

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting July 31, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM**

**Attendees:**

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair

Asa Arden, Park Ranger

Terry Dalsemer

Carole Barkley

Elka Grisham

Ian Nicol

Mike Boyer, ONI

**Agenda:**

- The month(s) in review
  - Weekly Foot Patrol – 6:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesday 9:00 am, 3:00 pm on Fridays
  - Plant care - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
    - Watering of plants, rose budding, etc.
  - Garden work party scheduled for July 27 by Friends of South Park Blocks was cancelled and will be rescheduled in August.
  - Smoking ban on the PSU park blocks was discussed at the DNA although no resolution
  - Traffic of homeless people has increased since City Hall decision to ask people to leave City Hall area
    - More problems at Chapman Square
- Park update
  - Transitional Youth Dinners
    - Dinners continue unpermitted one day per week (Monday)
    - Meeting between Park Rangers (Asa and Hassan) and Mike Boyer
      - Looking for long-term solutions
      - Moratorium on having more feeds in the downtown
    - No official response yet
    - City would like to take a broader approach based on input of community members
      - New commissioner for parks – Amanda Fritz
      - Not a top priority for the office; quiet on the communication front
      - Would like to understand the issues; like to see park events to continue throughout the summer
    - Decision to be made
    - Contacts in Commissioner Fritz 's Office for Parks and Recreation are
      - Tim Crail ([Tim.Crail@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Tim.Crail@portlandoregon.gov) / (503) 823-3988)
      - Patti Howard ([Patti.Howard@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Patti.Howard@portlandoregon.gov) / (503) 823-1120)
  - Talking points
    - City stalling process
    - Decisions not being made
    - Two offices to work with PP&R (Amanda Fritz) and ONI (Mayor's office)
    - Use open forum of city council meetings
- Camping along First Christian Church
  - Camping continues with growing numbers of homeless people in the loo area during the day
  - Pastor Amy hard to get connected with but seeking discussion (**Mike Boyer, 8.1.**)
  - Spill over on sidewalks and parks

- Church opened the courtyard for a number of campers
  - What are regulations; Mike to respond
- Illegal parking on SPB lawn
  - Informed PP&R that white COP pick-up truck (Vehicle # 072001) drove down the grass in the park and driver said that he was with PP&R Forestry and was going to a meeting at the Portland Building
  - Counterproductive to park maintenance
  - Bryan Aptekar follow-up: Parking on park turf by PP&R employees has been stopped by PP&R Forestry supervisors
- Tree cutting in SPB
  - Incident was also been reported by park rangers
  - Bryan Aptekar follow-up: Tree cutting on city park property by vendors and others reported has been discussed with PP&R Forestry
- Shemanski Park usage
  - PP&R will be reaching out to Wednesday farmers market vendors to set up stands in Shemanski square on other days of the week. PP&R will offer rent discounts to vendors. They will contact PSU vendors for weekends at Shemanski. They are looking for 3-4 vendors.
  - Primarily food vendors for lunch time (11 am – 3 pm)
  - Send recommendations to Bryan and Asa
- FoSPB communication
  - National Night Out participation – Tue, 8.6., 6 – 9 pm
    - Shall we participate – yes
    - Terry and Carole to be contact
    - sign, cards and handouts with Jinny Shipman (**Gunnar**)
    - Let Mike Boyer know that we need a table (**Gunnar**)
    - Advertise FoSPB participation (**Gunnar**)
  - Washington Park concert – Steve Pixley (**Gunnar**)
    - Steve to reserve space up to 6 if desired
    - Show up before 6 pm
  - Make 8.28. meeting tentative based on events happening (**David, Gunnar**)
- 2013 FoSPB project objectives - Update
  1. Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter
    - Covers litter, i.e. cigarette butts
    - Reach out to PDNA to ask for a neighborhood position about smoking in the park
      - Invite PDNA board member and propose to discuss at board meeting (**David, TBD**)
  2. Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
    - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul**)
  3. Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
    - PP&R to identify opportunities
  4. Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
    - Follow up with Brian A who wanted to FoSPB in touch with Jackie about vending at Shemanski (**Gunnar**)
      - Understand permit policy
      - Understand guidelines for businesses supported
      - Recruit businesses
      - Approach Arlington Club
      - Present plan to PP&R
  5. Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
    - Identify project to raise funding
    - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
  6. Reduce skate boarding traffic

- Update stickers (Bryan)
  - 7. Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
    - Update stickers (Bryan)
  - 8. Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
    - Start raise money
    - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
      - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Carole??**)
      - Park Proposal Process: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/46373>
        - Application deadline: Fall
        - Brian A to help with application
  - 9. Member recruitment
    - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
    - University Park – have three contacts
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- 2013 Accomplishments
    - Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide
    - Card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards
    - Discussed the installation of cigarette trash containers with Park's and Rec's department
    - Portland Streetcar to install trash container at Streetcar stop on SW Market in SPB
    - PBOT agreed to clean SW Park and SW 9<sup>th</sup> streets along SBP south of SW Jefferson
  - Communication
    - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
    - Website: [www.fosspb.org](http://www.fosspb.org)
  - Action Item update (see below)
  - Upcoming Events
    - Foot Patrols - Mo at 6:00 pm, We at 9:00 am, Fri at 3:00 pm;
    - Deadheading roses and watering of new perennials - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
    - Q3 meeting with Parks & Rec – September 20., 2:00 pm
  - Future Topics
    1. Install Pet Stations
      - Look at North-Park installation
      - PP&R did not like design
      - Built by CleanScapes
      - Not the biggest problem
      - Needs funding / sponsors
    2. 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
    3. Event planning
      - Social events in the park
    4. Fundraising and fund needs
    5. Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway
    6. Vest replacement by T-Shirts

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- Have business sponsoring T-Shirts
- Have business sponsor incentives

**Next Meetings:**

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room (8.28., 9.25., 10.30.)

**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
Create FoSPB Task List	Created for 2013	David / Gunnar	5/28/2012	Closed
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
Smoking Ban	Follow up with Parks and Recs – next meeting to be discussed 4.5.	David / Gunnar	7/31/2012	Closed
Event sponsoring	What is the procedure for FoSPB	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Open
Garden Work Party	Schedule event Schedule bench cleanup Events planned for February, March, April	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Closed
Phone number	Create phone number card of important number	Jinny	11.28.2012	Closed 3.28.

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Spring PP&R Guide	Get some copies	Gunnar	3.28.2013	Closed 4.24.
Meetings	Schedule meetings for second half of the year	Gunnar	5.29.2013	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact PAM and OHS for a meeting	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact Peter Mark and ask if he wants to donate for Park projects	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Unwanted bird feeding	Add Audubon link to website and create some printouts	Gunnar	6.26.2013	