

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting July 23, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:20 PM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Carol Barkley  
Marjorie Newman  
Jo Durand  
Alan Bell  
Marion McNamara  
Ian Nicol  
Nancy Catlin  
Mack Holland, PPS  
Asa Arden, PP&R Park Ranger

**Agenda:**

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
  - o Observing increasing number of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, camping, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing, defecation)
  - o Benches got fixed
  - o Park signs are up
  - o Skate boarders reacting positively to “the rangers will come through soon”
    - No attention paid to new signage
- Deadheading roses – 9 am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
- Friends Jo Durand, Marjorie and David Newman participated at the Parks Replacement Bond Town Hall Meeting on 6.30.

Park update

- PPS – Mack, activity summary
  - o Shared issue with park rangers with camping ordinance, i.e. people making a residence while park is open
  - o Drugs and alcohol issue
  - o Skateboarding issues down
  - o More people in the park but not more exclusions
  - o Park closures heavier to enforce
  - o Moved office to SW 4th and Stark
- Ranger – Asa, activity summary
  - o Camping update – no change to the code but change to code interpretation
  - o Judge’s ruling – people laying on blankets all day does not create a temporary arrangement to live. Level one camp code not be enforced
  - o Ruling after a park incident was appealed
  - o Consider writing to City commissioners (David, Gunnar)
  - o Washington Park has now full time park ranger presence
  - o Increase in permit issues around PSU Farmers market with unpermitted events
  - o Average number of exclusions for drugs and alcohol
  - o Few off leash dog exclusion
  - o Signs are up, make sure that old signs are taken down

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- o Moved ranger office (SW 2nd and Jefferson)

Special Topics

- National Night Out party – 8.8., 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Friday)
  - o Reserve table by contacting Mike (Gunnar)
  - o Volunteers: Mary, David, Deb, Alan, Jinny?
  - o Put emphasis on Fundraising project
- Foot Patrol
  - o Low attendance during last three patrols (1 – 1 – 2 people showed up)
  - o When to organize walk with ranger / ONI / PPS
- Washington Park Summer Concerts
  - o Pick an event <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/489145>
  - o Communicate to Steve Pixley (**Gunnar**)
  - o 8.11.
  - o 8.14.
  - o Put on calendar (David)
- Website funding for the next two years – USD 200
  - o Friends who donated: Carol Barkley and David Loftus, Terry Dalsemer, Marjorie and David Newman, Ian Nicol and Gunnar Sacher, Jinny Shipman
  - o Hope for a couple more friends to step forward

Special Projects - Updates

- Turf project (**Jo**) – Tools in University Park condo store room.
  - o Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
  - o One quadrant fenced off which is well observed by park visitors
  - o Project starts to fail – cracking in the earth, irrigation not working, ants created trails
  - o Positive impact of simple fencing
  - o Problem might be bigger than originally thought
  - o Participation down to 1 or 2 instead of 3 or 4
- Fundraising (**Marjorie**)
  - o Project: Improved plantings and labeling in the Lincoln block.
  - o Fundraising mechanism Portland Parks Foundation
    - Project approved by PPF
    - PPF is getting final approval from PPR
  - o Contacted PAM to do some fundraising during PAM lectures
  - o Creation of flyer / postcard in the final stages
  - o Donations to be accepted starting 8.1.
  - o Fundraiser at PAM and National Night Out
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
  - o Reached dead end
  - o Reach out to Portland Farmers Market and Saturday market
  - o 6<sup>th</sup> and Columbia were displaced but are trailers which are not allowed for Shemanski
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
  - o Secured more labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)

2014. FoSPB project objectives – Update

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

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- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
  - Approach Arlington Club
- Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
  - o Identify project to raise funding – Irrigation upgrade, bench armrests – PP&R will provide estimated costs and project scopes
  - o Columbia Sportswear incentive program
- Middle Armrest for park benches
  - o Find resource to scope project
  - o Design armrests and submit formal Park Proposal to PPR
- 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

2014 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R – 2.21.
- Garden work parties – 2.22., 3.15., 4.19., 4.26.
- Started a turf maintenance Friends group
- Transitional Youth activities moved from SPB – June 2014
- Helped to improve signage funded by PP&R – July 2014

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: [www.fospb.org](http://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 Deadheading – 9 am Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Walk with a ranger / ONI
- Washington Park Summer Concerts, 811. And 8.14. – FoSPB will have a reserved space at a concert
- Graffiti Abatement program and graffiti removal, Mike Boyer / Victor Salinas, 10.29.

Future Topics

- 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
- Support smoking ban for Portland Parks once on the agenda of PPR
- Install Pet Stations
  - o Look at North-Park installation

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- 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 (8.27., 9.24., 10.29., 12.10.)

**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
Membership solicitation - University Place	4 people from University Place joined FoSPB	Bob	5/28/2012	Closed 2/26/2014
Event sponsoring	Discussed at PPR meeting	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Closed 5/9/2014
Unwanted bird feeding	Add Audubon link to website and create some printouts	Gunnar	6.26.2013	Open
Emergency contact numbers	Review triage list and phone numbers to call	Mike B, Gunnar	1.29.2014	Closed 6/25/2014
Phone tree	Send updated phone tree in electronic format	Art H.	6.25.2014	