

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting February 3., 2016; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:26 PM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Suzie Downing  
Jo Durand  
Larry Files  
Elka Grisham  
Linda Hardy  
Ian Nicol  
Marjorie Newman  
Jacob Rotherham, PPS

**Agenda:**

Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 4:00 pm on Tuesdays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
  - o Foot patrols attendance has declined – sent out email reminder of patrol times
- Rose bed care - Rose pruning to be scheduled, will be Feb 27
- PPS report
  - o Increasing number of skate boarders (high school students 10 to 15 year olds)
  - o More activity in Shemanski block
  - o Many rest room violations – cloth washing
  - o Drinking in the park
  - o Decrease in smoking and drug usage
  - o People from Waterfront Park moving to other areas again including SPB
  - o One officer starting at 4, all assigned officers for SPB assigned from 5 pm to 1 am
- No rangers had been seen until 2 weeks ago

Special FoSPB Activities 2016

- Meeting cadence
  - o Proposal bimonthly – Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov/Dec
  - o Discussed approach: Schedule meetings for every month but decide at meeting if next meeting can be skipped
- Meeting schedule 2016
  - o Email correspondence with core member list if needed
    - Build core email list (Gunnar)
  - o Safety Summits - 2
  - o PPR – 2
  - o Fun Summer get-together – Washington Park concert
  - o Fun Winter get-together
- Project list for 2016
  - o Parke Diem – October
  - o Spring – Gardening Event
  - o Fall – Gardening Event
  - o Rose Pruning – 2 Events
  - o Projects coming from Behavioral changes through environment design
  - o Fence – Fundraising
  - o Turf
  - o Recruitment for new active members

- Use Park's Foundation website
  - o Determine dates (**David, Gunnar**)
- Follow-Up letter to mayor and city council concerning safety and camping in and around SPB
  - o Include mayoral candidates
  - o Input to Mayor and City Council objecting to budget cuts for PP&R, specifically SPB and downtown related cuts
  - o PPR Bureau's recommended budget was forwarded to the City's Budget Office(CBO) (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/cbo/>)
  - o On the CBO website (linked above) is a link to future opportunities to attend budget forums / hearings
- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
  - o FAR exchange measures are planned including 'public good'
    - 1/3 of residential units public housing
  - o Contribution to SPB by helping the Parks Bureau to get SPB on National Parks Register
  - o Implement park's plan in 1400 block
  - o Reach out to developer – get contact info (**Jo**)
- Little Safety Summit
  - o When: 2.11., 3:30 – 5:00
  - o Where: City Hall, 2nd. floor, Pettygrove Room
  - o Agenda
    - Park ranger coverage for SPB in 2016
    - Crime prevention through environmental design: Behavioral changes through environment design (Vincente's and Jacob's SPB review)
    - Finalize metrics and agree on cadence of collection and exchange
      - Develop metrics for adequate park coverage by rangers (Galina)
    - Input for follow-up letter to mayor and city council
    - Agree on park survey strategy and time of survey
      - Survey example
      - Work with PSU – contact Ashley at [greenloopswpdx@gmail.com](mailto:greenloopswpdx@gmail.com)
    - Safety Summit III - time, agenda, who to invite

#### Project Update

- 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 Took fence string down part of 1500 lock; added string fence in 1300 block
  - o Water system broken
  - o Planted winter rye grass seeds after leave removal and lime the soil
  - o 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, Jeremy, Don, December 2015**)
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
  - o Need to go through PPR process
    - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved

- Part II (detailed proposal) in process
  - Cost estimates obtained, Part II process will be completed Feb 5
- FoSPB proposed center fence design, which was accepted by PPR
  - A Victorian fence design was accepted
  - Decision of pre-fab or custom made fence
- Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
- Next
  - When design and cost estimate are complete then Part II of proposal will be prepared and submitted and approved (**David**)
  - Proposal review and approval / rejection by PP&R (**Bryan**)
  - Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
  - Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
- Put up a perimeter “string” fence – ask Kevin or Don
- Park Visitor management 2016 – Planned activities (**Gunnar, David**)
  - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
    - Conduct survey (**FoSPB**)
  - Improved signage
  - Call in issues to create log of activities / build statistics
  - Little Safety Summit II – February 2016 (see above for agenda)
  - Meeting with leadership of St. Francis Episcopal Church to address impact of homeless camping in front of church on neighborhood and SPB

#### Other FoSPB project objectives

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

#### 2016 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R
- Garden work parties
- Little Safety Summit II, 2.11., 3:30 – 5:00, City Hall, 2nd. floor, Pettygrove Room
- FoSPB / PPR

#### Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: [www.fospb.org](http://www.fospb.org)

#### 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
  - Little Safety Summit II, 2.11., 3:30 – 5:00, City Hall, 2nd. floor, Pettygrove Room
- FoSPB / PPR meeting, 2.26., 11:00 – 12:30, Portland Bldg, 13th. Floor, Parks Conf - TPB 13th Fl Springwater Conf Rm
- Rose Pruning – 2.27.

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
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
  - 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room 3.30., 4.27., 5.25., 6.29., 7.27., 8.31., 9.28., 10.26.

**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	David / Gunnar	10.28.2015	
Unwanted bird feeding	Added link Audubon link to website <a href="http://audubonportland.org/files/brochures/feeding%20waterfowl.pdf">http://audubonportland.org/files/brochures/feeding%20waterfowl.pdf</a>	Gunnar	6.26.2013	Done 2.8.2015