

PP&R and FoSPB Meeting,

September 20, 2013, Portland Building, 2 PM to 3:30 PM

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB

Steve Pixley, PP&R

Terri Davis, PP&R

Art Hendricks, PP&R

Mike Boyer, ONI

Jenn Cairo, PP&R City Forester

Asa Arden, PP&R Park Ranger Liaison

Agenda

Old business

- Smoking in the South Park Blocks
 - Brought up at the PDNA
 - Felicia Williams stated in email to PP&R and PSU that PDNA supports PSU's effort for a clean air corridor
 - Conversation with commissioner Fritz
 - Create a rule to make the PSU SPB area non-smoking
 - Interest in making all downtown parks non-smoking
 - Waiting for PSU effort to take place to gauge its success
 - Enforcement continues to be an issue
 - How to engage the community in the decision making process
- Business Recruiting Shemanski Park
 - Asa has taken the lead on this project (kick off in October)
 - Talked to Jackie Hunter about rate charge (\$165/mo for 4x6 cart)
 - Jackie Hunter responsible for PP&R permitting business
 - Looking for 3 – 6 businesses
 - List of vendors is available from Portland Saturday Market
 - FoSPB ready to support this effort in partnership with PP&R
- Improve irrigation system in all of SPB (**Don McTaggart**)
 - Work has been done over the summer
 - Proactively plan for replacement of system
 - Could be used as a fund raising project
 - Learn about scope and cost (**Terri**)
- Label for rose varieties in the rose beds and native plants (**Paul P, Terri**)
- Reduce skate boarding traffic
 - Refresh signs being considered (**Bryan A**)
 - Reduced considerably
- Loo – add sticker what number to call for issues
 - The answer for the Loos in the Park Blocks (North and South) as well as at Jamison and the ones in Waterfront Park is that if the public or Rangers find that there is an issue, they should contact Clean & Safe, who is the contractor to clean those Loos. (They are a contractor to BES,

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who owns/maintains them.) If there are bigger issues than a simple cleaning, Clean & Safe can notify the right folks within BES to get those sorted out.

- Their contact # is 503-224-7383. That's their dispatch number, so they can get someone on it right away.
- David and Gunnar, feel free to share this on your contact cards, at your next re-print.

New business

- Transitional Youth update
 - No response to FoSPB's memo yet
 - Asking for a position by PP&R
 - when it comes to the regular usage of the park by non-profit organization that cater to a population that is not from the neighborhood and prevent people from the neighborhood to frequent the park
 - follow the same process for all demographics
 - need more input from commissioner Fritz with regard to a long-term solution
 - two security related instances
 - if permitted then we recommend security detail
 - Clean up more than just Shemanski square
 - PP&R will not make a quick decision
 - Larger context involves all downtown parks
 - Need to be thoughtful when it comes to request
 - Want healthy mix (1)
 - Have a discourse about what it means to be a community (2) (**Art Hendricks**)
 - Cannot make policy based on demographics
 - No clear criteria about permissible park events
 - Position no more permitted homeless feeds
 - Permit issue will need to be resolved (3) (**Art Hendricks**)
 - Apply independent of demographics
 - Will get to a decision regarding the permit
 - Seek input from PDNA for permit
- Park Ranger time in SPB
 - Need constant presence
 - Coverage was an issue when teams had to double up in other downtown parks
 - Shared mission with police when clearing sidewalk areas
 - PP&R wants as much presence as is possible
- Projects opportunities
 - Park kiosk – next summer, make kiosk an art installation
 - Middle arm rest for park benches (**Bryan, Terri**)
 - Have provided this in the past
 - Effect behavior modification
 - Provide cost estimate for possible FoSPB fund raising (**Bryan**)
 - Dog waste dispensers
 - Continue to be not a big proponent of dispensers
 - Off leash dogs will result in fines for all parks (within the near future)
 - Waiting for signage by commissioner

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- Warning / \$50 / \$150
 - Extensive outreach in low compliance parks
- Understand long range plan for trees in the SPB park
 - No specific plans for trees
 - SPB needs comprehensive management plan
 - Public process
 - Urban Forestry very interested in planning as well
 - Mostly reactive maintenance
 - Routine maintenance sweep in the next two months
 - Many trees over mature and declining
 - Pruning moratorium during the summer for elm trees
 - FoSPB will appraised about upcoming actions
- Light posts need attention (**Terry**)
 - Check light post base security
 - Exploring different improvements
 - Talk to Central Services