

FoSPB Monthly Meeting June 25, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Carol Barkley
David Loftus
Ian Nicol
Jinny Shipman
Mike Bower, ONI
Josh Schubert, Park Ranger
Thomas Robertson, Park Ranger
Alan Pendergrass, PPS
Mack Holland, PPS
Art Hendricks, PPR

Agenda:

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
- Deadheading roses – 9 am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Parklandia event organized by Portland Parks Foundation,
 - o Friends Marjorie Newman, David Newman, Ian Nicol, Gunnar Sacher participated
- Renewed FoSPB website for two years thanks to donations by some Friends

Park update

- PPS – Mack, activity summary (provided in writing)
 - o Summary
 - In the South Park Blocks we focused on preparing for the coming warmer days. We increased patrol times earlier in the day and patrolled longer during the evening. An average number of exclusions for May weather was issued and no arrests took place.
 - Overall it was a productive month and few serious issues were encountered. The park features and amenities, for the most part, stayed clear of issue.
 - o Exclusions issued: 8
 - o Warnings issued: 1
- Ranger – Asa, activity summary
 - o Art Hendricks taking a new job within parks and recs
 - New security manager will be announced in August

Foot Patrol Training

- Intro and Refresher to patrolling (Mike Boyer, ONI)
 - o Understand intent of misinformed park visitors
 - o Form relationships
 - o Educate park users, establish expected behavioral norms

- How to maintain sense of civility and balance – challenge
- Role of a foot patroller is to observe and to report
- Inform rangers / PPS when to be in the park
- Take the long view
- Consider resurrecting the idea of a patrol log
- Intent of park rules / title 20: a reasonable person if given the information will modify the behavior (based on notion of civility)
- Tolerating a level of behavior that wasn't tolerated 20 – 30 years ago
- Transform park through positive activation
- Phone triage list when observing park incidents (Mike Boyer, ONI)
 - Ranger dispatch – 7:00 am to 9:30 pm
 - PPS dispatch 503-710-8004 – 24 / 7
 - Send phone tree in electronic format (**Art H**)
- Management of Aggressive Behavior (Alan Pendergrass, PPS)
 - eye contact and smiling important when making contact
 - drop shoulders
 - soften the face
 - plan your route when approaching a person / group and have an exit strategy
 - build relationships if possible
 - photographs can irritate people (be in inconspicuous if needed)

Special Projects - Updates

- Turf project (**Jo**) – Tools in University Park condo store room.
 - Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - One quadrant fenced off which is well observed by park visitors
- Fundraising (**Marjorie**)
 - Project: Improved plantings and labeling in the Lincoln block.
 - Fundraising mechanism Portland Parks Foundation
 - Project approved by PPF
 - PPF is getting final approval from PPR
 - Contacted PAM to do some fundraising during PAM lectures
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Reached dead end
 - Salvador Molly's (Darielle, Suzanne)
 - Permit was denied for tent setup
 - Don't have time and energy to work on different solution as they just opened a second restaurant
 - Might reengage at a later time
 - Momo Cart LLC (Evan, Stephanie)
 - Shemanski park did not allow for enough business opportunity / profit
 - Received mobile permit for the whole park and currently put up his cart in the PSU area
 - Vendor felt that potential customers were scared off by traditional Shemanski crowd as there was no place to sit except among transient population
 - Need more than one vendor to reach critical mass
 - Security / demographic crowd control desired by this vendor
 - Next: Brainstorm new ideas (**Gunnar, July meeting**)
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds

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- Secured more labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)
- Website funding for the next two years – USD 200
 - Friends who donated: Carol Barkley and David Loftus, Terry Dalsemer, Marjorie and David Newman, Ian Nicol and Gunnar Sacher, Jinny Shipman
 - Hope for a couple more friends to step forward (**Gunnar, 7.23.**)

2014 FoSPB project objectives – Update

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Approach Arlington Club
- Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - Identify project to raise funding – Irrigation upgrade, bench armrests – PP&R will provide estimated costs and project scopes
 - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
- Improve Signage (**Bryan, Asa**)
 - PPR will fund signage upgrade
 - Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
- Middle Armrest for park benches
 - Find resource to scope project
 - Design armrests and submit formal Park Proposal to PPR
- Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - 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
 - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - 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 to SPB

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 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

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- Parks Replacement Bond Town Hall Meeting, 6.30., 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, Cleveland High School Cafeteria (3400 SE 26th Ave, Portland, OR 97202), RSVP if interested at ParksReplacementBond.org
- Walk with a ranger / ONI, July
- Washington Park Summer Concerts – FoSPB will have a reserved space at a concert

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
 - 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 (7.23., 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