

SWNI Parks Committee Meeting
November 3rd 2016
MAC Room 4
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Portland, OR 97219

Committee Chair: Fran Laird
Ashcreek: Dave Manville
Bridlemile: Steve Mullinax
Collins View: Brendan McGillicuddy
Far SW: Katherine Steiner
Homestead: Susan Egnor
Maplewood: Jill Gaddis
Markham: Michael Murphy
Multnomah: Elaine McDonald
Guest: Rachel Felice PP&R

Meeting called to order:

Jill Gaddis, Committee Chair

Approval of October minutes and November agenda:

Minutes Corrections: 6. Take off Terwilliger Park; replace “irradiation” with “eradication”; 5. Replace “contractor” with “urban forestry”; “PP&R had to go to company to replace part” vs “PP&R replaced the part”; 2. “PP&R is preparing to dismantle the Foley Balmer Bridge”;

Motion for approval, Susan Egnor. Second, Michael Murphy

Added to agenda:

April Hill Park update-Jill Gaddis
PP&R BAC-Steve Mullinax

New Business:

Question on whether PP&R have resolved all the issues with Spring Garden Park? PP&R public advisory committee has chosen option 1. Option 1 includes amphitheater and sitting wall.

Fairy Doors, Marikara Park-Michael Murphy, Markham

Markham NA has written a letter to PP&R requesting that Marikara Park be designated as a Fairy Door Friendly Park and is interested in putting forth a motion for SWNI support. The issue of Fairy Doors was brought to the NA attention due to a individual in the community receiving a threatening note after being interviewed on the topic, in addition to Fairy Doors being removed from the park. PP&R stated they were not responsible for pulling the Doors from the park and while the placement of the Doors in the park was not a permitted activity, PP&R had left the doors in place, as they were not causing damage to the park.

After the topic received public attention PP&R noticed a escalation of the Doors being placed off the path they were originally placed, in addition to the leaving of gifts and

glitter prompting PP&R to take notice of ecological damage to the park. Following PP&R Natural areas restoration plan, Priority Matrix categorizes natural areas by current ecological health and potential last year as a document to guide budget and staff time, Marikara Park was identified as the highest ecologically sensitive area in SW Portland. Rachel Felice stated that in the past other parks have unapproved installation and it is not a new issue, however is a challenging issue due to media attention. Now that a formal request has been made a formal response is now needed, through PP&R process for art/installations in parks. Outside organization Regional Arts & Culture Council RACC has taken on maintenance of art installations in Portland Parks. Michel Murphy will contact Friends of Marikara Park and Arnold Creek NA for input prior to making a motion to present to SWNI Board.

Neighborhood Report

Brendan McGillicuddy, CV NA: 10 volunteers participated in No Ivy Day, work area was from Lewis & Clark trail the furthest S trail by 43rd.

Fran Laird, Chair: Friends of Riverview is working with PP&R stewardship coordinator to draft a stewardship agreement, is within the final stages.

Katherine Steiner, Far SW: Lesser & Sylvania Parks are in poor condition, however parks are far down on PP&R priority Matrix.

Michael Murphy, MP NA: interested in how PP&R ranks natural areas following PP&R Natural Areas Restoration Plan, Priority Matrix

RF: Criteria used to in rankings include the presence or absence of: invasive species, habitat types, TEES (terrestrial sensitive), plant communities (invasive, non invasive), animal species, Trail density, Wetlands, Fish streams, Habitat types, Terrestrial species RF believes there are roughly 12 criteria.

Elaine McDonald, MNA: question on lead paint issue, magnitude of the issue in SW and the available funds to address these issues.

Steve Mullinax: x5 parks affected by lead abatement in SW

PP&R: no magnitude known yet, due to the city review still in progress

Individuals can use PP&R web site to view locations contracted tester has evaluated, at a rate of 2-3 times per week. SW was one of the first areas to have testing conducted, PP&R asking for patients until parks in the entirety of the city have been tested.

Budget is being formulated to address health and environmental safety

Issues, to address equipment effected by lead paint are due to pieces not being up to current safety standards. Most playground equipment effected by Lead paint are pieces of equipment that was produced prior to 1980, in addition to not meeting current safety standards for new equipment.

Fran Laird: Question on whether PP&R is interested in purchasing the piece of property in Multnomah, NW of Spring Garden.

RF: PP&R is not interested in purchasing that property. If individuals are interested in identifying potential property to PP&R a acquisition interest form is available on web.

Steve Mullinax, Bridlemile NA: Small group has met once to continue to follow the progress at Albert Kelly Park. Interested in staying up to date on the status of playground equipment effected by Lead abatement being replaced and day lighting of

stream. PP&R: will follow up with committee as PP&R have had meetings on daylighting of streams through collaboration between PP&R and BES.

Proposed timeframe for construction is tentatively set for summer of 2018, will verify. Daylighting of streams includes bringing streams out of culverts and restoring natural stream format, expanding the area of natural area and improving ecological ranking

Susan Egnor, Homestead NA: NA reported on proposals for connecting southwest corridor light rail to OHSU. Proposals include a bridge over Terwilliger, tunnels under it, and the inclusion of escalators and elevators. A traffic light for a street level crossing would violate the Terwilliger Parkway Design guidelines. Current trail is in poor condition. RF recommends Woods trail several hundred yards down and one bust stop away. Great No Ivy Day participation, 30 individuals signed up.

John Tappero, SWNI: Introducing RICAP 8 Tree Code amendments. Will invite BPS representative to present. Helpline for tree permits and removal (503) 823-TREES

New Business

April Hill Park update, Jill Gaddis

Provided images of spikes in concrete piers for Boardwalk to be constructed on top. With this design being more expensive but also more durable with a longer life span. Volunteers from New Seasons had a work party planting within the park. Waiting for decking to come in for the Boardwalk, expected completion date is by Dec 1st. Trail is currently being built from SW 59th into the park. Over 25k have been raised with more contributions still coming in. Thinking about a pancake breakfast rather than a BBQ for the opening celebration in March.

The Foley Balmer Bridge has been removed due to being a safety hazard.

Rumor that the culvert into Boonsferry has been postponed, RF will look into the issue and get committee clarification.

PP&R BAC representative Steve Mulinax budget update

The first meeting Tues night, at this stage discussions have been very general.

Using core values from prior year with equity included as a core value

BAC is tasked to submitting budgets with 5% cuts, with the forecasted budget estimating the higher end of the 1%-5% cuts due to PP&R receiving large budget consideration last year. BAC has been presented general information so far with sets of packages and is tasked with prioritizing cuts and additions expected in the future.

Gabriel Park disturbances, Jill Gaddis

Late night disturbances have been reported to Portland Police, Rachel Felice recommends also reporting issues through PP&R web forum.

Action Plan: interest in conducting survey to neighborhoods in SW Portland. Possibly utilizing NextDoor.com. Committee still needs to determine what information or answers to specific questions the survey will provide.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next Meeting:

December 1st 2016

MAC, room 7