

FoSPB Monthly Meeting November 2., 2016; Eliot Tower, Library, 7:00 PM to 8:05 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair
Jo Durand
Marjorie Newman
Ian Nicol
Suzie Downing
Jacob Brosthoff, ONI
Tyler George, PPS

Agenda:

Park update

- Weekly Foot Patrol – Suspended for the rest of the year
- Turf Improvement - Tue 9:00 - 11:00
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - suspended for season
- Parke Diem, 10.15.
 - o About 50 participants
 - o Canceled due to weather
 - o Organize smaller events in upcoming months
 - o Nick replaced Mattie at Portland Parks Foundation
- Training for parents of Child Development Center, September, 16. From 10 am to 11:30 am
 - o Meeting turned into a neighborhood meeting with strong participation
 - Mostly Q&A
 - o Rangers did not participate
 - o Officer McCormick organized cadenced, random police patrols after meeting (call for service)
 - o How to report what is experienced
 - o PDNA is advertising foot patrol training
- Park Rangers
 - o New head ranger for SPB: still TBD
 - o Seen in September / October
 - No rangers have been seen since the rain started
- PPS report
 - o Quiet because of the rain – no shelter in SPB
 - o SPB had been for two months the busiest park (Aug – Sep)
 - o Anticipating a quiet park for the Winter
 - o Main hot spot - Loo

Special FoSPB Activities 2016

- New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property
 - o Kia Selly head of property & asset management for Parks & Recreation will lead park initiative to implement “public good”, Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger testified
 - o Funds – 375K
 - will pay for development of a park master plan for the South Park blocks
 - are fully allocated to the SPB
 - funds are not required to be deposited to the Parks Foundation yet
 - follow up with the Parks Foundation (**David, Jan 2017**)

- Process
 - Work on a plan for the South Park blocks, a park master plan, is scheduled to begin in Fall 2018.
 - No planning of any preparations on the project until Fall 2018
 - PPR envisions a full public process with outreach to interested parties including FoSPB FoSPB and other organizations
 - Include crime prevention by design in the master plan – refer to ONI
- Suspension of foot patrols and safety / security related initiatives
 - Suspension until the end of the year and then re-evaluate the situation
 - Change of foot patrol focus to observation rather than cleaning up
 - Being in the park beneficial to the FoSPB and the neighborhood
 - Invite incoming mayor to walk in the park (jennifer@tedwheeler.com) (**David**)
 - PDNA organizing foot patrol training through ONI
 - If established, foot patrols will need coordination between PDNA and FoSPB
 - Different parts of downtown targeted
 - Trained by Mark Wells of ONI
 - Role for Jacob Brosthoff and ONI to help with security in SPB
- Parke Diem replacements
 - When, where, what
 - Couple of smaller events clustered around Fall and Spring rose garden maintenance events (Tuesday)
 - 9:00 am, 11.22., Rough Rider statue
 - Cut the roses
 - Shemanski block plantings
 - Bench maintenance / painting, non-smoking signs for benches
 - Litter control and weeding as needed
 - February 2017 – Mulching, rose pruning
 - April 2017 – complete mulching
 - Contacts: Jo, David
 - Send out invitation (**David**)
 - Registration (**Suzie, Marjorie**)
 - Do we need help from Park's Foundation to advertise events (**David**)

Project Update

- Turf project (**Jo / David**) – 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
 - Late seeding of summer grass
 - Repeat of last Fall's seeding of Winter rye / tall fescue with spring fertilizer, slice seed and aeration
 - Some trees have come down in the park with the last storm(s)
 - Will be replaced Dutch elm disease resistance
 - Mower (Josh) got promoted to horticulturist; new mower operator has not been hired
 - No more string fences as Park's Bureau has become more active with leaf removal
 - Water system still broken in parts even though some repair has happened

- Number of issues increased
 - Document with photos
- New volunteers have joined the group
- Hot / dry spell irrigation
 - Able to hand water one quadrant in the heat twice in the morning
 - Turn on water more often - midnight, 5 am (new) - connect with David on Tuesday to point out leaks (**Robin**)
- 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**)
 - Capture seeds and fertilizer planned for budgeting reason
 - Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - Send example of a work plan (**Rachel / David**)
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing (**David, Marjorie**)
 - Met with Bryan Aptekar and Sandra Burtzos in August
 - Fence Design: Current preference for bollard & chain fence similar to what is at Chapman and Lowndale
 - simplest and most affordable to prevent people from walking through the landscape beds in the park
 - Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
 - Next
 - prototype of fence temporarily with either string or cable strung between existing T-posts in some portion of the beds, to see if this works effectively as a deterrent to keep people from walking through the beds (**Robin**)
 - Cost estimate (**Don, Robin, Allan, 11.4.**)
 - Reconvene and discuss next steps (**11.4.**)
 - 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

Future FoSPB project objectives

- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (**Robin**)
 - 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
 - Ladd Apartments

2016 Accomplishments

- Garden work parties – 2.27., 4.10.
- Little Safety Summit II - 2.11.
- Safety Summit III - 4.29
- FoSPB / PPR meeting - 2.26., 6.17., 8.19.
- Neighborhood meeting with leadership of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – 2.24.

- 2016 Rose Garden Award Ceremony – won first prize in two categories: Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings, Public Agency Section - 6.21.
- Initiated replacing destroyed benches / reconfiguration
- Fun Summer get-together – Washington Park concert
- Parke Diem, 10.15., 50+ registered participants, canceled due to weather

Communication

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthParkBlocks>
- Website: www.fospb.org (June 2018)

Upcoming Events

- Turf Improvement - Tue at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
- Remaining projects 2016
 - o Fall / Winter – Gardening Events
 - 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

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**David**)
 - 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
- Improve signage
 - o Add no-smoking signs to benches or larger signs on light posts
- 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
 - 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

FoSPB Meeting Minutes
Date: November 2, 2016

- Have business sponsor incentives

Next Meetings:

Last Wednesday of the month, 7:00 PM, Eliot 3rd Floor Meeting Room 1.25., 2.22., 3.29.

Winter Party/Social 12-7?

Proposed two general member meetings per year: Spring and Fall (Parke Diem); monthly meetings for planning

Action Items

Detail	Update	Owner	Date	Status
Governance of FoSPB: Study other Friends groups and then decide on FoSPB Governance structure		David	5/28/2012	Open
Governance of FoSPB: Provide contact for ByLaws example			5/28/2012	Open
Smoking	<p>Advocate for more signs but correctly sized</p> <p>No smoking signs from benches were removed by unknown</p> <p>None smoking signs are available and will put on benches during one of the next work events</p>	David / Gunnar	11.13.2016	Closed