unwanted bird feeding	Add Audubon link to website and create some printouts	Gunnar	6.26.2013	