

Friends of Pier Park

August 20, 2013

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Melissa, Mary Ann, Kelli, Jamie, Dennis, Joanie, Ryan, Alex, Philip, Keola

Chimney-Pier Bridge:

- Progress on the Chimney-Pier Bridge has been delayed a couple times, but work restarted yesterday (8/19) on the Chimney side. Expect to see large amounts of fill dirt being brought in on the Chimney side in the near future.
- A question raised: "Is the Chimney Park ramp, from the bridge, designed to ADA standards"?
- Joanie had submitted an email to FOPP to be forwarded to PP&R (?), but the forwarded message should have been from FOPP (?).
- Would like to know where money expected to come from for the eventual pedestrian bridge crossing Columbia Blvd.
- There will be a meeting of PP&R and contractors (?) on Friday (8/23), at Pier Park to review ADA path plans.
- There is concern that delays in construction will result in heavy equipment use during wet season. This may have a greater negative impact on vegetation than is would during dry season.
- September 14th "Mulching Party". Alex will supply a pile of wood chips near the Sequoia Grove, and tools including wheel barrows. FOPP will provide volunteers on September 14th to move mulch to the grove in

order to provide impaction protection.

-PP&R expects to put ADA path out "to bid" soon.

-"When is construction expected to begin on Pier side?"

-Mary Ann will put a link on the FOPP website to the bridge project information.

-It is a concern that the PP&R website does not easily link to information regarding the bridge project.

-Kelli will post for additional ideas for repurposing of Sequoia wood.

ADA questions:

-There is not an ADA parking space at the main entrance to Pier Park at Bruce and James (intersection). Alex will follow up.

-Is it a problem that there is not an ADA restroom at the Bruce and James location?

-Pier Pool does not have a device for ADA access into the pool.

Other:

-"Park-E-Diem" is October 11 and 12. This is a city wide volunteer day for park improvements. Expect new benches for the disk golf course and invasive plant removal.

-Can old restroom structures within the park be saved and repurposed (tool shed?)?

-Disk golf donations pay for port a potty by the tennis court.

-There is concern for impact on some deciduous trees from disk golf disks.

-Joanie presented a draft of a "Trees of Pier Park" graphic that may be positive addition to information kiosk, or stand alone graphic.

- Dennis has witnessed confrontations involving a man with great danes in the park.
- Pier Pool is making money this summer. Approximately \$6000 in the black so far.
- Alex to submit to the CIP (Capital Improvement Project) list for funds to renovate the tennis courts.
- Mary Ann to get contact info to Alex for Richard Arnold, in order to acquire the tool for tightening the tennis nets. PP&R has metal nets available for tennis if necessary.
- Alex expressed interest in a more user friendly information kiosk.
- An additional information kiosk by Pier Pool would be helpful.
- One of the swings on the children's playground has taken some damage. Looks "chewed".
- A tree in the "Challenge Course", was topped and a platform was placed on top (some time ago). At this time the tree is showing signs of decay with bark sloughing.
- There is \$2,176 in the FOPP account.

Call for new FOPP officer nominations.

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Technology Officer
- Treasurer (?)