

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,
February 26, 2016, Portland Building, 11:00 PM to 12:33 PM**

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB
Jo Durand, FoSPB
Don McTaggart, Portland Parks and Recreation
Bryan Aptekar, Portland Parks and Recreation
Vincente Harrison, Portland Parks and Recreation
Jeremy Nelson, Portland Parks and Recreation
Astrid Dragoy, Portland Parks and Recreation

Agenda

- ❖ Projects
 - Turf Group update (**Jo**)
 - Jeremy Nelson is liaison
 - ◆ Great continued support by Jeremy and Don
 - Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - Took fence string down part of 1500 lock; added string fence in 1300 block
 - Water system broken
 - Planted winter rye grass seeds after leaf removal and fertilized the soil
 - Worked well
 - Would like to recruit more people
 - Next
 - Review turf options with Professor from OSU planned
 - Create a turf maintenance plan based on experience collected in 2014 / 2015 / 2016
 - ◆ Discuss alternative options to grass if needed in 2016
 - ◆ Develop plan with Jeremy for 2016 (**Jo, Marion, David, Jeremy, Don**)
 - Seeds, fertilizer, and labor planned for budgeting reason
 - Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - Send example of a work plan (**Astrid**)
 - Lincoln Block fence project update and planning (**David**)
 - Need to go through PPR process
 - Part I (initial proposal) completed and approved
 - Part II (detailed proposal) in process
 - ◆ Cost estimates obtained
 - ◆ Part II submitted Feb 5 to Ryan
 - FoSPB proposed center fence design, which was accepted by PPR
 - A Victorian fence design was accepted
 - Decision of pre-fab or custom made fence
 - Fundraising mechanism with Portland Parks Foundation
 - Next
 - Proposal review and approval / rejection by PP&R (**Ryan Sablan**)
 - ◆ Everybody is supportive of project

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- ◆ What is decision time frame (**Bryan**)
 - Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
 - ◆ Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
 - ◆ Parks Foundation needs approval for start of fundraising effort
 - Put up a perimeter “string” fence – asked Don (**Jo**)
 - Don supports the idea
 - Visitor Management Plan – highlight review
 - Little Safety Summit I (November) and II (February)
 - Review and discussion of metrics
 - ◆ Quarterly collection of Park Ranger and PPS patrol data
 - ◆ Weekly reports provided to the mayor’s office by Ranger Supervisor
 - Review of latest guidelines and ordinances
 - Crime prevention through environmental design: Behavioral changes through environment design
 - ◆ Vincente's and Jacob's SPB review (see report below)
 - ◆ High priority
 - Move benches in Clay and Columbia Park Blocks (possible 2016 FoSPB project) – might need park proposal
 - Replace destroyed benches / reconfiguration
 - Control population close to Child Development center
 - Send email including bench gaps / moves to Astrid (**Gunnar**)
 - Fencing close to Child Development Center (CDC)
 - Temporary can include cones
 - CDC to provide
 - Additional signage (PPR)
 - 1000 feet from school no drugs or alcohol
 - St James to purchase signs
 - PPR to put signage up
 - Lighting in and around loo (PPR)
 - Install LED inside the loo (**Bryan**)
 - Improve outside lighting – add light to existing pole (**Don**)
 - Send Don a park proposal (**David**)
 - Program activities in Shemanski – expedited permitting
 - Safety Summit III
 - Time – Spring (April or mid-June) or Fall (October)
 - ◆ 4.29., 2- 4
 - City Hall, 30 people, projector (Jacob)
 - Invitees – start with participant list from last Summit
 - ◆ Chad Stover
- ❖ Work Event for First Christian Church
 - When: Sunday, April 10th., 10:30
 - How long: 2 to 2 1/2 hour
 - Where: south end of park blocks, square between Jefferson and Columbia or something close to the square
 - Ranger might be present (cc Vincente)
 - Cc Kevin, Don, Vincente
- ❖ Broadway Tower Project
 - “Public good” of new construction to be going to SPB
 - Do legwork that makes SPB a historical site
 - Implement some additional feature in 1400 Block

