

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,
June 17, 2016, Portland Building, 11:00 PM to 12:35 PM**

Attendees:

Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB
Jo Durand, FoSPB
Vincente Harrison, Portland Parks and Recreation
Jeremy Nelson, Portland Parks and Recreation
Larry Maginnis, Portland Parks and Recreation
Robin Akers, Portland Parks and Recreation
Kevin Horning, Portland Parks and Recreation

Agenda

- ❖ Projects
 - Turf Group update (**Jo, Jeremy**)
 - Jeremy Nelson is liaison
 - Regular events: every Tuesday at 9:00 - 11:00, meet in the center of the 1500 block between Market and Clay
 - Fertilization completed and weak areas were improved
 - Put up more protective fencing
 - Will need some more signs (**Jeremy**)
 - String fences up in 1300 block and two in Lincoln blocks
 - Water system still broken in parts even though some repair has happened
 - Would like to recruit more people
 - Planning questions
 - Hot / dry spell irrigation
 - ◆ Able to hand water one quadrant in the heat
 - ◆ Turn on water more often - midnight, 5 am (new) - connect with David on Tuesday to point out leaks (**Robin**)
 - Repeat of last Fall's seeding of Winter rye / tall fescue with spring fertilizer, slice seed and aeration
 - 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 and fertilizer planned for budgeting reason
 - Track month activities, overlay of weather
 - Send example of a work plan (**Astrid / Gunnar**)
 - Rachel Felice to replace Astrid on 7.11.
 - 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 – USD 5,000 to 10,000
 - ◆ Part II submitted Feb 5 to Ryan

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- ◆ No feedback since February despite checking by email
- 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, Bryan**)
 - ◆ Everybody is supportive of project
 - ◆ Ryan Sablan (who manages Park Project Proposal program) and Bryan to set up on-site meeting to review details of proposal with some additional PP&R staff, who have not been involved to update them and determine next steps (**Ryan, Bryan**)
 - At this point, no more input from FoSPB needed
 - What is missing to close step
 - What is decision time frame
 - ◆ FoSPB needs design approval as it determines the budget and fundraising goal
 - Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
 - ◆ Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
 - ◆ Parks Foundation needs approval from PP&R to start fundraising effort
- Visitor Management Plan
 - Park Rangers
 - Patrol hours down by 50%
 - ◆ Vacancies of two were filled but have not been deployed downtown until now
 - ◆ 4 rangers now in place (two teams - 7 am – 3:30 pm, 8 am – 4:30 pm)
 - Calls for service up by 100%
 - Nuisance abatements up even with shortened staff
 - ◆ Will decrease with increased staffing
 - Shemanski square crowd not very compliant
 - Re-establish meet up on Fridays, 3 pm
 - ◆ Coordinate ranger patrol, mounted patrol, PPI, FoSPB foot patrol
 - Mounted patrol might not be in place anymore with the latest budget
 - Security personal from businesses
 - Determine date (**David, Gunnar**)
 - Little Safety and Safety Summits – summit recommendations
 - Move benches in Clay and Columbia Park Blocks (possible 2016 FoSPB project)
 - ◆ Replace destroyed benches / reconfiguration
 - ◆ Control population close to Child Development center
 - ◆ Understand why PPR and who in PPR is not supportive of the idea (**Gunnar**)
 - Management decision beyond Bryan / Vincente
 - Restart discussion with Bryan – cc Vincente, Galina, Robin, Astrid (**Gunnar**)
 - ◆ What is counter proposal to improve safety for child development center (**Bryan**)
 - ◆ Park at Child Development Center when starting patrol (**Vincente**)
 - ◆ Use sprinklers during midday in specific – concern of vandalism, coordinate with park rangers (**Vincente, Kevin, Bryan**)
 - Fencing close to Child Development Center (CDC)
 - ◆ Temporary can include cones – communicated to CDC and CDC will work on this
 - ◆ CDC to provide
 - Additional signage (Child Development Center, PPR)
 - ◆ 1000 feet from development center no drugs or alcohol
 - ◆ St James to purchase signs
 - ◆ PPR to put signage up
 - Lighting in and around loo (PPR)

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- ◆ Improve outside lighting – add light to existing pole (**Robin**)
 - Program activities in Shemanski – expedited permitting
 - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
 - Conduct survey (**PSU/ FoSPB**)
 - Call in issues to create log of activities / build statistics
 - Collect incident data from PPS and Ranger Program for Q2 2016 (**Gunnar**)
 - Little Safety Summit – Fall 2016
 - Safety Summit – Spring 2017
- ❖ Parke Diem (**Kevin Horning**)
- Start preparation at June (6.29.) meeting
 - When: October 15. 2016, 9 am – 12 pm
 - Planning for 30 – 40 people
 - Contact: Gunnar (for now)
 - Where: project depending – need help from Kevin
 - Bulb planting – crocus
 - Didn't do very well because of grass management
 - Mulching - can prevent weed control, preferred in Spring
 - Bench maintenance, non-smoking signs for benches
 - Southernmost plant bed in front of PAM
- ❖ New Broadway Tower Building and sponsoring updates for SPB block adjacent to property (**Bryan**)
- Brian Owendoff (BMO Commercial Real Estate LLC) to lead development of Broadway Tower
 - providing \$375,000 to Parks Foundation so a master plan for South Park Blocks can be created
 - Question about historic designation related in master plan to CC2035 and Green Loop
 - Kia Selly head of property & asset management for Parks & Recreation will lead park initiative to implement “public good”, Bret Horner PP&R Planning Manger testified
 - Follow up with Brian Owendoff in June (**Gunnar**)
 - Broadway Tower public benefit to SPB defined
How can FoSPB participate in the discussion lead by PPR – Bret Horner
- ❖ PPR updates (old and new) (**Bryan**)
- New
 - Web site / communication help
 - Any help available from the city
 - No smoking signage for benches or make existing signs more visible
 - Old - 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 more necessary tree removals
 - ◆ Clay / Starbucks – tree replanted
 - ◆ Across from Portland 5 – will be replanted this winter with some elm tree
 - ◆ Another removal – two dead trees when grinding the stump at Portland 5
 - Trees over mature – use proactive tree removal
 - Planted 4 trees – close to Child Development Center play area and Starbucks
 - What is planned for 2016
 - ◆ progress on the regular assessment / pruning or weight reduction plan
 - in front of PAM completed
 - ◆ Trees are being inoculated every three years for the whole of SPB

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- Three weeks early this year
 - Block 3, 4, 5, and 9 being treated (counted from the North)
 - Playground block is concern for DED; tree removal might be planned
 - ◆ wider mulch
 - good idea but don't put mulch to close to the tree
 - 4 inches deep, 4 inches from the tree, 4 feet in diameter for your young tree
 - Tradeoff between mowing and mulch width
 - ◆ are ants an issue in 1500 block – investigate (**Larry**)
 - Park Bond updates - 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
 - Scheduling PP&R events in SPB - schedule for summer 2016 is out no events scheduled in SPB
 - Green Loop (Oregon Walkways: Connect the Park Blocks) approached FoSPB to ask for programming and activity support
- ❖ Next meeting – November, Fri 4., 11:00 am (**Bryan**)