

FoSPB Monthly Meeting August 27, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Marjorie Newman
Jo Durand
Alan Bell
Jinny Shipman
Marion McNamara
Ian Nicol
Rita Inoway
Suzanne Evers
Jared Cedarlund, PPS

Agenda:

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
 - o Continue to observe increased number of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, camping, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing, defecation)
- Deadheading roses – 9 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Participated at National Night Out party on 8.8.
 - o 5 Friends participated
 - o Started fundraising at the event
- Held fundraising events on 8.8. – 8.10. during PAM's Tuileries event
 - o Several Friends participated
 - o Got a dozen new people interested in the Friends group
- 10 Friends attended two park concerts on 8.11. and 8.14.
 - Thanks to Steve Pixley for the reserved blankets and special recognition

Park update

- PPS – Jarred, activity summary
 - o Several arrests for drug related offenses (continues to be focus of PPS)
 - o Started working with a specially assigned Portland police officer, Mr. Webber
 - o Toilet lately an issue for unwanted activities / breakage / etc.
 - o Stabbing at Teddy Roosevelt statue – fight within a transient group that hasn't been seen since; PPB increased patrols
 - o Seeing departure of transient population
 - o Negative impact of no camping guidance enforcement – waiting for a new ordinance
 - o Review statistics of demographic usage of the park (**Jarred**)

Special Topics

- Foot Patrol
 - o When to organize walk with ranger / ONI / PPS – October (Gunnar)
 - o Send a note to the Patrol email list
- PPR meeting in October
 - o Reschedule meeting for after October 11. (Gunnar)
 - o Agenda
 - Management of homeless and transient population

- Clarify park usage for public and personal events and management of impact, guidelines for groups that don't need permits
- Bond measure – can SPB project be part of the project set to address needed maintenance for example irrigation system for whole park or one block at a time
- FoSPB Foot patrol update
- Long-range SPB Management Plan - Trees, plantings, turf, irrigation - plan ready to go when PP&R funds become available – update on planning process
- Projects
 - Business recruiting for Shemanski Square – Closed for now until management plan for homeless / transient population understood
 - Improve plantings and labeling in Lincoln Block – plant to plant new plants bought by fundraiser
 - Fencing for SPB to improve traffic pattern
 - Turf improvements
 - What is next
 - Update on tree canopy thinning / raising with Jenn Cairo?
- Action Items from previous meetings
 - Labels for rose varieties (**Don, Paul**)
 - Roses in bloom but still no labels
 - Base holders for labels were available
 - Light posts need attention (Terry, Don, Paul)
 - Assign UW (Utility Worker) to adjust poles

Special Projects - Updates

- Turf project (**Jo**) – 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 between Market and Clay
 - o Reseeding lawn again
 - o Hand watering every evening – need volunteers for September and October – contact Jo
 - o New cart for equipment donated by University Park
 - o Leaf removal this fall from new turf areas
- Fundraising (**Marjorie**)
 - o Project: Improved plantings and labeling in the Lincoln block.
 - o Fundraising mechanism Portland Parks Foundation
 - o Fundraising goal was nearly met with 1,605 USD
 - Keeping Fundraising open for now
 - o Contact Bryan Aptekar to coordinate next steps (**Marjorie**)
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)
 - o Reached dead end
 - o Reach out to Portland Farmers Market and Saturday market when homeless / transient policies for the park are better understood as current situation as not fostering a healthy business climate
 - o Inquire how to have a discussion of homeless / transient policies for the park with PPR management (Mike Abbate) or City Commissioner Amanda Fritz (**Gunnar**)
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - o Secured labels but need more to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)

FoSPB project objectives for 2014 – Update

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - o PP&R to identify opportunities
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)

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- Approach Arlington Club
- Funding – register Parks Foundation to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - o Identify project to raise funding – Irrigation upgrade, bench armrests – PP&R will provide estimated costs and project scopes
 - o Columbia Sportswear incentive program
- Middle Armrest for park benches
 - o Find resource to scope project
 - o Design armrests and submit formal Park Proposal to PPR
- Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - o 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
 - o Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - o 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
- Transitional Youth activities moved from SPB – June 2014
- Helped to improve signage funded by PP&R – July 2014
- Fundraising in record time – 1,605 USD - August 2014
- Participated at National Night Out – August 2014
- Enjoyed two concerts at Washington Park – August 2014

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
- Rose Deadheading – 9 am Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Walk with a ranger / ONI
- Graffiti Abatement program and graffiti removal, Mike Boyer / Victor Salinas, 10.29.
- Plant planting for Lincoln Blocks maybe during Parke Diem (10.16.)

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

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- 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 (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	Discussed at PPR meeting	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Closed 5/9/2014
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	Closed 6/25/2014
Phone tree	Send updated phone tree in electronic format	Art H.	6.25.2014	