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- Design Commission – March 24, 2016, 1:30 pm, contact Hillary Adams, BDS, 503-823-3581
 - How to coordinate with developer and PPR?
 - Contact Brad Horner (PPR) (**Astrid**)
 - Contact Brian Owendorf (**Gunnar**)
 - Ask you at PPR was contacted
 - ❖ PPR updates (old and new) (**Bryan**)
 - What is the status
 - Management plan – do tree inventory with consulting arborist (\$40K for evaluation)
 - NPB / SPB will be the first to set the standard for the park system
 - ◆ Walk with Mike Abate
 - Focusing on new City Tree Code before shifting to tree management plan
 - Tree maintenance - canopy thinning / raising (**Jenn Cairo / Larry Maginnis**)
 - Moratorium in place April to October
 - Some removals in Southern most portions of SPB due to Dutch Elm Disease
 - Trees are being inoculated every three years for the whole of SPB
 - Trees over mature – use proactive tree removal
 - What is planned for 2016
 - Irrigation system – can this be funded by unallocated money from Bond measure
 - Round two - August 2016 (per Bryan)
 - Irrigation project is still on capital improvement list as of February 2016 – letter could help (**FoSPB**)
 - ◆ Address to Mike Abatte + Mary Anne Cassin later in the year
 - ◆ Whom do we need to lobby – Mary Ann Cassin (Bond Fund Mgr.)
 - Send letter of inquiry for the project and ask for recommendations (**FoSPB, near term**)
 - Be put on mailing list
 - Focus of the bond safety and infrastructure
 - Safety
 - making the park more attractive to create positive foot traffic
 - connect with dealing with the elm tree problem
 - Make a point for the park to be historic, and jewel of the downtown parks
 - Second round of bond projects becoming more clear (August)
 - Event planning for SPB
 - Smoking ban update
 - no smoking signs on some park benches (**Bryan**)
 - add more signs – pay attention to sign
 - might need to remove
 - Don to retire at the end of May
 - Bryan's role might be changing
 - ❖ Next meeting – June, Fri, 17, 11:00 am (**Bryan**)
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SPB Walk-Thru Report

Overarching Theme – activate South Park Blocks with permitted activities. Parks could set the precedent in the SPB with activities. We didn't notice any significant environmental design changes that can be made cost effectively.

Block by Block Improvement:

- CLAY PARK BLOCK (aka commemorative OKC block) – remove benches on NORTH END of block, west side of park benches have been destroyed by falling tree limb. Placement of garbage can in previous spot of benches. Plant Crocus Flowers in grass to discourage excessive sleeping.
- COLUMBIA PARK BLOCK (aka Loo block) – LED Lighting in the “Portland Loo;” Signage to indicate “1000 Feet of SCHOOL;” Improved Signage to indicate “ART BLOCKS;” Removal of the 4 benches that are closest to the “Portland Loo.” Reposition the placement of garbage can in previous spot of benches. Plant Crocus Flowers in grass to discourage excessive sleeping.
- JEFFERSON PARK BLOCK (aka Roosevelt) – Signage to indicate “1000 Feet of SCHOOL,” and Plant Crocus Flowers in grass to discourage excessive sleeping. In addition, add LED Lighting on lamp post that spotlight Teddy Roosevelt monument.
- MADISON PARK BLOCK (aka Lincoln block) – Signage to indicate “1000 Feet of SCHOOL,” and Plant Crocus Flowers in grass to discourage excessive sleeping. In addition, add LED Lighting on lamp post that spotlight Abraham Lincoln monument.
- MAIN PARK BLOCK (aka Shemanski block) – Activate NORTH END OF PARK WITH Food Vendors along Salmon Street / or in block on elevation on north end of park. Keep all seating due to usage by neighboring theaters.

Safety Recommendations:

- School teachers in SPB wear Hi-Vis Vest, set out boundary signs, cones or Crossing Flag Kid to set up boundaries while at play.
- Encourage Friends of South Park Blocks to increase patrols and representation from neighboring businesses.
- Encourage Friends of South Park Blocks to start a Cel.ly group to share intelligence and emergency information administrated by the Friends of South Park Blocks.