

## **FoSPB Monthly Meeting March 27, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7 PM to 8 PM**

### **Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Marjorie Newman  
Elka Grisham  
Carole Barkley  
David Loftus  
Ian Nicol  
Alan Bell  
Scott Barlow, PPS

### **Agenda:**

- The month(s) in review
  - Weekly Foot Patrol – 6:00 pm on Mondays, 3:00 pm on Fridays
    - Picking up a lot of litter
    - Transitional Youth handing out dinner
  - Three Friends of SPB participated in Director Park stakeholders meeting on 3.1.13
  - Shared invitation from Mike Abbate' to participate in a discussion of the future of Portland's parks: [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/future](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/future) with FoSPB members
  - Garden work party, 3.23., 9 – 11
    - 10 Friends of the SPB participated
    - Follow up event, 3.25., 4 friends participated
    - Main focus - mulching
    - Advertised event thanks to Friend Jinny Shipman
  - Rescheduled and advertised foot patrol training
    - Advertised event in several buildings thanks to Friend Jinny Shipman
  - FoSPB article written by Friend Carole Barkley appeared in Spring PP&R Guide
    - Highlights FoSPB history and activities
    - Membership recruitment by providing FoSPB contact info
- PPS report
  - Spoken with Transitional Youth
    - Event not limited to the park
    - ID-ing people to ensure that people are under 25
    - Might be a combination of different youth groups – Street Church and others
    - Expanding patrols in the area at the time
    - Number of reports not increased
      - Draw subject of interests from other areas
    - Mentioned event in daily emails
    - No noise complaints received although it gets quite loud
  - 5 exclusions – disorderly conduct, marijuana, etc.
  - Major activities between Shemanski and Peace Chant area
    - Occasional skate boarding
    - Drug use
  - Occasional rest room violation

- Park update
  - Visitors population on the increase with improving weather
  - Park events attracting larger groups
    - Non-profit serving dinner for homeless youth
      - Concern that Shemanski park turns into another O'Brien square
      - Supposed to be limited to 4 – 6 weeks until First Baptist Church renews accommodating the group
      - Event supported by Parks and Recs
        - No permit has been given
        - Permit does not seem to be needed for group size under 100 people
      - Concerned about growing size
      - Find out from Parks and Recs their position on the event and share concern of the Friends group regarding livability, time limits, etc. (**David, Gunnar, 4.5.**)
      - Reach out to First Baptist Church to understand the issue with Transitional Youth / Street Church
      - Seem to clean up but then lingering youth leaving trash that gets picked up by PPS
    - Online gaming group having barbeque – no permit
    - Ask for FoSPB to be informed about permitted events in the park
      - Permitted events – should permit be available at site
      - Permit requirements for SPB's use checked
  - Loitering along Schnitzer Hall has changed to the better
- PP&R meeting prep, 4.5, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, Portland Building
  - Main Topics
    - Smoking in the park
      - Install cigarette trash containers
        - Do homework (**Bryan A, 4.5.**)
        - Review existing designs / take picture to create a guide for design suggestions
          - Prepared by Friend Carole Barkley
      - Proposal: Non-smoking benches/areas
      - Smoking Ban / Trash Ordinance Amendment – *Preferred Approach*
        - Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter
        - Understand guidelines for Pioneer Square Park and see if they could be applied to SPB (**Art H**)
        - Assign enforcement people to this issue (**Steve P**)
        - Discuss with Art H to understand implications for ranger program
    - Business recruitment for Shemanski Park
      - Brain storm ideas
        - Food cart
        - Move KOi Fusion from PAM to Shemanski
        - Satellite of PSU Saturday Farmers Market
        - Café Velo
        - Library Lady
      - Make it safe and attractive to the business
      - Create Pilot program with special conditions
      - Connect with Mike Boyer on picking the right vendor
      - Stakeholders: Bryan / Terri, Mike B, Art H, Rangers
    - Advertisement / Promotion
      - Review ideas / examples
      - Bulletin Board(s) / Info Kiosks with SPB information

- Interpretive Signs
  - Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
    - budget for 2013 or 2014 or add to bond
    - advocate with PP&R
    - FoSPB will volunteer labor
    - bring up at staff meeting (**Danielle F**)
  - Follow up
    - Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
      - Piggyback on other solutions (**Danielle F**)
    - Reduce skate boarding traffic
      - Post phone numbers to call on existing park signage - Park Ranger phone #'s have been posted on Park signs
        - Apply stickers to the signage
        - FoSPB to maintain
        - Send email to Art (**Bryan A, Gunnar**)
    - Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
      - Bureau of Environmental Services
      - Provide contact (**Bryan A, Gunnar**)
  - New topics
    - Understand long range plan for trees in the SPB park
      - Lobby to build a plan if it does not exist
    - Final budget for this year – what got cut
  - Next meeting: June / July, Friday, 2 - 3
- 2013 FoSPB project objectives - Update
  - 1) Install cigarette trash containers – 4.5.
  - 2) Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter – 4.5.
  - 3) Label for rose varieties in the rose beds – 4.5.
  - 4) Improve irrigation systems in all SPB – 4.5.
  - 5) Business recruitment for Shemanski Park – 4.5.
  - 6) Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
    - Identify project to raise funding
    - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
  - 7) Reduce skate boarding traffic – 4.5.
  - 8) Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues – 4.5.
  - 9) Create card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards (**Jinny S, Done March**)
  - 10) Advertisement / Promotion – 4.5.
  - 11) Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide
- Communication
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
    - Update link (**Dan**)
  - Website: [www.fospb.org](http://www.fospb.org)
- Action Item update (see below)
- Upcoming Events
  - Park Ranger review committee – David
  - Q1 meeting with Parks & Rec – 4.5., 2:00 pm
  - Foot Patrol training – 4.22., 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Eliot – 3<sup>rd</sup>. floor meeting room
  - Garden work parties, Saturdays at 9:00 am
    - April – 4.20., 9 – 11, mulching, weeding, pruning

- Spring / Summer event - June
- 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
    - 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 (4.24., 5.29., 6.26.)

**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.
Spring PP&R Guide	Get some copies	Gunnar	3.28.2013	Open

**20.12.090 Disposing of Rubbish.**

**A.** No person shall place any garbage, or other rubbish, or refuse or debris, or cigarette or cigar butts, nor shall any person deposit or leave birdseed, breadcrumbs or other food particles or food waste, in or upon any Park. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit any person from eating food in any Park, nor shall the prohibitions of this Section apply to the incidental loss of food particles that cannot reasonably be collected and properly disposed of.

**B.** No person shall enter any Park with garbage, or other rubbish or refuse or debris that has originated from outside the Park, for the purpose of disposing of any of the rubbish, refuse, or debris in the Park.

**C.** The prohibitions of this Section shall not apply to the disposal, in receptacles provided for that purpose, of garbage or refuse that results from the normal use of the Park for recreational or other lawful purposes.