

## **Friends of Pier Park meeting. July 16, 2013**

**St. John's Community Center**

**6:30 to 8:00 pm**

Attendance: Mary Ann Aschenbrenner, Kelly Pergande, Joanie Beldin, Dennis Keepes, Jamie Crow, Melissa Swope, Philip Fensterer.

- Chimney/Pier Park bridge/trail:
  - draft plans will be posted on the FOPP website and on the information kiosk at Pier Park.
  - Melissa will forward electronic files of the plans to Joanie and Kelly.
  - Joanie expressed concerns.
    - The start date of work on the bridge and trail has been delayed and if construction takes place during the wet season this may result in greater risk to the trees. Ask for schedule update from Alex Salazar.
    - Did "Travis" consult with "Larry" regarding path as it goes between maple tree and the tee pad for hole #2? The concern is for negative impact to maple from proximity of the proposed path alignment.
    - Joanie will draft a letter of concern to be sent to Melissa to be forwarded to Elisabeth Kennedy Wong.

-FOPP Website:

-A Chimney/Pier page will be created with plans for the bridge/trail project including the arborist report.

-Joanie researched FOPP bylaws

- website needs a cleaner path to the bylaws.
- Joanie has drafted a mission statement for FOPP to be included in the website. Joanie- please attach an electronic copy of the document to the minutes.
- What is the history of Pier Park?
- Tennis Court
- Melissa will follow up with Portland Parks regarding potential avenues for pursuing funding for maintenance of tennis courts.
- Repurposing of the wood from the Sequoia tree.
- Kelly has collected bark from Bob's shop for potential use.
- There is a 2' dia x 25' long piece at Bob's shop for use in the repurposing project.
- Ideas for use include: sculpture bench, picture window frame, bird/bat/owl houses, snake sculptures.
- Cookies are also available for use. Display that allow for ring counting...
- need to protect from vandalism
- put a "cookie" near the kiosk??
- In repurposing need to plan for weathering, maintenance, vandalism, funding, location and installation.
- The wood has already had preservatives applied.
- Goals for the repurposing include: honor the cut tree and the remaining grove, encourage deceleration and discourage traffic through the grove, education about the trees, connect with other part of the park and Portland parks.
- May want to consider consulting with local Native American groups for thoughts regarding a totem.
- An idea was submitted for suspending a cookie over the bridge or between nearby trees, but this seems to be impractical due to the weight of the cookies.
- Influences: Andy Goldsworthy, Mya Linn, Bruce Nauman.
- Park-e-Diem: October
- Ryan will be in charge of planning any trail improvements.
- Mulching Sequoia grove prior to construction on the bridge/trail.

-plan a “wheel barrow brigade” to bring wood chips from pile near the container near Columbia Blvd. to the grove to protect trees from impact during construction.

Minutes Submitted by Philip Fensterer