

Friends of Pier Park meeting. June 18, 2013

St. John's Community Center

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Attendance:

Philip Fensterer

Mary Ann Aschenbrenner

Joanie Beldin

Kelly Pergarde

Meg Storey

Alex Salazar

-Repurposing of the Sequoia wood: Meeting Tuesday, June 25, 6pm in the Sequoia Grove.

-The FOPP website is updated with the schedule for Pier Pool. The FOPP Facebook page also has this information.

Family Passes to Pier Pool are \$109 for the season. Fridays are free swim.

-Joanie asked about a FOPP mission statement. There is not an official mission statement, but the bylaws may frame the idea of a mission statement. Joanie will draft a proposed mission statement.

-Geocaching in Pier Park was discussed. It is recognized that this is a popular activity in Pier Park and Alex discussed how Portland Parks and Rec (PPR) has established parameters or standards for geocaching that reduce the risk of geocach storage containers being mistaken for trash or destructive devices. Meg is to further research geocaching in Pier Park.

-Joanie mentioned that often times there is an accumulation of trash in the area closest to the apartments/community garden (NE). Alex will have staff pick up this area.

-PPR will put down 1000 pounds of fertilizer and 1000 pounds of grass seed in PP this spring. PP is a challenge to get grass to grow as it is very shaded, and it is difficult to keep people off the seed.

-The message board is in need of attention and updating. It should mention the FOPP website.

-PP should benefit from the 2 full time PPR horticulture staff starting in July.

-The FOPP website is in the process of being examined for SEO's (Search Engine Optimization), in order to be more accurately searched on the internet.

- Kelly expressed interest in making castings or impressions from the bark that has been recovered from the logs of the downed sequoia.

- Is it possible that the city's 1% for art may be applied to the bridge project and therefore provide funding for processing the bark and wood from the downed sequoia.

- October 11 and 12 is "Park-e-Diem". This is a PPR event to involve the community in parks projects. More discussion in July. (July agenda item)

-The tennis court is in need of resurfacing. Grants may be available to pay for resurfacing. Mike Stone of PPR needs to be consulted regarding resurfacing the tennis court. Mary Ann will contact Mike. Alex will assign staff to clean the tennis court. Can Nike or Adidas be approached for money to resurface the tennis court. Alex research the cost to make tennis court renovations. One of the tennis court nets has

been badly damaged and needs to be replaced.

-Ryan Lynch submitted a report of damage to the disc golf hole #11.

The basket is unusable. Alex will follow up.

-Construction of the Pier Park-Chimney Park bridge has been delayed due to an adjustment to the plan for the path on the Chimney Park side. Instead of the path going north from the bridge and claiming an area between Columbia Blvd and the dog park fence, the path will now be continuing west from the bridge along the south side of the dog park and will turn north toward Columbia Blvd at the current entrance to the dog park. This to facilitate, eventually, a bridge to allow users to safely cross Columbia Blvd.

-Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Minutes submitted by Philip Fenesterer, Secretary