

FoSPB Monthly Meeting January 25, 2017; Eliot Tower, Library, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman
Jo Durand
Marjorie Newman
Suzie Downing
Margaret Files
Larry Files
Jessie Ponce, PPS

Agenda:

Park activity update

- Turf Improvement - Tue 9:00 - 11:00
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - suspended for season
- Weekly Foot Patrol – Suspended until further notice
- Park Rangers
 - o Last seen in November
 - o Contact Ranger Manager for current status (**Margaret**)
- Pacific Patrol Services - PPS report
 - o Quiet because of the rain/snow
 - o Waiting to see direction for enforcement with new mayor

Special FoSPB Activities 2017

- **Proposed two general member meetings per year: Spring and Fall (Parke Diem); monthly meetings for planning**
 - o General agreement - no definite plan now - continue monthly meetings
- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Kia Selly head of property & asset management for Portland Parks & Recreation will lead park initiative to implement “public good”, Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger
 - o Funds – \$375K
 - will pay for development of a park master plan for the South Park blocks
 - follow up with the Parks Foundation (**David, Jan 2017**)
 - Brian Owendorf is the developer, contact www.1455broadway.com
 - o Process
 - Work on a South Park Blocks 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 and other organizations
 - Include crime prevention by design in the master plan – refer to ONI
- Suspension of foot patrols and safety / security related initiatives
 - o Suspension will be re-evaluated - no interest in Jan 2017
 - o New mayor may change response to our safety and livability concerns
 - o Change of foot patrol focus to observation rather than cleaning up
 - o Being in the park is beneficial to the FoSPB and the neighborhood
 - o Invite incoming mayor to walk in the park (jennifer@tedwheeler.com) (**David**)
 - o PDNA organizing foot patrol training through ONI
 - If established, foot patrols will need coordination between PDNA and FoSPB
 - Different parts of downtown targeted
 - Trained by Mark Wells of ONI
 - o Role for Jacob Brostoff and ONI to help with security in SPB
- Rose Pruning/Mulching/Planting - Winter

- o February 11, Saturday 9 am - 11 am

Project Update

- Turf project (**Jo / David**) – 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 Late seeding of summer grass
 - o Repeat of last Fall's seeding of Winter rye/tall fescue with spring fertilizer, slice seed and aeration
 - Winter seed has not germinated, need > 40 F for 3 days, seed may not be viable
 - o Some trees have come down in the park with the last storm(s)
 - Will be replaced with Dutch elm disease resistance trees
 - o Mower (Josh) got promoted to horticulturist; new mower operator has not been hired
 - o String fences have been put up on weakest areas on each block
 - o Water system still broken in parts even though some repair has happened
 - Number of issues increased
 - Document with photos
 - o New volunteers have joined the group
 - 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 2017
 - Develop plan with Jeremy for 2016 (**Jo, Marion, David, Jeremy, Don**)
 - o Capture seeds and fertilizer planned for budgeting reason
 - o Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - o Send example of a work plan (**Rachel**)
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
 - o Met with Bryan Aptekar and Sandra Burtzos in August
 - o Fence Design: Current preference for bollard & chain fence similar to what is at Chapman and Lowndale
 - simplest and most affordable to prevent people from walking through the landscape beds in the park
 - prototype of fence temporarily with chain strung between existing T-posts in both beds to see if this works effectively as a deterrent to keep people from walking through the beds (**Seth**)
 - o Next
 - Cost estimate (**Don, Seth, Allan**)
 - Discuss next steps with PP&R (3-3)
 - 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
- Rose Deadhead Group
 - o Blooming season May - Oct Three times per week
 - o Work with Horticulturist, Kevin Horning

Future FoSPB project objectives

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Seth**)
 - 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 Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2017 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan
 - o Benson, Roosevelt condo buildings, Ladd Apartments

2017 Accomplishments

FoSPB Meeting Minutes
Date: January 25, 2017

- Garden work parties –
- FoSPB / PPR quarterly meetings - 3-3
- Fun Summer get-together –
- Parke Diem -

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: www.fospb.org (June 2018)
- Letter to Portland Art Museum - Rothko Pavilion negative impact on SPB access and walkability

Upcoming Events

- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Remaining projects 2017
 - o Fall / Winter – Gardening Events
 - o Rose Pruning/Mulching/Planting – Feb 11
 - o Fence – Final design, Fundraising
 - o Turf and other projects with Church volunteers
 - o Recruitment for new active members
 - Use Park Foundation’s website

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park
 - o Approach Arlington Club
 - o Include Brad Taylor (ONI)
 - o Pacific Patrol (PPI)
- 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
 - 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 Concerts vs. Movies - Music in the daytime more accessible to SPB users
 - o Self initiate to organize a concert, PP&R would help make it happen
 - o Ellen Sweeney is PP&R Summer Free For All concerts and movie coordinator
- Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway
- Trees in SPB
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Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room 2.22., 3.29.

Action Items

Detail	Update	Owner	Date	Status
Governance of FoSPB: Study other Friends groups and then decide on FoSPB Governance structure			5/28/2012	Open
Governance of FoSPB: Provide contact for ByLaws example			5/28/2012	Open