

FoSPB Monthly Meeting March 30., 2015; Eliot Tower, 3rd. Floor meeting room, 7:00 PM to 8:20 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Suzie Downing
Ian Nicol
Marjorie Newman
Carole Barkley
Alan Bell
Marion McNamara
Jacob Brosthoff, ONI
Mickayla Phillis, ONI
Tyler George, PPS

Agenda:

Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and 3:00 pm on Fridays
- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00
- Little Safety Summit - 2.11. (see separate minutes)
- Meeting with leadership of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church to address impact of homeless camping in front of church on neighborhood and SPB – 2.24.
- FoSPB / PPR meeting, 2.26 (see separate minutes)
 - o Fixed LED light issue with the loo – thank you, Bryan
 - Exterior (white light) on in general when dark, interior (blue light) on when someone is in the loo
- Rose bed care - Rose pruning – 2.27.
- Organized Gardening event for First Christian Church – 4.10.
- No rangers have been seen for weeks
- PPS report
 - o Relatively quiet
 - o Shemanski Block – alcohol and controlled substances
 - o Peace Chant – Skate boarders
 - o Portland Police more willing to cite skateboarders in the park – report as “flash mob”

Special FoSPB Activities 2016

- Follow-Up letter to mayor and city council concerning safety and camping in and around SPB
 - o See separate document
 - o Include 8.31.2015 letter with the copy
 - o Request for commissioners staff to follow up with FoSPB on the specific three request
 - o Increased number and intensity of activities
 - o Intruders in adjoining condo buildings around the park
 - o CC mayoral candidates instead of To list
 - o Tighten up letter (**Carole**)
- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Brian Owendoff (BMO Commercial Real Estate LLC) to lead development of Broadway Tower
 - providing \$375,000 to parks so a masterplan for South Park Blocks can be created
 - o Kia Selly head of property & asset management for Parks & Recreation will be lead park initiative to implement “public good”

- Park's to take the money but not use before 2018 according to Marion
 - Connect with Park's and Recreations' (Astrid) (**Gunnar / David**)
 - Next Design Commission meeting – 4.21.
 - Follow up with Brian O in April (**Gunnar**)
- Safety Summit III
 - When: .4.29., 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 - Where: City Hall, Pettygrove Room
 - Objective
 - Improve safety and livability in the South Park Blocks for all to enjoy by increasing effectiveness of managing visitor behavior and by enforcing existing rules and ordinances
 - Generate more positive activities in the South Park Blocks
 - Ask for a citizen's advisory committee
 - Agenda
 - Welcome
 - Brief stakeholder introduction
 - FoSPB past initiatives
 - Park Ranger / Pacific Patrol Q1 Metrics Review and discussion
 - Update and discussion on City Ordinance, Guidelines, Policies
 - Discuss of observed behavioral issues and concerns in SPB
 - Action plan for remainder of 2016
 - What's next
 - Prepare water / cookies (**Marjorie / David, 4.29.**)
- Projects coming from Behavioral changes through environment design
 - Move benches in Clay and Columbia Park Blocks (2016 FoSPB project)
 - Replace destroyed benches / reconfiguration
 - Control population close to Child Development center
 - Send email including pictures to Astrid (**Gunnar**)
 - Child Development Center (**David / Gunnar**)
 - Temporary fencing - can include cones
 - Additional signage
 - 1000 feet from school no drugs or alcohol
 - St James to purchase signs
 - PPR to put signage up
 - Lighting in and around loo (PPR)
 - Improve outside lighting – LED in pole (**Don**)
 - Send Don a proposal (**David**)
 - Program activities in Shemanski – expedited permitting

Project Update

- Turf project (**Jo**) – Tools in University Park condo store room, Key with Eliot Tower concierge
 - Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - Took fence string down part of 1500 lock; added string fence in 1300 block and two in Lincoln block

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- Water system broken
- Would like to recruit more people
- Next
 - Review turf options with Professor from OSU planned
 - Create a turf maintenance plan based on experience collected in 2014 / 2015 / 2016
 - Discuss alternative options to grass if needed in 2016
 - Develop plan with Jeremy for 2016 (**Jo, Marion, David, Jeremy, Don**)
 - Seeds and fertilizer planned for budgeting reason
 - Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - Send example of a work plan (**Astrid**)
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
 - Need to go through PPR process
 - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
 - Part II (detailed proposal) in process
 - Cost estimates obtained – USD 5,000 to 10,000
 - Part II submitted Feb 5 to Ryan
 - FoSPB proposed center fence design, which was accepted by PPR
 - A Victorian fence design was accepted
 - Decision of pre-fab or custom made fence
 - Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
 - Next
 - Proposal review and approval / rejection by PP&R (**Ryan Sablan**)
 - Everybody is supportive of project
 - What is decision time frame (**Bryan**)
 - Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
 - Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
 - Parks Foundation needs approval from PP&R to start fundraising effort
- Park Visitor management 2016 – Planned activities (**Gunnar, David**)
 - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
 - Conduct survey (**FoSPB**)
 - Improved signage
 - Call in issues to create log of activities / build statistics

Future FoSPB project objectives

- 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
 - Reach out again to PAM and OHS for 2016 park plans and Downtown Park Management Plan
 - Benson / Roosevelt condo buildings

2016 Accomplishments

- Garden work parties – 2.27., 4.10.

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- Little Safety Summit II - 2.11.
- FoSPB / PPR meeting - 2.26.
- Neighborhood meeting with leadership of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – 2.24.

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: 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
- Remaining Meetings 2016
 - o Email correspondence with core member list if needed
 - Build core email list (**Gunnar**)
 - o Safety Summits – 2
 - o FoSPB / PPR meeting, 6.17., 11:00 – 12:30, Portland Bldg, 13th. Floor, Parks Conf Rm.
 - o Fun Summer get-together – Washington Park concert
 - o Fun Winter get-together
- Remaining projects 2016
 - o Parke Diem – October
 - o Spring – Gardening Event
 - o Fall – Gardening Event
 - o Rose Pruning – 1 Event
 - o Fence – Fundraising
 - o Turf and other projects with Church volunteers
 - o Recruitment for new active members
 - Use Park's Foundation website
 - o Determine dates (**David, Gunnar**)

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Gunnar**)
 - o Approach Arlington Club
 - o 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 fund
 - o Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
 - o Signage to enhance park experience
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
 - 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

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- Needs funding / sponsors
- Event planning
 - Social events in the park
 - 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
 - Have business sponsoring T-Shirts
 - Have business sponsor incentives

Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room **5.25.**, 6.29., **7.27.**, 8.31., **9.28.**, 10.26.

Action Items

Detail	Update	Owner	Date	Status
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			5/28/2012	Open
Smoking	Advocate for more signs but correctly sized No smoking signs from benches were removed by unknown	David / Gunnar	10.28.2015	