

Friends of Pier Park January 22, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Matt Kunz (Chair) Keola Morley (Treasurer)
Steve Davis (Secretary) Allison Parker (Portland Parks)
Mary Ann Aschenbrenner (historian/web)
Patrick Watson (University of Portland)
Rachel Dibble (Sitton Elementary School)
Jim Alan

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Portland Parks & Rec Update (Allison)

- Disc golf donation box – The lock on the recently installed box was damaged in an unsuccessful break-in attempt. A new stronger lock has been installed. Since the box has been installed approximately, \$50 in donations have been collected every two weeks. This money goes directly to a PP&R fund to pay for golf course maintenance and improvements such as tree protection, path border peeler logs and gravel. That fund currently holds approximately \$5800.
- Stumptown Disc Golf – although they will not be scheduling a tournament at Pier Park this year, they would like to participate in a volunteer work party. One suggestion is to combine their work party with the Solve park clean-up work party scheduled for April 21st.

- The University of Portland student work day is scheduled for March 24th. (see below)
- Brick comfort station buildings – the two out of service brick buildings located near the tennis courts have fallen into decay. Parts of the wooden roofs and door frames are rotted away. This presents safety issues. The buildings will be fenced off to prevent access. PP&R is considering demolition. The PP&R carpenter will do a lead and structural assessment for preliminary cost estimates for demo and or for restoration. If FoPP wants advocate to preserve one or both of the buildings, it would be helpful to propose future function/benefit in regard to specific needs of the park users and local community.
- Bike skills course update – Pier Park is still in consideration for this feature with the most likely location to be in the vicinity of the skate park. A park wide biking loop is not in consideration.
- Tree work – hazard trees have been removed along N. James Street
- Grafitti has been a problem lately. Clean up is taking some time due to weather and will be ongoing.

U. of Portland Update: (Patrick)

- Patrick is the new U.P. coordinator for their student work day. They will have approximately 160 students participating on 3/24 divided between Pier Park and Pier Community Garden. Allison will arrange PP&R staffing support for that day and will have a list of priority areas/tasks for the work to be done in the park. FoPP will provide assistance with on site supervision and arrange for refreshments to be made available for the workers.

Movies in the Park

- The cost to hold a movie in the park is \$900. This is a high for FoPP budget on it's own. Keola has found some interest from Cathedral Park Performing Arts organization in possibly acting as a co-sponsor. She will follow up with them.

Community Expo:

- FoPP has submitted an application for a table at this years Community Expo at Los Prado on Feb 15th. Keola and Matt will man the table. Mary Ann has the banners and other display info and will get it to Kelly and Keola prior to the event. She will also provide some of our merchandize for sale at our table.

Treasurers Report:

- The total in our accounts is \$5113.61 in the bank and \$253.20 in PayPal.

Sitton Elementary Update : (Rachel)

- Sitton is K-5. She is looking for opportunities for student community engagement in support of the park. What kind of projects would be good for this age group? Some suggestions were discussed including; pinecone pick up on the playground, ivy removal with trowels, stick and light trash pick up. The Solve clean-up on April 21st is a family friendly event and good for this age group.

Open Discussion:

- Mary Ann asked where on our web site should recognition of our 2017 donor organizations, The Pier Park Softball leagues and the Charity of Choice, be placed. Matt suggested the FoPP Home Page.
- November Meeting Minutes were approved.

Next Meeting:

- Feb 26th at the St Johns Library

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.