

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting June 24, 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair  
Ian Nicol  
Alan Bell  
Jo Durand  
Marion McNamara

**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 increase 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

Active FoSPB Projects 2015 - Updates

- 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
  - o Consider temporary fence similar to turf park blocks – one idea is metal stakes and string on a portion of the new plantings
  - o Need to go through PPR process
    - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
    - Part II (detailed proposal) in process
  - o 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 will be sent to Bryan
  - o Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
  - o Next
    - When design and cost estimate will be complete then Part II of proposal will be approved

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- Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
- Park Visitor management plan 2015 (**Gunnar, David**)
  - Safety Summit II summary and AIs
    - Discuss and expanded list of observed behavioral issues and concerns in SPB
    - Expanded action plan
    - Next meeting – Fall 2015
  - Visitor Management Plan – highlight review
    - 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
- Parke Diem ideas
  - Pressure wash sidewalks, paint benches, rake leaves, plant new / rehab plants
- City Smoking Ban in parks
  - Questions about latest implementation and enforcement of no smoking ordinance will be posted to PP&R

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

2015 Accomplishments

- Meetings with PP&R – 2.27.
- 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

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>

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- 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 – July / August
- 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 fond
  - 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
- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room (7.29., 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		Carole	5/28/2012	Open
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Governance of FoSPB: Provide contact for ByLaws example		Mike Boyer	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