

FoSPB Monthly Meeting August 24., 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:20 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Carole Barkley
Jo Durand
Alan Bell
Jacob Brosthoff
Marjorie Newman
Ian Nicol
Suzie Wagner
Jesse Ponze, PPS

Agenda:

Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – Suspended for the rest of the year
 - o Fewer patrols because of vacation, weather, and motivation
- Turf Improvement - Tue 9:00 - 11:00
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Replaced destroyed benches / reconfiguration
- Fun Summer get-together – Washington Park concert
- First Christian Church would like to collaborate more closely
- St. James church expressed interest in meeting about park issues
- Training for parents of Child Development Center scheduled for September, 16. From 10 am to 11:30 am
 - o How to report what is experienced
- FoSPB / PPR meeting - 8.19.
 - o Discussed fence strategy
 - o Sent note of support for the project
- Park Rangers
 - o New head ranger for SPB: TBD
 - o Rarely seen other than Tuesdays 9 - 11
- PPS report
 - o Received and responded to a letter from PPS staff employee, who lives in perimeter of SPB
 - o Number of exclusions doubled this last month
 - o Main problem: trespassing

Special FoSPB Activities 2016

- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Kia Selly head of property & asset management for Parks & Recreation will lead park initiative to implement “public good”, Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger testified
 - o Funds – 375K
 - will pay for development of a park master plan for the South Park blocks
 - are fully allocated to the SPB
 - funds are not required to be deposited to the Parks Foundation yet
 - follow up with the Parks Foundation (**Gunnar, Jan 2017**)
 - o Process
 - Work on a plan for the South Park blocks, a park master plan, is scheduled to begin in Fall 2018.

- No planning of any preparations on the project until Fall 2018
 - PPR envisions a full public process with outreach to interested parties including FoSPB, FoSPB and other organizations
 - Include crime prevention by design in the master plan – refer to ONI
- Suspension of foot patrols and safety / security related initiatives
- Informed Friends and Stakeholders
 - Understanding and some support from FaceBook posting
 - FoSPB would like to inform you that at our next monthly meeting we will discuss the suspension of our bi-weekly foot patrols and other SPB safety related initiatives at the beginning of September. We will reconsider the suspension when the mayor, the mayor elect, together with city council seriously demonstrate a balanced, comprehensive approach to prevent our neighborhood from becoming ever more dangerous and unwelcoming. That approach will need to include enforcement of existing city codes, ordinances, and policies related to safety, security, and livability in and around the park. We feel very strongly that FoSPB's current activities and safety initiatives are seriously impeded by the mayor's and city council's disinterest in our neighborhood, and slow, indecisive approach to problem solving. Hence our efforts in the future will be focused in areas where FoSBP has demonstrated more success.
 - Suspension until the end of the year and then re-evaluate the situation
 - Change of foot patrol focus to observation rather than cleaning up
 - Being in the park beneficial to the FoSPB and the neighborhood
 - Invite incoming mayor to walk in the park (jennifer@tedwheeler.com)
- Parke Diem
- When: October 15, 2016, 9 am – 12 pm
 - Planning for 30 – 40 people
 - Contact: Gunnar, Jo
 - Where: project depending - Kevin Horning will start a list of projects
 - Gardening - add plants to Lincoln block beds
 - Mulching trees and beds / leaf raking
 - Bench maintenance / painting, non-smoking signs for benches
 - Southernmost plant bed in front of PAM
 - Shemanski block plantings
 - Turf improvement
 - Project created on Park's Foundation Website
 - Money for plants offered by FoSPB
 - Need at least 5 volunteers by September 29. (**Gunnar**)
 - 2 registered
 - Need three more
 - Recruit crew leaders (**Jo**)
 - Manage sign up (**Jinny, Gunnar**)
 - Sent note to Kevin (**Gunnar**)
 - Organize meeting with Kevin (**Jo, 10.7.**)
 - Communication Plan (**Gunnar**)
 - Mark your calendars – week of 8.29.
 - First reminder – week of 9.26.
 - Second reminder – week of 10.5.

- Final reminder – week of 10.12.
- Tomorrow – 10.14.

