

SWNI a coalition of 17 Neighborhood Associations
Parks and Community Centers Committee
December 1, 2016
MAC Rm 7

Chair: Jill Gaddis (substituting for Fran Laird)
Ashcreek: Dave Manville
Bridlemile: Steve Mullinax
Hillsdale: Don Baack
Homestead: Susan Egnor
Maplewood: Jill Gaddis
Markham: Michael Murphy
Marshal Park: Carol Romm
South Portland: Laura Campos
Presenter: Jeff Caudile, BPS
Guests: Micki Carrier, Jim Plunkett,

Call to order

Agenda & Minutes

Motion to approve-Dave Manville, 2nd-Michel Murphy.

Presentation

RICAP 8 Tree Code amendments-Proposed Draft: Jeff Caudill, BPS

RICAP represents minor tweaks to code on an annual basis. Work plan was adopted in April 2015, due to staffing issues the release was delayed.

Data base for RICAP is available online where individuals are able to identify issues that they would like to be addressed, then goes to BPS for approval.

Title 11 Tree code amendments is fairly new, was started in 2011, aim to consolidate tree code items within different codes and consolidate within one area, ie title 11

Acts as a guiding framework of who is responsible: Development side- BDS, Non development side- Urban Forestry, PP&R sub group.

RICAP 8 Began with 34 items, now to 54 items. Added items identified by asterisk

Exceptions to Title 11 Code for Dead, Dying, dangerous or Nuisance species.

Lots less than 5000 sq. ft.- does not fall within tree code.

Lot divisions fall under a different set of code standards for tree preservation.

Comments can be made to PSC and Urban Forestry.

34. Fee structure, damaging or removing heritage tree. Previous maximum fine \$1200

Roughly 300 trees within Portland have been designated as Heritage trees

36. City and Street trees, minimum pruning threshold for city and street trees will be 1/2 inch.

37/38. Ground disturbance- property owner must protect trees of significant ground disturbance. Exempting: replacement of fence or deck. Work is within 10 feet of existing structure and not within the root protection zone of existing trees will not trigger tree protection. Construction staging area over 100 ft., triggers tree protection.

Language added to enforcement. Placement of Lien onto property.

Development situation: Preserving 1/3rd of trees on site. Fee structure applies if individual is interested in removing part or all of the 1/3rd trees identified as being preserved.

Amendments made to fee structure. Developed parcels per tax lot, allowance of 4 trees per year. Addition of requirement for notification of adjacent property owners.

Question of thinning to preserve the health of trees. Focus on preserving canopy cover reviewed on a case-by-case basis through Urban Forestry.

For questions on tree protection with ground disturbance contact Urban Forestry- 823-4000 general information.

Question on liens and what the interest rate- Susan Egnor: believes it would fall within the state standard of 12%.

Central city tree canopy target-33%, currently within the high 20's.

April Hill Park Update- Jill Gaddis

Boardwalk is not complete, still waiting for the decking to come in. Parks did not accept the material. Reordered, the material will be picked up and work on construction is to begin at the end of the week.

Celebration for park dedication suggested for March by PP&R. Jill suggests an April or March Date due to weather concerns, with the day of the week still needs to be determined.

Saturdays tend to be an issue with soccer games within the park, with Sundays working better for the event.

Parks was previously willing to help with the groundbreaking/dedication, now is saying that staff is not available. Jill is still looking to engage PP&R for Canopies, x2 (20x20)

Susan E. has contacts within friends group that might have canopies available. Don Baack suggested to contact/work with PTA officers. Jill would like to create a sub committee to address the dedication of the park.

Neighborhood Association Report

Susan Egnor, Homestead NA: SW Corridor Team presented to the NA, with three combined recommendations. NA was in support of planners not including on grade crossing. Options to be included in the DEIS include: multiple tunnel and elevator and elevator and bridge options. Meeting with architects for the Under Armor building renovations and addition of a third floor. Includes plan for a green roof within the front portion of building.

PP&R report on status of the field. Original plan for heavy night lighting was an issue for neighbors, UA backed away from that plan, however the wiring has been installed for it.

Dave Manville, Ashcreek NA: Friends of Woods Park, work party had a large number of volunteers for Ivy pulling and trail work. Ashcreek NA put in trail request in for a connector trail has been approved. Program for nominating Trails has changed to UTP from the CINTP. SW Trails has been working to take all of the organics off of the trails, trail surface is nice once work has been done.

SW Trails has been working to create a new trail on switchback off of greenway in council crest on the route of the 14.

Michael Murphy, Markham NA: NA met, further discussion of the Fairy Doors. Marakara Park being high on the PP&R list of ecologically sensitive parks in Portland, a formal plan needs to be developed and submitted to PP&R. Issues have come up of fairy doors being placed off trail in addition to other disturbances. Janelle, PP&R ecologist, is currently leaving the Fairy Doors in the park until an official decision is made.

Don Baack, Hillsdale NA: BES presentation on Stephan Creek Watershed. Pond in the se corner of Custer Park to be made bigger and put in wetlands. Hillsdale NA pushing for walkway across BES property on the bottom of 26rd to dedicated walkway leading to 25th. Opening up community to travel SE, rather than having individuals traveling up Capital Hwy.

BES wants to raise Raz-Baack Crossing from 2 to 7 feet. Want to increase stormwater retention by putting in some aggressive weirs upstream and downstream.

Reiki Field on the list of projects to move forward next year. Interest in Howard Kelly Park, with BES wanting to put in stepping-stones up and down the grade. Hillsdale would like a better option, i.e. trail across park without dealing with a steep grade.

Laura Campos, NA: NA decided to split the waterfront from greenways west of MaCadamy, with bylaws change. Issue with species dominance, if trees provide a benefit and provide a canopy why are some trees considered good and some nuisance.

Wants a sign for an old Oak on city property. Had previously been identified as a Heritage Trees.

Carol Romm, Marshal Park NA: Wanted to mention an ivy pull work party in Marshal Park. Bridge out in Foley Ballmer due to safety concerns. Marshal Park is encouraged to contact PP&R to replace the bridge that was removed due to unsafe crossing options that are now available.

Steve Mullinax, BAC Announcements and correspondence: BAC still working at a high level. Has been provided packages of scenarios for discussion.

Positioning of issue, "Would accept cuts if...", and providing clarifying scenarios.

Tasked to prioritize issues and combined into proposed set of packages.

To identify 5% cuts. Implementation of cuts being 1%-5% cut

Public meetings: Dec 12th, Jan 3rd

Attended a listening session at David Douglas HS, to get input from new immigrant communities. Was interesting to hear their discussion as Individuals expressed their interest in having gender separate parks and other issues related to culture and religious beliefs. Another listening session for different immigrant groups.

How to spend the rest of the bond measure, \$20 million.

PP&R BAC Meetings: December 12th 6-8, January 3rd 6-8

Next Meeting: January 5, 2017

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