

FoSPB Monthly Meeting May 29, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7 PM to 8:25 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Asa Arden, Park Ranger
Scott Bellow, PPS
Marjorie Newman
Elka Grisham
Hank Schottland
Ian Nicol
Alan Bell
Debbie Bell
Jinny Shipman
Carole Barkley
Terry Dalsemer

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 continues handing out dinner
 - Propose a third Foot Patrol time to accommodate new patrollers
 - OES students litter pick-up in park Wed, 5.8.
 - FoSPB participation by David Newman
 - FoSPB, ONI, PDNA, Transitional Youth meetings
 - Two meetings: 5.17. (Elka Grisham, Gunnar Sacher) and 5.20. (Carole Barkley, Jinny Shipman, Gunnar Sacher)
 - Objectives:
 - 1. Meeting: align on Transitional Youth desire to setup a weekly dinner event at Shemanski Park
 - 2. Meeting: explore alternative sites to Shemanski Park in the downtown neighborhood
 - Park Ranger Program review meeting, 5.23.
 - Funding was increased for the program after an incident last summer
 - Discussion about O'Brien Square
 - Reward program for street kids being tried out
 - Waterfront park has most ranger visits
 - SPB is second
 - FoSPB represented by David Newman
- Park update
 - PPS report
 - Main interactions with Transitional Youth
 - Dealing with leftovers of drug users
 - Skate boarding has died down in the peace chant area
 - Enforcing closure of the park at night

- Seen a lot of police presence and arrests
- Park Rangers
 - Unwanted activities in Shemanski block
 - Loo not a problem during the day
 - Not too many campers
 - Activities lighter because of the rain
- Transitional Youth Dinners
 - Transitional Youth is contemplating to serve weekly dinners throughout the year at Shemanski Park
 - Apply for permit by the end of June
 - Establish rules of engagement documented in Good Neighborhood agreement
 - Find alternative site to Shemanski square
- Park event scheduled in PSU area of the park 8.3. – Iranian Summer Festival
- Camping along First Christian Church
 - Continued outreach to new administrator through Mike B
 - Number of campers between 3 and 6
 - First Christian Church member appears to clean up in addition to Clean and Safe in the morning
- Observation at Rough Rider Statue – two sticks being put up
 - Sign for some activities – continue to look out for such signs
 - Piles of sticks have been observed being put together by children or people with mental health issues
- Unwanted bird feeding
 - Part of litter regulations
 - Partnered with Audubon Society
 - Birds getting “obese” and numbers of birds are kept artificially high
 - Sent reference to information (**Asa**)
- Resolution Transitional Youth
 - Discussion and Summary of meetings
 - Shemanski not preferred area for many reason
 - Needs to be permitted event
 - GNA needs to be put in place
 - Private and not community building event
 - Sets precedence for other non-profit groups in the area
 - No support among present FoSPB members for Transitional Youth’s desire to host a regularly scheduled dinner event
 - Who has jurisdiction over serving food from the street (**Asa, Brian A, Mike Boyer**)
 - Worked on content for a FoSPB resolution
 - Direct resolution to Director Parks and Recs, Mike Abbate
 - CC: ONI, Transitional Youth management
 - Work on draft and final – Carole B, Jinny S, Gunnar S, David N
 - Once final draft available share with the rest of meeting attendees (**Gunnar**)
- 2013 FoSPB project objectives - Update
 - 1) Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter
 - Covers litter, i.e. cigarette butts
 - Reach out to PDNA to ask for a neighborhood position about smoking in the park
 - Invite PDNA board member and propose to discuss at board meeting (**David, June**)
 - 2) Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul**)
 - 3) Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
 - PP&R to identify opportunities

- 4) Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Follow up with Brian A who wanted to FoSPB in touch with Jackie about vending at Shemanski (**Gunnar**)
 - Understand permit policy
 - Understand guidelines for businesses supported
 - Recruit businesses
 - Approach Arlington Club
 - Present plan to PP&R
 - 5) Funding – register Parks Foundation or Neighbors West/Northwest to act as fiscal agent (**Marjorie**)
 - Identify project to raise funding
 - Columbia Sportswear incentive program
 - 6) Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 - 7) Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - Update stickers (Bryan)
 - 8) Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Start raise money
 - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
 - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Carole??**)
 - Park Proposal Process: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/46373>
 - Application deadline: Fall
 - Brian A to help with application
 - 9) Member recruitment
 - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - University Park – have three contacts
- 2013 Accomplishments
 - Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide
 - Card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards
 - Discussed the installation of cigarette trash containers with Park's and Rec's department
 - Portland Streetcar to install trash container at Streetcar stop on SW Market in SPB
 - Communication
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
 - Website: www.fospb.org
 - Action Item update (see below)
 - Upcoming Events
 - Foot Patrols, Mo at 6:00 pm, We at 9:00 am, Fri at 3:00 pm;
 - Garden work parties, Saturdays at 9:00 – 11 am
 - Activities: mulching, weeding, pruning, painting
 - Garden work party: 5.30, Thursday at 6 PM; Proposed 6.22.
 - Use evenings instead of weekends
 - Summer event – June / July
 - Have a beer
 - Socialize in the park
 - Q3 meeting with Parks & Rec – September., 2:00 pm
 - 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 3rd Floor Meeting Room (6.26., 7.31., 8.28., 9.25., 10.30.)

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
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	Closed 4.24.
Meetings	Schedule meetings for second half of the year	Gunnar	5.29.2013	