

FoSPB Monthly Meeting February 25, 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Ian Nicol
Marjorie Newman
Jo Durand
Carole Barkley
David Loftus

Agenda:

The month(s) in review – Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
 - o Continue to observe a numbers of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing)
 - o Four people started camping in front of the Ladd Tower in the park
- Rose Pruning, 2.21.,
 - o 13 Friends joined Paul
- Foot Patrol Walk with rangers Angela and Asa on Fridays
- Smoke and Tobacco Free Parks
 - o Commissioner Fritz to presented ordinance to city council on 2.11.
 - o City council adopted proposal with one vote against it on 2.18.
 - o Guidelines will take effect 7.1.

Topics for PPR meeting agenda – 2.27., 2:00 pm

- Documented in separate minutes

Active FoSPB Projects 2015 - Updates

- A-Board sign – FoSPB group intro during work events (**David**)
 - o Got names and cost from sign companies
 - o PPR would fund production of the sign
 - o FoSPB to fund the sign board
 - o Put pocket on the sign with business cards
 - o \$30 - \$40 for frame – parks offered making signs free of charge
 - o Funded from our budget managed by Portland Parks Foundation
- 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 Moved from worst quadrant in worst block to best quadrant in the worst block
 - o Sent a note to PSU to invite for a meeting to see what they do differently
 - Turf group of PPR does not want to meet with PSU
 - Got approval from Bryan A for continuation of experiment in 2015
 - o Mower for the area got reassigned
 - o Tree trimming started
- Lincoln Block Part I - Planting (**Marjorie**)
 - o Remainder of plants will be planted by PPR Horticulturist – Kevin Horning
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**Marjorie**)

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- PPR does not have objection for fencing
- Perimeter vs central fence – former might be preferred
- Consider temporary fence similar to turf park blocks
- Need to go through PPR process
 - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
 - Part II (detailed proposal) in process (**David**)
- Consider reaching out to Larry from Urban Forestry
- Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
- Park Visitor management plan 2015 (**Gunnar, David**)
 - Objective: Preserve and improve cultural and historic value of the South Park Blocks for all to enjoy
 - Multi-pronged approach
 - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
 - Petition on change.org
 - Reach out to mayor / commissioner / businesses / churches
 - Collect data from PPS and Park Ranger program
 - Strengthen services in the park
 - Reach out to PPS and Parks Security to discuss opportunities to address the issues
 - Crime prevention through environmental design (Jacob, Galina)
 - Develop metrics for adequate park coverage by rangers (Galina)
 - Organize Safety Summit II – TBD 2015
 - Reach out to Commissioner Fritz to discuss concerns – letter and/or meeting (**David, Gunnar**)
 - Reach out to mayor to advocate for walking beats (foot patrol) – letter and/or meeting (**David, Gunnar**)

Other FoSPB project objectives for 2015

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - Follow up with PP&R on opportunity as part of Bond Measure
- Member recruitment
 - Arlington Club – contact president and follow up
 - Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2015 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan

2015 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R
- Garden work parties – 1.18., 2.21.
- Got approval to continue to work experimental turf plot – Feb 2015

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
- Walk with ONI / PPS

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- Meeting with PPR – 2.27., 2:00 pm
- Stakeholder interview regarding the Green Loop
- Graffiti Abatement Program – presentation by Denis / Victor (TBD)

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)
 - Approach Arlington Club
 - 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
- 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
- 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 (3.25., 4.29., 5.27., 6.24., 7.29.)

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
Unwanted bird feeding	Added link Audubon link to website http://audubonportland.org/files/brochures/feeding%20waterfowl.pdf	Gunnar	6.26.2013	Done 2.8.2015