

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,  
September 11, 2015, Portland Building, 11:00 PM to 12:40 PM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB  
Jo Durand, FoSPB  
Sandra Koteen, FoSPB  
Marion Mcnamara, FoSPB  
Kevin Horning, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Bryan Aptekar, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Larry Maginnis, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Galina Burley, Portland Parks and Recreation

**Agenda**

- ❖ Projects
  - Turf Group update (**Jo**)
    - Jeremy Nelson is our liaison
      - ◆ Great support by Jeremy
    - String fence came down in late August
    - Apply different type of seeds after leaf fall
      - Jeremy: plan on seeding with a winter blend after leaves have fallen this fall to try to get some cover for the winter – may try compost as well
      - Use Rye grass as a quick filling grass
      - PH value of soil might be a problem
      - Soil very poor and has super drainage
    - Water system was broken – hand watering instead and in addition
      - Needs to be replaced
    - Bring professor from OSU when opportunity allows (Fall 2015)
      - Jeremy: emailed and called the professor from Oregon State University about doing a site visit to the South Park Blocks to discuss the turf. He has not heard anything back at this time but Jeremy will keep trying. We will plan on seeding with a winter blend after leaves have fallen this fall to try to get some cover for the winter
    - 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, Jeremy, Don, December 2015**)
  - Lincoln Block fence project update and planning (**David**)
    - 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
      - Explore soil and root system to support fence (**Kevin, Paul, Larry, 11.1.**)
        - ◆ Fence posts in fixed place for pre-fab fence

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- Identify location of posts, root system, additional large rocks etc. and update design (**Kevin, Paul, Larry, 11.1.**)
- Finalize the design with FoSPB input and price the project and then FoSPB to (**David, Bryan**)
- When design and cost estimate are complete then Part II of proposal will be submitted and approved (**David, Bryan**)
- Prepare for fund raising (**Marjorie**)
- Fund raising program will be set up with Portland Parks Foundation based on design
- Put up a perimeter “string” fence – ask Kevin or Don
- Parke Diem
  - When: Saturday, 10.10., 9 am – 12 noon
    - Meet at 8:30 am with PPR
  - Where: South Park Blocks, meet at Rough Rider Statue
  - What: Our group of volunteers will meet to support the following activities:
    - Mulch rose beds, tree bases and Lincoln Block plantings (**Kevin to lead**)
    - Rose bed fertilization
    - Rake / blow leaves - Dig weeds and clean tree bases in 1300 and 1400 blocks versus 1500 block
    - Paint bench legs
    - Power wash squares
    - Support of tools and material will be provided by Portland's Parks and Recreation's department.
  - Who: 30 – 40 volunteers
    - Increase count to 40 – 50 (**Gunnar**)
  - Main contacts
    - FoSPB: Jo Durand (after 9.19.) / David Newman / Gunnar Sacher
    - PPR: Kevin H
    - Meet before 10.10. to coordinate activities (**Jo, Marion, Kevin, 10.6., 9:00, 1500 block**)
- Visitor Management Plan – highlight review
  - Advocacy
    - Reached out to mayor and commissioners to advocate
      - ◆ North Park Blocks – center of current discussion
      - ◆ Portland Police Bureau started initiative in NPB
      - ◆ Follow up with Chad Stover in Mayor’s office
  - Understand sentiment in the neighborhood
    - Conduct survey (**FoSPB**)
  - Strengthen services in the park
    - Develop metrics for adequate park coverage by rangers (**Galina**)
    - Staffing challenges impact entire program not necessarily SPB
    - Three teams of two in CBD
    - Lost data coordinator and PR supervisor
    - PPS patrols start at 4:00 pm
    - Emphasis on closure hours
  - Crime prevention through environmental design (**Jacob, Galina**)
  - Ordinances and their enforcement
    - Coverage analysis (**PPR, PPS**)
    - What to do after park closure and during kids presence (**PPS, PPR**)
  - Improved signage (**Bryan A**)
    - Spares for plantings (**Paul**)
  - Call in issues to create log of activities / build statistics
  - Setup meeting with Galina in end October / beginning November (**Gunnar, 9.18.**)
- Safety Summit III summary and AIs

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- Next meeting – November?? 2015
- Pre-requisite – action item completion above
- ❖ 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 the remainder of the year
        - ◆ Storm response
        - ◆ Perimeter and interior pruning
    - Irrigation system – can this be funded by unallocated money from Bond measure
      - Round two after 2016 (per Bryan)
      - 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.)
          - 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
        - Up for discussion in second round
          - ◆ Still on list as of June, 2015
    - Event planning for SPB
    - Smoking ban update
      - No smoking signage in place
      - butt count for 1500 block
        - 6/30 - 340
        - 8/4 - 113
        - 8/11 – 199
          - ◆ Signage went up in this week
        - 8/25 - 241
      - proposal: no smoking signs on park benches (**Bryan**)
        - was implemented in Couch Park
        - start with the 1500 block
  - ❖ Next meeting – February, Fri, 02.05., 11:00 am (**Bryan**)