Project Update

- Turf project (**Jo / David**) – Tools in University Park condo store room, Key with Eliot Tower concierge
 - Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - Put up more protective fencing
 - Will need some more signs (**Jeremy**)
 - String fences up in 1300 block and two in Lincoln blocks
 - Water system still broken in parts even though some repair has happened
 - Number of issues increased
 - Document with photos
 - New volunteers have joined the group
 - Cigarette butt count 8-2-16: 329
 - Planning questions
 - Hot / dry spell irrigation
 - Able to hand water one quadrant in the heat twice in the morning
 - Turn on water more often - midnight, 5 am (new) - connect with David on Tuesday to point out leaks (**Robin**)
 - Repeat of last Fall's seeding of Winter rye / tall fescue with spring fertilizer, slice seed and aeration
 - Next
 - Review turf options with Professor from OSU planned
 - Create a turf maintenance plan based on experience collected in 2014 / 2015 / 2016
 - Discuss alternative options to grass if needed in 2016
 - Develop plan with Jeremy for 2016 (**Jo, Marion, David, Jeremy, Don**)
 - Capture seeds and fertilizer planned for budgeting reason
 - Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - Send example of a work plan (**Astrid / Gunnar**)
 - Rachel Felice to replace Astrid on 7.11.
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
 - Met with Bryan Aptekar and Sandra Burtzos to hit the reset button
 - FoSPB proposed center fence design, which was accepted by PPR
 - A Victorian fence design was accepted
 - Current preference for bollard & chain fence similar to what is at Chapman and Lownsdale
 - simplest and most affordable to prevent people from walking through the landscape beds in the park
 - Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
 - Next
 - prototype of fence temporarily with either string or cable strung between existing T-posts in some portion of the beds, to see if this works effectively as a deterrent to keep people from walking through the beds (**Robin**)
 - Cost estimate (**Don, Robin, Allan, 11.4.**)
 - Reconvene and discuss next steps (**11.4.**)
 - Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
 - Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design

- Parks Foundation needs approval from PP&R to start fundraising effort

Future FoSPB project objectives

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Robin**)
 - o Follow up with PP&R on opportunity as part of Bond Measure
 - o DNA sent letter to city supporting PP&R budget including funding for SPB irrigation
- Member recruitment
 - o Arlington Club – contact president and follow up
 - o Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2016 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan
 - o Benson / Roosevelt condo buildings
 - o Ladd Apartments

2016 Accomplishments

- Garden work parties – 2.27., 4.10.
- Little Safety Summit II - 2.11.
- Safety Summit III - 4.29
- FoSPB / PPR meeting - 2.26., 6.17., 8.19.
- Neighborhood meeting with leadership of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – 2.24.
- 2016 Rose Garden Award Ceremony – won first prize in two categories: Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings, Public Agency Section - 6.21.
- Initiated replacing destroyed benches / reconfiguration
- Fun Summer get-together – Washington Park concert

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: www.fospb.org (June 2018)

Upcoming Events

- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Remaining projects 2016
 - o Parke Diem – October 15
 - o Fall – Gardening Event
 - o Rose Pruning – 1 Event
 - o Fence – Fundraising
 - o Turf and other projects with Church volunteers
 - o Recruitment for new active members
 - Use Park's Foundation website
 - o Determine dates (**David, Gunnar**)

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)
 - o Approach Arlington Club
 - o Include Brad Taylor (ONI)
- Middle Armrest for park benches
 - o Find resource to scope project
 - o Design armrests and submit formal Park Proposal to PPR
- Improve signage
 - o Add no-smoking signs to benches or larger signs on light posts
- SPB project ideas
 - o South Park Blocks improvement fund

FoSPB Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2016

- Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
- Signage to enhance park experience
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
 - 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
 - Social events in the park
 - 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
 - Have business sponsoring T-Shirts
 - Have business sponsor incentives

Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room 10.26., 12.7.

Action Items

Detail	Update	Owner	Date	Status
Governance of FoSPB: Study other Friends groups and then decide on FoSPB Governance structure		Gunnar	5/28/2012	Open
Governance of FoSPB: Provide contact for ByLaws example			5/28/2012	Open
Smoking	Advocate for more signs but correctly sized No smoking signs from benches were removed by unknown	David / Gunnar	10.28.2015	In Progress