

September 1st, 2016

Parks Committee Meeting, with corrections

Room 4 MAC

Call the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Introduction of members and guests: Fran Laird, Dave Manville, Don Baack, Jill Gaddis, Michael Murphy, Kathy Steiner, Steve Mullinax, Laura Campos, Susan Egnor, Guests Paul Gleason, Sam Pearson, Stephen Lewis, John Stevenson, and Rachel Felice of PPR.

Approval of agenda moved by Dave Manville, second Jill Gaddis, vote taken approved by all members

Approval of minutes moved by Dave Manville, second Jill Gaddis, vote taken approved by all members

Rachel Felice West Land Manager for the last 2 months, reports on questions asked by group. Rachel has taken the place of Astrid Dragoy., and was the Natural Area Supervisor before moving to this new position.

1. Spring Garden Park will have tents and will have a meeting in the park for the neighborhood on September 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
2. April Hill Park will have a change of grade to be made to go behind a tree, and fall into the maximum grade of 15% per the 2009 rules, and the ADA question will not meet the ADA rules.
3. The naming policy is on line for parks, and SPNA will have a motion going before their board in September.
4. Albert Kelly Park has lead issues and Jennifer Youkum has been working on this issue and continues discussion with PPR and Bridlemile NA. As to why no notification was made, once the problem was found PPR must act immediately. The whirly will be replaced but will be smaller. (Funding has been made available for this.) Other items will be handled on a piece by piece basis as rules for fall zone issues have changed. Please see links on PPR web site for lead issues.
5. Foley Balmer Bridge was closed down because of assessment that the bridge abutments were unsafe and eroded. Permits to do this work are very expensive and fall under Corp of Engineers permits. As of August 15th this project is on the Capital Improvement Projects. See parks replacement bond packet for more information. Dave Manville asked if BDS could be contacted to explain the process for permits for this type of project.

6. Duniway Park Tree removal: any trees removed were hazard trees, and some pruning occurred this past Monday to get equipment to the site. A cedar tree was removed on the Sheridan Street side as it had died; Laura asked what happened to the wood, as it would be great if the Grand Ronde Tribe could get this wood for ceremonial use. Rachel will find out.
7. Gabriel Park Dog Park: concerns about aggressive dogs would be brought to the Multnomah Animal Control people. It was pointed out it would be nice if there were signs posted with the telephone number to call.
8. Interpretive signage has a link on the PPR website, and it is the intent that all parks have the same signage, this is not always possible.
9. The questions on pesticides and Round Up were answered. See PPR website for Integrated Pest Management tool box. Both mechanical and other types of treatment are talked about and under no circumstance is Round Up used, the alternative is Ranger Pro that is used.
10. The terwilliger and Markham Nature Park area have been flagged off for spraying and other means of getting rid of invasive, this will take place shortly. The FAQ on this project will be sent to Fran for distribution, and can also be found on the PPR website.

Stephen Lewis a member of the Timbers Army talked about Operation Pitch Invasive, a group that repairs soccer fields throughout Portland. They are a nonprofit group who were to work on April Hill Park but due to construction work has moved to Gabriel Park to do work on Sept 3.

Neighborhood reports

Collins View = Friends of Riverview Stewardship agreement to PPR.

Bridlemile has invited Jennifer Youkum to the October NA meeting

Jill reported that the footing for the bridge will be poured next week at April Hill Park, with hopes of completion in October.

Don Baake. asked about the concrete work at Council Crest Park for the rest room. Don also hoped that PPR would be coming forward with a response to the letter requesting updates on Parks work. Rachel will talk with her peers about this. Also what about laurel along Terwilliger Parkway for removal?

Watch out parking in Washington Park due to various works on going for the next 8 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Submitted by Sam Pearson and Sylvia Bogert.