

**Portland Parks and Recreation and FoSPB Meeting,  
October 17, 2014, Portland Building, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Attendees:**

David Newman, Co-Chair FoSPB  
Gunnar Sacher, Co-Chair, FoSPB  
Suzanne Fleming  
Marion McNamara  
Jo Durand  
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, Supervisor – Urban Forestry  
Asa Arden, Park Ranger

**Agenda**

- ❖ Long-range SPB Management Plan - Trees, plantings, turf, irrigation - plan ready to go when PP&R funds become available – update on planning process
  - Management plan – do tree digital inventory with consulting arborist (\$40K for evaluation)
    - Asked for RFPs lost traction of this with new tree code
    - SPB to be first in 2015
  - Turf improvements
    - Group had some successes in improving turf (seeding, mulching, mowing, watering, raking)
      - Working but not strong improvements
    - What is next
      - Keep strings up in Winter
      - Get an earlier start 2015
      - Don't mow on rainy / wet days
      - Blowing vs. raking
        - ◆ Doesn't matter for mature grass
        - ◆ Blowing is less aggressive
        - ◆ Need a fuel cabinet for blower fuel
      - Seed quality – learn from PSU
        - ◆ Organize discussion with PSU (**Jo**)
      - Tree thinning – experimental plot
      - Fertilizer in the Fall
        - ◆ Fertilize 3 – 4 times per year
      - Sign board when working (**Gunnar**)
        - ◆ Put on agenda for FoSPB
        - ◆ Parks has example of things that work
    - Update on tree canopy thinning / raising with Jenn Cairo?
      - Moratorium on pruning 4/15 to 10/15
      - Remove low canopy to lift canopy – will be done
        - ◆ Need to rent parking spaces for equipment (\$250 per day)

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- No industry standard for thinning
- Consider weight reduction but will not selectively prune
- ❖ Safety and Security
  - Intro of Galina Burley, new Security Manager
    - Park Ranger dispatch open 7 days per week 7:00 am to 9:30 pm
    - Familiar with foot patrols
    - Enforcement alone not enough to control park issues
      - Create a collaborative environment
      - Recognizing importance of conversations with other partners
  - Park visitor management 2015
    - Jacob Brostoff
    - FoSPB to approach Parks for how and when to discuss plan
    - Crime prevention through environmental design (Jacob, Galina)
  - Clarify park usage for public and personal events and management of impact, guidelines for groups that don't need permits
    - Contact customer service supervisor
  - Ranger Program update
    - 14 rangers, 7 full time, 7 seasonal; 3 teams of two rangers in Central business district (CBD)
    - Added another team to CBD
      - Asa, Sam, one other ranger
    - Team of rangers focusing on camping issues – social services collaboration
    - Reported incidences went down over the last years (reported by police)
    - Loosing seasonal rangers for the Winter
    - Evolve program with additional funding / resources to have additional role and presence
      - Position the program to be successful
    - Metrics for adequate coverage – let's discuss (Galina)
      - Calls for service – the more the better
  - FoSPB Foot patrol update
    - Support training with new management structure
- ❖ Bond measure – can SPB project be part of the project set to address needed maintenance for example irrigation system for whole park or one block at a time
  - Unallocated money for SPB
    - Initial thinking but nothing specific
    - Staff after bond passed
    - Irrigation project is on list – letter could help (**FoSPB**)
      - Address to Mike Abatte, cc: Terri, Bryan
    - Time horizon – 3 years
- ❖ Projects
  - Business recruiting for Shemanski Square – Closed for now until park management plan understood
  - Improve plantings and labeling in Lincoln Block - Completed
  - Fencing for SPB to improve traffic pattern
    - Park proposal process – Don is ok with center or perimeter fence concept
    - Proposal – invite Don, Larry, Alan Schmidt
  - Turf improvements – see above
- ❖ Action Items from previous meetings
  - Labels for rose varieties (**Don, Paul**)
    - Completed
    - Drew a map to where labels were
  - Light posts need attention (**Terry, Don, Paul**)
    - Adjust periodically
  - Email maintenance issues directly to Don
- ❖ Next meeting – February, Fri, 2.27., 2:00 am (**Bryan**)