

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting March 26, 2014 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM**

**Attendees:**

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Marjorie Newman  
Carol Barkley  
Alan Bell  
Sally MaGuire  
Marion McNamara  
Jo Durand  
Elka Grisham  
Carol Barkley  
Rita Innoway  
Nancy Catlin  
Molly Bartlett  
Ian Nicol

**Agenda:**

The month(s) in review

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
- Gardening event – 3.15., Mulching
  - o 23 friends participated
  - o With everybody working hard, work was completed in less than 2 hours

Park update

- Transitional Youth Dinners
  - o Dinners continue one day per week in February (Monday)
- PPS – Mack (input provided by email) - March activity summary
  - o 14 Incident Reports generated in the park.
  - o 4 exclusions for controlled substances.
  - o 4 exclusions for alcohol related offenses.
  - o 1 arrest.
  - o 1 maintenance incident in the Loo.
  - o 3 general dispatches.
  - o 1 park closure warning.
  - o 1 trespass II violation.
  - o a rise in the sunny weather, bringing more people and activity into the park. We have also seen a rise in population and violations, and expect this trend to continue as we approach warmer months. In preparation for this, we are going to lengthen our initial patrols in the 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm hours, and increase the number of patrols throughout the day.
- Ranger – Asa (input provided by email)
  - o Transitional Youth Update: Art Hendricks and I met with Director Abbaté regarding TY's permit and Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) on March 17th. Abbaté suggested a few changes to the

GNA which I have implemented. Art is sending the GNA and permit to Commissioner Fritz's office for final approval today (Monday 3/24/2014).

- Rangers have been spending extra time in the South Park Blocks this month. We have seen an average amount negative activity for this time of year. We continue to address all park ordinance violations as we see them. We have made many educational contacts regarding dogs in the newly planted beds, litter, and bird feeding. We have also written exclusions for folks drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.
- Wrote up three skateboarders on 3.24.
- Please continue to call us at 503-823-1637 as you see violations occurring. As always, if there is any imminent danger, call 911.
- ONI – Mike Boyer
  - GNA with Transitional Youth under review by Director Mike Abbate and Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Special Topics

- Turf project (**Jo**)
  - Write a letter to the Urban Forester to thin the canopy (**Jo, Bryan**)
    - Help – Carol, David, Gunnar
  - 1500 / 1400 blocks are in bad shape
  - Location at University Park identified to store material and tools
  - April 19., 9:00 am meeting with Don and/or Paul
    - Talk about the project and discuss ideas
    - Safety training
    - Piling of branches
    - Meet between Market and Clay (1500 Block) if weather is bad meet at University Park Condos (1500 South Park)
    - Advertise meeting (**David, Gunnar**)
  - Need a co-leader
- Fundraising (**Marjorie**)
  - What is needed to put fund raising machine in motion
  - Identify a project as PPR is not in need of additional funding for the signage project
    - Start with small project to form a relationship – USD 2,000
      - Additional planting with labeling on Lincoln and Roosevelt Block
        - Run by PPR (**David, Gunnar**)
      - Other opportunities
        - Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
        - Signage to enhance park experience
        - Dog fountain
    - Later / future project: South Park Blocks improvement fund
  - Fundraising mechanism Portland Parks Foundation
    - Contacted Jessie Bond (Program Manager)
    - Can act as liaison
    - Need to setup agreement as soon as a project is identified
    - Can act as project manager
    - Incentive programs in place
- Business recruiting for Shemanski Park
  - Sent out a second letter to an additional 10+ cart vendors
    - Thanks, Elka, for compiling that list

- Four cart vendor already responded positively
  - Have two confirmed locations for carts
- Contacted Teresa Erhardt from PPR Customer Service to arrange for meeting with interested vendors
  - 3.31., 5:30 pm, Portland Building, 13.th. floor, Forest Park room
  - Send a meeting reminder and ask for RSVP (**Gunnar, 5.28.**)
    - Call the ones who expressed interest (4) (**Elka**)
- Once we have cart vendors signed up think about helping with the marketing
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
  - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)
  - Labels cannot be found
    - Follow up with Don and Bryan – Bryan is working with Don to get labels made (**David**)
- Foot Patrol schedule - Discussion
  - Change of cadence and times??
    - Mo – change from 5 to 6 pm
      - Leave at 5 pm
    - Add We patrol – has not really taken off
  - Suggestion to start using ParkScan / PDX Reporter again

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.
- Started a turf maintenance Friends group

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 (change for the Winter months) and Fri at 3:00 pm
- Meeting with PPR Permit Office and potential cart vendors, 3.31., 5:30 pm
- PPS training, May
- PPR Foot Patrol training to be scheduled
- PPR review meeting – 5.9., 2 pm

Future Topics

- 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room (4.30. 5.28., 6.25.)

**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	What is the procedure for FoSPB	David / Gunnar	8.29.2012	Open
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	Open