

FoSPB Monthly Meeting September 25, 2013 Eliot meeting room 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair
Marjorie Newman
Deb Bell
Alan Bell
Ian Nicol
Susanne Evers
Mack Holland, Park Lead, PPS
Jeff Lee, Park Ranger, PP&R
Mike Boyer, ONI

Agenda:

- The month(s) in review
 - Weekly Foot Patrol – 6:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesday 9:00 am, 3:00 pm on Fridays
 - Gardening events - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
 - Watering of plants, rose budding, etc.
 - 6-month review meeting with Portland Parks and Recreation, 9.20.
 - KGW TV reported Sept 2 on FoSPB Foot Patrol and Transitional Youth unpermitted use of the Park.
- Park update
 - Transitional Youth Dinners
 - Dinners continue unpermitted one day per week (Monday)
 - Parks office (Amanda Fritz's office) to address topic in September with input from DNA, Art Hendricks and PP&R Director Abbate.
 - PPS report
 - Park activity has declined, campers are moving around, warnings have been issued for light post power use, Loo has been used as a shelter
 - Park Rangers – Asa Arden emailed update 9-24-13
 - Portland Parks and Recreation is still working on due diligence in regard to the Transitional Youth feed. PP&R will be reaching out to Felicia Williams of the Downtown Neighborhood Association for more input on the feed. Art Hendricks and Hasan Artharee finally met with Transitional Youth on September 16th and got a feel for what Transitional Youth is trying to accomplish as well as a feel for the crowd that is being attracted to the feed. Ultimately the decision will be made by Commissioner Fritz and Director Abbaté. Art Hendricks is working on writing an opinion that will be informing them.
 - Patrol time spent in the South Park Blocks has returned to normal levels. We have observed a decrease in negative activity as the fall weather sets in. Camping issues in particular are down. The Lincoln Block and the Peace Chant Block still have some of the usual negative behavior. Rangers have recently written a number of exclusions for drug and alcohol issues in those areas.
 - I have been assigned to reach out to potential vendors for Shemanski Square. A significantly reduced rate of \$165/month for a typical 4'x6" cart will be offered. We are shooting for a group of about 3-6 carts. FoSPB has offered to help with the outreach effort, and I will probably be coordinating with them in October.
 - Office of Neighborhood Involvement – Mike Boyer - PAM requested a meeting with ONI, FoSPB will be included

- Summary for PPR and FoSPB meeting on 9.20.
 - See separate minutes
- 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 DNA to ask for a neighborhood position about smoking in the park
 - DNA board endorsed smoking ban in PSU portion of South Park Blocks – will be used as a test case for enforcement and possible expansion to whole SPB and other city parks.
 2. Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
 - Secured labels but need to identify varieties (**Paul, Terri**)
 3. Improve irrigation systems in all SPB (Don McTaggart)
 - PP&R to identify opportunities
 4. Business recruitment for Shemanski Park (**Elka, Gunnar**)
 - Asa Arden is lead for finding Shemanski vendors
 - Special permit policy created for vendors
 - 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 – Irrigation upgrade, bench armrests – PP&R will provide estimated costs and project scopes
 - 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. Middle Armrest for park benches
 - PP&R to provide scope and cost estimate for
 9. Advertisement / Promotion (**Alan, Marjorie**)
 - Start raise money
 - Prepare proposal and submit to PP&R (two step process)
 - First step: Write one pager (**Alan, Marjorie, Carole**)
 - Park Proposal Process: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/46373>
 - Application deadline: Fall
 - Brian A to help with application
 10. Member recruitment
 - Arlington Club – contact president, need to follow up
 - University Park – have three contacts
- 2013 Accomplishments
 - Member recruitment – PP&R Spring Guide, National Night Out
 - Card with important phone numbers for distribution – Back of FoSPB cards
 - Discussed the installation of cigarette trash containers with PP&R
 - Portland Streetcar installed trash container at Streetcar stop on SW Market in SPB
 - PBOT agreed to clean SW Park and SW 9th streets along SBP south of SW Jefferson
 - Meetings with PP&R – Spring, Fall
 - Smoking ban in PSU SPB's supported by FoSPB was endorsed by DNA
- 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;
 - Deadheading roses and watering of new perennials - Tue, Thu, 10 AM, Sa 9 AM
 - Garden Work Party – Sa, 9.28., 9:00 am
- Future Topics
 1. Install Pet Stations
 - 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 coming from City Council
 - 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 (10.30., 12.4.)

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.

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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	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact PAM and OHS for a meeting	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Rough Rider Block landscaping	Contact Peter Mark and ask if he wants to donate for Park projects	Gunnar, David	6.26.2013	
Unwanted bird feeding	Add Audubon link to website and create some printouts	Gunnar	6.26.2013	
Email list	Allow people on email list to opt-out if they do not desire to receive further communications (quarterly)	Gunnar	8.28.2013	
Google Calendar	Check reminders for foot patrol	Gunnar	8.28.2013	