

COMMITTEE: Parks & Community Centers Committee Submitted by Kirky Doble, chair.

Issues committee is following:

1. PPR Budgeting process: drafts, cut packages, proposals, negotiations, public meetings, etc. etc. Parks Board is the citizen advisory committee for budget. An early January 2012 public meeting will happen - details to come.
2. Spring Garden park - follow up to opening of interim demonstration play area.
3. Marshall park - plans for children's nature play area.
4. Dickinson park - community garden discussions.
5. Committee priorities - PPR projects SW Portland (budget driven and not budget driven)

Events:

1. Last meeting - Dec. 1, 2011 at Multnomah Center. Guest: Terri Davis, PPR SW Zone Manager. Report on Occupy Portland, PPR Budget. Thanks Marianne, for visiting our meeting
2. Next meeting - Jan. 5, 2012, at Multnomah Center, 7:00 pm. Guest: Astrid Dragoy, PPR City Natures SW. Report on Riverview natural area, other updates.
3. SWCC closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. Call other community centers as closures vary.

Announcements:

1. Betsy Ames. chief of staff for Comm. Fish, commissioner of Parks, has resigned for another city position.
2. Winter 2012 West Portland guidebook and schedule for parks and community centers - now available - lots of great articles on westside parks and facilities - Watershed Mgmt article by Leonard Gard. Look through it and see what great programs are offered everywhere!!
3. Visit a park this winter - each has its' own unique and special attributes, some not visible until the leaves are gone.