

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,
February 27, 2015, Portland Building, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**

Attendees:

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB
Marion McNamara, FoSPB
Jo Durand, FoSPB
Bryan Aptekar, Portland Parks and Recreation
Terry Davis, Portland Parks and Recreation
Galina Burley, Portland Parks and Recreation
Don McTaggart, Portland Parks and Recreation
Larry Maginnis, PPR Supervisor – Urban Forestry
Asa Arden, PPR Park Ranger
Jeremy Nelson, PPR Supervisor - Turf group

Agenda

- ❖ Projects
 - Turf Group update (**Jo**)
 - PPR in touch with PSU
 - Who in PPR can join us for the meeting and speak with authority, for example Turf Maintenance Group – Jeremy Nelson will be our liaison
 - Review plot and develop plan for (Jeremy, Jo, Park Plot)
 - Bring professor from OSU when opportunity allows
 - Continue working on experimental plot for one more year
 - Reseeding – when?
 - Too cold right now – 50 degrees to germinate (March / April)
 - Slice seeding planned for end of March / beginning of April
 - Watering once per week once established
 - 3 – 4 hours of sunlight every day needed
 - No real good grass for shade
 - Shade grasses have no wear tolerance
 - PPR uses the same grass mix than PSU
 - Begin to think about alternative options to grass if all effort fails
 - Lincoln Block fence project update and planning (**David**)
 - Brief project update
 - Part 1 for fence proposal approved
 - Part 2 started
 - ◆ Perimeter chain / post fence OR center fence
 - ◆ Funding through FoSPB with help of Portland Parks Foundation
 - Need a design review meeting
 - invite Don McTaggart, Larry Maginnis, Alan Schmidt, Bryan Aptekar, Gordon Kunkl
 - Neighborhood supportive of idea
 - A-board signage support (**David**)
 - PPR support for printing of the signage (Bryan Aptekar)

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- FoSPB will define wording
- PPR uses 7th. And Hawthorne store to purchase the boards
- Recommend Velcro and tear off
- Funding secured
- ❖ Safety and Security- Agree on separate meeting and agenda – Safety Summit II (**Gunnar, March / April**)
 - Park visitor management 2015
 - Crime prevention through environmental design (Jacob, Galina)
 - strengthen services in the park
 - Enforcement alone not enough to control park issues
 - Create a collaborative environment
 - Recognizing importance of conversations with other partners
 - Ranger Program evaluation
 - Align on metrics for adequate coverage for SPB (**Galina**)
 - Use calls for service
 - incident data review over time
 - staffing, hours in park , park coverage, statistics
 - ranger dispatch – lack of response
 - same level of staffing for 2015 as in 2014 (10 seasonal, 7 full time)
 - at the inception of program 3 times more temporary ranger staff
 - Enforcement of (previously) existing City ordinances
 - Setup of a Safety Summit II, early April
 - Go global vs focused discussion with selected stakeholders
 - Jacob Brosthoff, ONI
 - Jenna Blank, DA
 - Sara Westbrook, Police
 - Tim Crail, Office of Amanda Fritz (tim.crail@portlandoregon.gov)
 - PSU
 - Social Services
 - Who else should be invited (**Gunnar, Galina**)
 - Time: April
 - Location: Eliot, PSU
 - March 11. – Galina to address city council to talk about ranger program
 - Increase ranger capacity
 - Sent letter (**David, Gunnar**)
 - Commissioners well aware of the issue
 - Concern: “chasing people around”
 - What policies have to be creates to improve on the situation
- ❖ PPR updates (old and new) (**Bryan**)
 - What is the status
 - Management plan – do tree inventory with consulting arborist (\$40K for evaluation)
 - SPB to be first in 2015
 - Focusing on new City Tree Code which was last revised 1972 before shifting on management plan
 - Tree canopy thinning / raising (**Jenn Cairo / Larry Magginnis**)
 - Moratorium on pruning 4/15 to 10/15
 - Remove low canopy to raise canopy as far as possible
 - Thinning in progress with Clay to Market block completed
 - Challenge: to focus on SPB and parking fees
 - Irrigation system – can this be funded by unallocated money for Bond measure
 - Round two after July (Bryan will inform FoSPB)
 - If irrigation project is still on capital improvement list – 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.)

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- Up for discussion in second round
 - ◆ Overall goal – life and safety project
- What is the plan for Smoke Free Parks
 - Smoke free parks and enforcement of guidelines
 - July 1., 2015
 - Enforcement will be a challenge
 - New signage needed
 - Focus on education and public health
 - How to message is under discussion
- ❖ Next meeting – June, Fri, 6.26., 2:00 pm (**Bryan**)