

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting July 29., 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM**

**Attendees:**

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Marion McNamara  
Carole Barkley  
Marjorie Newman  
Ian Nicol  
Jacob Brostoff, ONI  
Jesse Ponce, PPS  
Clayton Bench, PPS

**Agenda:**

*The month(s) in review – Park update*

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
  - o Observing large groups of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing)
- Rose deadheading on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays at 9 am
- Foot Patrol Walk with rangers on Fridays
- PPS / FoSPB lunch meeting
  - o Discussed latest developments concerning downtown and SPB security
- City Smoking Ban in parks - UPDATE
  - o Details and FAQ available at [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/smokefree](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/smokefree)
  - o Direct FAQ: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/534296>
  - o The ordinance with amended language has been incorporated into the FAQ.
- PPS report
  - o People more or less compliant with smoking ban
  - o April / May concerns processed by PPS resulting in fewer complaints in the park – drugs, alcohol, etc.
  - o 20 exclusions for park in June
  - o Continued problems: hammocks between trees, alcohol, loud radio, neighborhood spillovers

*Special FoSPB Activities 2015*

- Washington Park Summer Festival
  - o Tizer Quartett – world-class fusion band from LA, Jazz group of the year nominee
  - o Washington Park, Thursday, August, 13.
  - o Send out invitation to patrollers and gardeners (**Gunnar**)
- Portland Business Alliance campaign
  - o To address street livability in Portland
  - o public petition to Mayor Charlie Hales and Portland City Council
    - to provide more safe and humane solutions for individuals who sleep outside, panhandle or use illegal drugs in public spaces
    - to recognizes the impact these individual’s behavior can have on the cleanliness and livability of our city’s public spaces for everyone
    - sign petition at [www.pdxcandobetter.com](http://www.pdxcandobetter.com)
  - o Position of FoSPB: Supports FoSPB’s position publicly stated last at Safety Summit II.
  - o Send memo to Friends (FoSPB email list) asking them to support Petition (**Gunnar**)

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- o Old Town / China Town started campaign to report to City Council in public comment session – connect with FoSPB (**Jacob B**)
- National Night Out – PDNA Block Party
  - o When: Friday, 8.7., 6 – 8 pm
  - o Where: Lovejoy Fountain Park
  - o What: Meet Downtown Community Partners and enjoy free concert with Red Ray Frazier
  - o FoSPB has not been contacted by organizers to participate
  - o FoSPB contacted Jacob Brostoff and Felicia Williams
    - Received reply from Jacob suggesting that PDNA is organizer of event
  - o FoSPB not to participate this year because of short notice and no response from PDNA organizer

Active FoSPB Projects 2015 - Updates

- Parke Diem
  - o When: Saturday, 10.10., 9 am – 12 noon
  - o Where: South Park Blocks, meet at Rough Rider Statue
  - o What: Our group of volunteers will meet to support the following activities:
    - Mulch rose beds, tree bases and Lincoln Block plantings
    - Rake leaves - Dig weeds and clean tree bases in 1500 block
    - Paint bench legs
    - Power wash squares
    - Support of tools and material will be provided by Portland's Parks and Recreation's department.
  - o Who: 30 – 40 volunteers
  - o Main contacts Jo Durand / David Newman / Gunnar Sacher
  - o Tasks
    - Advertisement of event (**Gunnar, August**)
    - Check-in
    - Prioritize task list with Don and Paul
    - Recruit volunteers – ideas how to
    - Flyer – hard and soft copy (**Jinny**)
    - Contact First Christian church
  - o Status
    - Project submitted on PPR website
    - Contact on Parke Diem day: Marion McNamara / Jo Durand
    - Activity leads: Jo Durand, Marion McNamara, Renee Towers
- 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 Turf group met with Jeremy Nelson on 6.23.2015 to review turf progress in 1500 block
  - o Sprinklers in experimental plot adjusted and piping leaks identified
  - o Started watering experimental plot 5 nights per week – need more volunteers / alternatives
  - o Next
    - Review with Professor from OSU planned for September
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
  - o PPR does not have objection for fencing
  - o Perimeter vs central fence – PPR and FoSPB agreed to center fence

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- Consider temporary fence similar to turf park blocks – one idea is metal stakes and string on a portion of the new plantings
- Need to go through PPR process
  - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
  - Part II (detailed proposal) in process
- Met with Bryan and Allan Schmidt to discuss the fence project
  - PPT Maintenance Techs, Horticulturist and West Zone coordinator favor a center fence that would be a barrier to traffic across the beds
  - Agreed that several considerations for the fence should be: durability, cost, access for maintenance of beds, no sharp points, vandalism proof, spare parts, low maintenance cost.
  - Allan and Bryan pushed design proposal back to FoSPB to come up with possible designs that will then be reviewed by Allan and the approval committee
  - Design for center fence input from Marjorie, Alan, and Carole was sent to Bryan
    - A Victorian fence design was accepted
    - City to price the fence and then FoSPB to prepare for fund raising
- Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
- Next
  - When design and cost estimate will be complete then Part II of proposal will be approved
  - Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
- Park Visitor management plan 2015 (**Gunnar, David**)
  - Visitor Management Plan highlights
    - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
      - Conduct survey (**FoSPB**)
    - Strengthen services in the park
      - Develop metrics for adequate park coverage by rangers (**Galina**)
    - Crime prevention through environmental design (**Jacob, Galina**)
    - Advocacy
      - Reach out to Commissioners including commissioner Fritz to discuss concerns (**David, Gunnar**)
      - Reach out to mayor and commissioners to advocate (**David, Gunnar**)
    - Ordinances and their enforcement
      - Coverage analysis (**PPR, PPS**)
      - What to do after park closure and during kids presence (**PPS, PPR**)
    - Improved signage
    - Call in issues to create log of activities / build statistics
  - Safety Summit III – October / November 2015

Other FoSPB project objectives for 2015

- 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
  - Added Portland5 in Q1 2015
  - Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2015 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan
  - Benson / Roosevelt condo buildings

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2015 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R – 2.27., 6.26.
- Garden work parties – 1.18., 2.21.
- Got approval to continue to work experimental turf plot – Feb 2015
- Green loop stakeholder interview and survey participation – 3.11.
- Stakeholder involvement – Portland 5, 2.18.
- Safety Summit II – 5.8.
- A-boards and signs obtained, May 2015
- Parke Diem 2015 – project submitted

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
- Walk with ONI / PPS
- Summer party at Washington Park – August
- Garden work party – August
- PPR & FoSPB meeting
  - o September, Fri, 09.11., 11:00 am
  - o Event planning for SPB
  - o Smoking ban update – no smoking sign on benches
- Parke Diem – need projects – October 9. / 10.
- Graffiti Abatement Program – presentation by Victor – October

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

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- 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 (8.26., 9.30.)

**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
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