

FoSPB Monthly Meeting, September 27, 2017; Eliot Tower, Library, 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Attendees:

David Newman
Jo Durand
Suzie Downing
Sue Ellis
Brian Ellis
Jacob Sternfek
Paula Pumphery
Sheila Brandlon
Cherie Walker
Marjorie Newman
Rhonan Eshoo, PP&R Park Ranger
Christina Harris, PP&R Park Ranger
Jacob Brostoff, ONI

Agenda:

Park update

- Turf Improvement - Tuesday 9:00 - 11:00
- Rose deadheading - 9 AM Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - as long as blooming lasts
- Park Rangers
 - o Christina Harris and night supervisor Rhonan Eshoo explained Ranger program, limits, authority; Rangers are concentrating on SPB, NPB, Waterfront and O'Bryant Square
 - o Neighborhood Response Team - Portland Police patrolled the Park three weeks in August and September; Rangers will attempt to maintain control established by Police; **letters** to Mayor and Police needed to restart patrols
 - o No Camping signs installed in Park - camping policy explained, camping vs sleeping, more specific
 - o Child safety in SPB is a concern, especially for childcare centers that use the Park; **letters** to Mayor
 - o Portland Parks & Rec Rangers took over night coverage July 1, 2017; PP&R Customer Service Center is open daily until 9:30 PM; text or call Ranger night supervisor Rhonan at 971-263-4085 for help
 - o Electrical outlets in light post hatches have been turned off
- Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) - Jacob Brostoff explained when to use different phone numbers for reporting illegal and nuisance activities in the SPB and neighborhood
- Facebook Page - Update police, Pacific Patrol, Clean & Safe, Park Rangers contact phone numbers
- Gang Activity - Reports by FoSPB members and other SPB users to Gang Task Force, Mayors office

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 SPB
 - o Heritage designation needed for SPB in conjunction with Master Plan or Green Loop
- Foot patrol suspension and safety/security related initiatives - If there is interest in starting FoSPB foot patrols, Park Ranger Christina Harris and Jacob Brostoff want to help. Friends of Pearl foot patrols welcome visitors; Jacob, police and Rangers participate in Pearl foot patrols
- Rothko Building at PAM blocking access and walkability around SPB - letter of concern written to City Council
- Portland Parks & Rec Quarterly meeting October 5, 10 AM, Portland Building, Ste. 1302
 - o Tree replacement - storm damaged trees still need to be replaced with DED resistant trees
 - o Park Ranger coverage - consistent coverage, night security
 - o Turf Maintenance - fall mowing, seeding, aeration, leaf removal with PBOT help

- Portland Parks Foundation *Parke Diem* - Cancelled for 2017 - We are planning a replacement event **October 21**. Coordinate with Horticulturist, Kevin Horning. Ideas are needed: mulching roses, mulching trees, painting bench bases, painting light posts, litter More info soon.
- Activities in the Park 2018 - Farmers market, Movies, Concerts - ideas and a volunteer is needed to organize this
- Central City 2035 - Comprehensive Plan: Plan soon to be approved by City Council
 - SPB will be effected by new building heights
 - Shade study required for new buildings to east of SPB
 - Green Loop is included in Plan, actual routing has not been determined, may be through SPB

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 Trees in 1500 block have been replaced; five other stumps remain
 - o Slice seeding and aeration anticipated this fall
 - o String fences are up around some bare areas
 - o Turf Supervisor Jeromy may be changing jobs; new mower is Kenny
- Lincoln Block Part II - Fencing
 - o Fence Design: Current preference for bollard & double chain fence
 - o Prototype chain fence has been replaced with plastic mesh fence indefinitely
 - o 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.
 - o **No further action by FoSPB until PP&R budgets funds**
- Irrigation System
 - **Not funded by second round bond expenditures**

Future Topics

- FoSPB governance - need for a board?
- Business and neighbor recruitment for Shemanski Park
 - o Approach Arlington Club
 - o Cumberland Apartments
 - o Ladd Apartments
 - o 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
 - o Nesting opportunities for raptors / bird houses
 - o Signage to enhance park experience
- Install Pet Stations / Dog Fountain
 - o Contact apartment and condo buildings along SPB to encourage them to provide dog bags to their dog owner residents (**Marjorie**)
- Event planning
 - o Films/concerts in the park - fund and apply for film by Jan 15 each year (Jo)
 - o Summer Free For All - must be sponsored by business or organization; may be cut from 2017 budget
 - o **Holiday party** - consensus is yes for 2017 party to be held at Eliot Conference room
- Determine projects and need for funding; make contact with potential local business partners including PAM, OHS, Safeway, Portland 5, churches, child care centers

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
- Rose deadheading group has contributed over 70 hours this summer
- FoSPB volunteers hosted parks visitors from Hiroshima City, Japan and Ulsan, South Korea