

FoSPB Monthly Meeting February 26, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Attendees:

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair

David Newman, Co-Chair

Ian Nicol

Marjorie Newman

Carol Barkley

Mack Holland, Park Lead, PPS

Agenda:

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
- Gardening event – 2.22., Rose pruning
 - Nine friends participated, work completed in about 2 hours
- Transitional Youth
 - Received note from Megan Dirks stating that Director Abbate did not receive FoSPB communications
 - Forwarded previous two emails directed to Director Abbate
 - Response from Megan Dirks suggests resolution of issue by end of February
- *Park update*
 - Transitional Youth Dinners
 - Dinners continue one day per week in February (Monday)
 - PPS – Mack
 - Slight increase in number of drug dealers mostly at Shemanski Park at swing shift
 - More visitors in the park
 - Fewer animal violations
 - Loo mostly clean of needles
 - No camping exclusion for the last two months
 - Trespassing arrest three days ago
 - Ranger – Asa
 - Major drug (Marijuana) related arrest in week of 2.17. after trespassing the park
- *Special Topics*
 - Summary of meeting with PPR, 2.21. (see separate attachment)
 - Labels for roses – follow up with Terry as Paul said he submitted the appropriate label names
(Gunnar, March)
 - Turf project
 - Write a letter to the Urban Forester to thin the canopy (**Jo**)
 - Help – Carol, David, Gunnar
 - Work with Don directly on improving turf
 - Explore sedum as a ground cover
 - Fundraising for signage
 - Understand funding gap from PPR – Bryan (**David, Gunnar**)

- PPR contacts – Bryan Aptekar, Asa Arden
- Use parks foundation
- What is needed to put fund raising machine in motion (**Marjorie, 3.26.**)
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park
 - Three cart vendor already responded positively
 - Looking for 3 – 6 vendors
 - Extended vendor list with input from Asa Arden and Elka Grisham
 - Send letter to cart vendors of extended list, (**Gunnar, February 2014**)
 - Meet with interested cart vendors (**Elka, Gunnar, Asa, Permitting office, March**)
- 2014 FoSPB project objectives - Update
 1. Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)
 2. Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (Don McTaggart)
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
 3. Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Recruit businesses
 - Approach Arlington Club
 4. 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
 5. Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Update stickers (Bryan, Asa)
 6. Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 7. Middle Armrest for park benches
 - PP&R to provide scope and cost estimate for
 9. Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Start raise money
 - 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
 10. 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.
- Communication
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
 - Website: www.fosspb.org
- Action Item update (see below)
- Upcoming Events
 - Foot Patrols - Mon at 5:00 pm (change for the Winter months) and Fri at 3:00 pm;

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- PPS training, February / March
- PPR review meeting – 5.9., 2 pm

- Future Topics
 - Middle Armrest for park benches Q3 2014 – prove fundraising mechanism first
 - Consider updating ordinance on bench usage
 - Support smoking ban for Portland Parks once on the agenda of PPR
 - Install Pet Stations
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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.
 - Fundraising and fund needs
 - Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway
 - Create turf maintenance group
 - 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 (3.26., 4.30. 5.28., 6.25.)

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		Bob	5/28/2012	Open
Tree Cutting	What happens with cut wood? What is replacement plan?	David	7/31/2012	Open
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