

**FoSPB Monthly Meeting March 25, 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM**

**Attendees:**

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair  
Ian Nicol  
Alan Bell  
Jo Durand  
Carole Barkley

**Agenda:**

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

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Mondays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
  - o Continue to observe a numbers of homeless people and transients negatively impacting the park (sleeping on benches, trash – paper, bottles, food items, clothing)
- Foot Patrol Walk with rangers Angela and Asa on Fridays
- Turf group
  - o “gorilla seeding”
  - o City tilled, aerated, and over seeded
  - o New mower assigned to SPB
- Tree pruning and canopy raising completed
- Meeting with PPR (2.27.)
  - o Supported by Friends Jo, Marilyn, David, and Gunnar
  - o see separate document for meeting minutes
- Green loop stakeholder interview with two PSU students (2.11.)
  - o supported by Friends David and Gunnar
  - o Survey sent out to all Friends
- Met with Portland 5 management team (2.18.)
  - o Supported by Friends David and Gunnar
  - o Introduced mission of FoSPB
  - o Discussed areas of collaboration

*Active FoSPB Projects 2015 - Updates*

- A-Board sign – FoSPB group intro during work events (**David**)
  - o Portland Parks Foundation approved funding
  - o A-frame sign purchased
  - o Decided on wording for the sign
  - o Poster being produced by Portland Parks and Recreations
- 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 Next
    - Walk-through of area with PPR Turf Manager
    - Review with Professor from OSU planned for first half of the year
- Lincoln Block Part I - Planting (**Marjorie**)
  - o Remainder of plants planted by PPR Horticulturist – Kevin Horning
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**Marjorie**)
  - o PPR does not have objection for fencing
  - o Perimeter vs central fence – former might be preferred

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- Consider temporary fence similar to turf park blocks
- Need to go through PPR process
  - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
  - Part II (detailed proposal) in process (**David**)
- Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
- Next
  - Set up design review meeting with PPR in April
- Park Visitor management plan 2015 (**Gunnar, David**)
  - Safety Summit II Objective: Improve safety and livability in the South Park Blocks for all to enjoy by increasing effectiveness of managing visitor behavior
  - Time: Friday, May 8, 3:00 – 5:00 pm (Alternative date: Friday, April 24, 3:00 – 5:00 pm)
  - Location: Conference room at Portland 5 (Antoinette Hatfield Hall)
  - Next: Send out invites for Safety Summit II (Gunnar)

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
- Member recruitment
  - Arlington Club – contact president and follow up
  - Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2015 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan

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.

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 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
- Safety Summit - Friday, April 24, 3:00 pm or Friday, May 8, 3:00 pm, Portland 5 Conference room
- Spring Garden Work Party – April / May
- Graffiti Abatement Program – presentation by Denis / Victor – June
- Block summer party

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)
  - Approach Arlington Club
  - Include Brad Taylor (ONI)
- Middle Armrest for park benches
  - Find resource to scope project

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- 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
  - 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 (4.29., 5.27., 6.24., 7.29.)

**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
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		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