

FoSPB Monthly Meeting, May 31, 2017; Eliot Tower, Library, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman

Jo Durand

Suzie Downing

Sue Ellis

Marjorie Newman

Agenda:

Park update

- Turf Improvement - Tue 9:00 - 11:00
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - start in June
- Park Rangers and Pacific Patrol - no report at this meeting
 - o Contact was made with Ranger Supervisor and Christina Harris, Ranger Outreach and Engagement Coordinator; plan is to have 8 rangers in CBD by end of April; new rangers will concentrate on Director Square, SPB, NPB and O'Bryant Square; pairs on bike
 - o Pacific Patrol Services: Portland Parks & Rec Rangers will take over night coverage July 1
- Facebook Page - Update police, Pacific Patrol, Clean & Safe, Park Rangers contact phone numbers
- Gang Activity - Reports by FoSPB members and other SPB users

FoSPB Activities 2017

- *Proposed two general member meetings per year: Spring and Fall (Parke Diem); monthly meetings for planning*
- New Broadway Tower Building at 1455 SW Broadway funding updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Implement "public good"; Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger - planned for 2018
 - o Funds for Public Good – BMO paid \$375K to Portland Parks Foundation 5-26-17 to develop a park master plan for the South Park blocks
 - o Green Loop as part of 2035 Comprehensive Plan impact on SPB
 - o Heritage designation for SPB in conjunction with Master Plan or Green Loop
- Foot patrol suspension and safety / security related initiatives
 - o Re-evaluate, Park Rangers and ONI willing to support new effort possibly once a week
 - o Work with other downtown Foot Patrols - South Waterfront, South Downtown
 - o Christina Harris offered Ranger help, Jacob at ONI
 - o Work with mayor Wheeler
- Rothko Building at PAM blocking access and walkability around SPB - letter of concern written
- Portland Parks & Rec Quarterly meeting June 1, Portland Building, Ste. 1302
 - o Tree replacement - storm damage repair with DED resistant trees this spring
 - o Park Ranger coverage - consistent coverage this summer; night security
 - o Dog Activity - increased dog waste, dogs off leash
 - o Parks Budget - DED funding, night security
 - o Bond Phase 2 - SPB irrigation system replacement ?
 - o Broadway Tower - follow up on master planning

Project Update

- Turf project – 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
 - o Some trees have come down in the park with the last storm(s); trees in 1500 block were replaced, five other stumps remain
 - o Slice seeding and aeration done by PP&R Turf Crew 3-23-17
 - o All string fences taken down now since bare areas have filled in with healthy turf
 - o Turf Supervisor Jeromy may be changing jobs; new mower is Kenny
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing

- Fence Design: Current preference for bollard & double chain fence
- Prototype chain fence strung between existing T-posts was effective; prototype has been replaced with plastic mesh fence.
- FoSPB requested PP&R to provide a design for permanent bollard & chain fence and an accurate cost estimate. With a cost estimate, FoSPB is willing to raise a portion of money.
- Irrigation System
 - If not funded by second round bond, organize letter writing

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance - need for a board?
- Business and neighbor recruitment for Shemanski Park
 - Approach Arlington Club
 - Cumberland Apartments
 - Ladd Apartments
 - South Park Square Apartments
- Improve signage
 - Add larger no-smoking signs to light posts
 - Add to signs - fines for dog poop \$50/\$150/Exclusion
- SPB project ideas
 - Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
 - Signage to enhance park experience
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
 - Contact apartment and condo buildings along SPB to encourage them to provide dog bags to their dog owner residents (**Marjorie**)
- Event planning
 - Films/concerts in the park - fund and apply for film by Jan 15 each year.
 - Summer Free For All - must be sponsored by business or organization; may be cut from 2017 budget
- Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway, Portland 5

2017 Accomplishments

- Rose pruning and mulching work party - Feb 11
- New bush roses planted in the south bed of the Roosevelt Block 3-7-17
- Turf group contributed over 100 hours in first quarter, weekly work continues