

FoSPB Monthly Meeting January 28, 2015 Eliot library 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Alan Bell
Ian Nicol
Marjorie Newman
Daniel Teibel
Marion McNamara
Carole Barkley
Margaret Files
Larry Files
Jeff Otwell, 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 a numbers of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing)
- Fundraising for Lincoln Park
 - o Thank you letters written for major donors – thank you Marjorie, Caroline, Alan
- Holiday party
 - o Many helped organizing – thank you
 - o Thank you letters were sent to PPS and other donors – thank you, Marjorie
- Organized meeting to talk about a plan for the Park Visitor Management Plan 2015
- Foot Patrol Walk with rangers Angela and Asa on Fridays
- First Christian Church volunteer project - Sunday January 18., 2015
- Article about FoSPB in PDXExtra January edition
 - o Interview of David and Gunnar
 - o http://www.oregonlive.com/premium/pdxtra/2015/01/making_friends_at_the_south_pa.html
- Smoke and Tobacco Free Parks
 - o Commissioner Fritz to present ordinance to city council on 2.11.

Park update

- PPS – Jeff, activity summary
 - o Review statistics of exclusions
 - o More than last year at this time
 - o Alcohol and skateboarders are the other bigger issues
 - o Preparing for summer 2015 – bigger presence in the park
- Park Rangers – Asa Arden, activity summary
 - o No ranger participation planned for 2015 FoSPB meetings
 - o Discuss alternative means of communication at next PPR meeting

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

- Turf meeting – PPR and PSU
 - o Get approval for experimental plot
 - o Grass vs. hardscape vs playground / basket ball courts

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- o Who in PPR can join us for the meeting and speak with authority (**Bryan**)
- Fence project planning
 - o Ask for a design review meeting
- A-board signage support
- Irrigation system – can this be funded
- Smoke free park plans
- Safety / Security
 - o Park Ranger staffing, hours in park , park coverage, statistics
 - o Enforcement of existing City ordinances
 - o follow up on Galina’s ideas to strengthen services in the park
 - o incident data review over time
- Follow up on AIs from last meeting

Special Projects - 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
- 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 PSIU
 - Get approval for continuation of experiment in 2015
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**Marjorie**)
 - o PPR does not have objection for fencing
 - o Perimeter vs central fence – former might be preferred
 - o Consider temporary fence similar to turf park blocks
 - o Need to go through PPR process
 - Part I completed and approved
 - Part II in process (**David**)
 - o Consider reaching out to Larry from Urban Forestry
 - o Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
- Park Visitor management plan 2015 (**Gunnar, David**)
 - o Objective: Preserve and improve cultural and historic value of the South Park Blocks for all to enjoy
 - o 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)

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- 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**)

FoSPB project objectives for 2015 – Update

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - o PP&R to identify opportunities
- 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

2015 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R
- Garden work parties – 1.18.

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 Pruning / Deadheading – February after last frost
- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Walk with ONI / PPS
- Meeting with PPR – 2.27., 10:00 am
- Graffiti Abatement Program – presentation by Denis / Victor (February)

Future Topics

- 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

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- 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 (2.25., 3.25., 4.29.)

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