

**Park and Rec and FoSPB Meeting,**

**April 5, 2013, Portland Building, room 2 PM to 3:30 PM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB  
Bryan Aptekar, Portland Parks and Recreations  
Steve Pixley, Portland Parks and Recreations  
Danielle Ferguson, Portland Parks and Recreations  
Terry Davis, Portland Parks and Recreations  
Art Hendricks, Portland Parks and Recreations  
Mike Boyer, ONI  
Cody Sallee, ONI  
Asa Arden, Park Ranger Liaison

**Agenda**

- Main Topics
  - Smoking in the park
    - Install cigarette trash containers
      - Reviewed existing designs / take picture to create a guide for design suggestions
        - Prepared by Friend Carole Barkley
      - Do not start special containers in the park as it condones smoking
      - No PP&R parks have trash containers with cigarette disposal
      - No budget available for new containers
      - Do not pursue further
    - Smoking Ban / Trash Ordinance Amendment – *Preferred Approach*
      - PSU smoking ban update
        - Art H - PP&R considers butts to be litter even if ordinance does not specifically mention butts in litter description, current code is OK.
        - Smokers are being pushed into SPB north of SW Market St
        - At this time, no interest in extending from PSU to the rest of SPB
          - Need more time to learn from PSU – about 1 year
        - commissioner Fish – see how successful at PSU before expanding into PSU
          - request to PDNA to way in (**Action FoSPB**)
            - do not want to take position
            - concern on enforcement
            - more concern about drug activity
            - Need official position from PDNA before PP&R takes further steps
        - Do not have a good mechanism to enforce smoking bans

- Trash Ordinance - Modify City litter code to include cigarette butts as litter
  - refuse or debris called out in ordinance and applied to cigarette and cigar buds
  - no need for amendment at this time
  - Rangers to start educational process when appropriate  
**(Art H, Asa A)**
- Understand guidelines for Pioneer Square Park and see if they could be applied to SPB
  - Success through constant security presence
    - Do not have the same resources for SPB
  - Can use exclusion but more of an educational process
- Movement for smoking ban in all green spaces in the Metro area, county
- Business recruitment for Shemanski Park
  - Work together on safety aspect
  - Heightened concerns about drug dealing (and prostitution)
  - Change demographics of the area
  - Brain storm ideas
    - Events more complicated to manage
      - Noise etc.
    - Food cart
    - Move KOi Fusion from PAM to Shemanski
    - Satellite of PSU Saturday Farmers Market
      - Turf issue is concern
      - Selected vendors
    - Saturday Market
    - Café Velo
    - Library Lady
    - Use space for overflow events from Director Park
  - Make it safe and attractive to the business
    - Currently open air pot market and increased suspicious activity
  - Create Pilot program with special conditions
    - Consider different permit structure
    - Make it more affordable
    - Customer Service Center – Permit requirements (**Jackie Hunter**)
  - Stakeholders: Bryan / Terri, Mike B, Art H, Rangers
  - Create usage plan by recruiting business based on PP&R guidelines  
**(Action FoSPB)**
- Advertisement / Promotion
  - Reviewed ideas / examples
    - Bulletin Board(s) / Info Kiosks with SPB information
    - Interpretive Signs
    - Terri provided update on Citizen Parks Proposal process (see below)
  - Parks Proposal Process
    - Proposal how to add or change something in the park
    - Moratorium because of budget reasons until recently
    - Find online – two part process

- Submit idea and get approval to move to next steps  
**(Action FoSPB)**
- Submit further details in second step
- Application if not available **(Bryan A)**
- Improve irrigation systems in all SPB
  - budget for 2013 or 2014 or add to bond
  - advocate with PP&R
  - FoSPB will volunteer labor
  - Old piping galvanized making it more difficult to maintain
  - Head adjustment and placements are scheduled
  - Better control about watering schedule
  - Meet with Mike, Sandra **(Terri D)**
  - Follow up meeting with FoSPB **(Danielle F)**
- Follow up
  - Label for rose varieties in the rose beds
    - Paul to inventory the varieties
    - Got donations for posts from Rose Garden
    - Might need to wait for first buds
  - Reduce skate boarding traffic
    - Post phone numbers to call on existing park signage - Park Ranger phone #'s have been posted on Park signs
      - Apply stickers to the signage
      - FoSPB to maintain
    - Refresh signs being considered **(Bryan A)**
    - Put signs up higher
  - Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
    - Customer Service Number needed
    - Bureau of Environmental Services – 503-823-4000
    - Provide contact **(Bryan A, Gunnar)**
- New Business
  - Shemanski's , Lincoln pavers to be updated – end of April
  - Permitting process for South Park Blocks
    - Inform FoSPB of planned activities
    - Observation of unpermitted group activities
      - Example: Transitional Youth
      - Concerns livability, time limits, etc.
    - PP&R permits customer service person, Jackie, will send FoSPB routine email daily/weekly for permits issued
  - Understand long range plan for trees in the SPB park
    - Danielle will check light post base security; Danielle and Bryan will come up with tree plan
    - Next meeting – September 2013
  - Light posts need attention
    - Exploring different improvements
    - Next meeting – September 2013
  - Final budget for this year – what got cut
    - Mayor has not decided yet
  - SPB Irrigation System (Danielle) – Galvanized pipe is in place in most of park; galvanized pipe is hard to maintain
    - New valves and new heads have been added

- A follow-up meeting will be held for maintenance items.  
Shemanski – Pavers will be worked end of April.
- Historical designation of SPB is in works by PP&R
- Next meeting: Friday in September after Labor Day (**Bryan, Gunnar**)
  - smaller meetings with Bryan as needed

Citizen Parks Proposal Process – Online 2 part process – currently there is a moratorium on proposals due to budget restraints on PP&R Planning staff. There is a long queue of projects on hold.

- 1) Will it work? Determined by PP&R Planning Group
- 2) If it will work and is approved, funding would be needed by PP&R, PPF, private