

Minutes

Friends of Pier Park

January 22, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mary Ann, Ryan, Kelly, Erin

Visitors: Portland Parks and Rec. representatives, Hasan Artharee and Bryan Tierney

**Tree Vandalism update:**

-The damaged tree will be replaced using group funds.

**Crime/Security:**

-Trash and other personal property is being dumped in the park. Thieves are likely using the park as a place to pilfer through stolen property.

-There are several known drug houses in the immediate area. Police are aware of the problem.

-Individual observed using drugs in parked car near the pool.

-Graffiti on old restroom structures.

## **Other Discussion Topics:**

-Escalating off-leashed dog problems. More signs will be placed.

-Pier Park posting board will be updated.

-Pier Park Pick-Up is scheduled for April 26.

## **Maintenance:**

-Discussed re-seeding grass twice a year instead of only once, and toyed with the idea of planting different ground cover more tolerant to shade and traffic.

## **Sequoia:**

-Ongoing discussion regarding how to utilize wood from sequoia tree. Public majority wants totem, but Kelly discovered through research that local tribes did not build totems.

-Other options discussed include: benches, sculptures, decorative pillars at entrance of new Chimney Park bridge.

## **Next Meeting:**

February 19

6:30-7:30, St. Johns Community Center