

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,
February 22, 2014, Portland Building, 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB
Bryan Aptekar, Portland Parks and Recreations
Terry Davis, Portland Parks and Recreations
Art Hendricks, Portland Parks and Recreations
Don McTaggart, Portland Parks and Recreations
Mike Boyer, ONI
Asa Arden, Park Ranger Liaison
Joe Durand, FoSPB member

Agenda

1. Transitional Youth update
 - a. Long process but making process
 - b. GNA – 90% complete
 - i. 2.26. – Briefing Central Precinct
 - ii. Needs signoff by DNA
 - c. After completion of GNA and finalizing permits, move will be triggered within one week
 - i. Chapman Square will be new location
 - ii. PPR has concerns with Chapman Square
 1. Concerns about feeds in general
 2. Design and intent of parks
 3. Turf impact
 - d. Sidewalk management plan development in progress
 - e. Policy issue raised with Commissioner Fritz
 - i. No interest in opening up to other groups
2. Park Ranger presence, staffing
 - a. Winter time – sometimes hard to face the elements
 - i. Agreement to rapid patrolling in the morning
 - ii. Rangers on bicycles and foot after 9 am
 - iii. Cut back on the use of seasonal rangers
 - iv. 4 visits a day to the park
 - b. Make rangers more visible in two people teams (most of the time)
 - c. Create more full-time positions
 - i. Additional 9 positions
 - d. Rangers sometimes focused on other areas that deserve close management
 - e. Next months (May – June) – low on staff
 - f. Few calls from SPB
3. SPB Management Plan - Trees, plantings, turf, irrigation - plan ready to go when PP&R funds become available
 - a. Doing a planning exercise for Waterfront park
 - b. Develop a downtown management plan, which SPB would be part of it
 - i. Secondary after waterfront park
 - c. Plan to start activities in Spring
 - d. FoSPB willing and eager to assist
 - e. Stakeholders – PSU, PAM, OHS, DNA

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4. No smoking rule in PSU park – September 2015
 5. Projects
 - a. Business recruiting for Shemanski Square
 - i. Contact customer service center
 1. Identify contact (**Bryan**)
 - ii. Limit 3 – 6 cart vendors
 - iii. Ultimate goal – activation of space to attract positive space
 - iv. Conversations between PAM and PPR how to use the park space for cultural events (Pilot, Summer 2014)
 - b. Signage refresh - skateboarding, littering, dogs etc. (**Bryan, Asa**)
 - i. Refreshed top 5 rules
 - ii. Less is more
 - iii. Moved towards graphical presentations
 - iv. Next – layout of artwork then attachment
 1. 4 to 6 signs per block
 - a. Start midblock
 2. Attached to existing poles
 3. Take old signs down
 - v. Funding needs to be support
 1. \$2,700 needed for entire SPB
 2. What is funding gap (**Bryan, 3.31.**)
 - vi. Share design (**Bryan, 3.31.**)
 - vii. Have in place before summer
 - c. Middle Armrest for park benches – estimate (**Bryan**)
 - i. Need custom design
 1. Propose design for retrofit
 - ii. Retrofit would need budget
 - iii. PPR could help with an estimate
 - iv. Use park proposal process
 1. Process on hold pending hiring of staff
 - d. Turf improvements
 - i. Build volunteer group to support labor intensive activities
 - ii. Talked to Don about organizing a place to keep tools that PPR will be providing
 - iii. Identify people for the subgroup
 - iv. Creating a list of volunteers could do
 1. Collect branches and stack them
 2. Very little that can be done short of thinning the canopy
 - a. Write letter to Forester (Urban Forestry) (**Jo**)
 - i. Direct to Jen Cairo
 3. Putting mulch down
 - a. Not part of the plan
 - v. Irrigation needs improvements and eventually replacement
 1. On CIP list for city wide maintenance needs
 - vi. Have planning section look at the blocks
 - vii. Different group responsible for Turf
6. Action Items from previous meetings
 - a. Labels for rose varieties (**Paul**)
 - i. Check with Paul to put labels in
 - b. Improve irrigation system or options in all of SPB (**Don**)
 - i. Exhausted all short-term options
 - ii. Will need to be part of long range plan
 - iii. Cannot cut tree roots to put in big piping
 - c. Light posts need attention (**Terry**)
 - i. Leaning posts
 - ii. Foundations / access panel areas
 - iii. Assign UW (Utility Worker) to adjust poles

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7. Next meeting – mid May
 - a. Make foot patrol agenda item (**Gunnar**)