

East Portland Parks Coalition

East Portland Neighborhood Association
 Meeting Room
 1017 NE 117th Avenue
 Portland, OR 97229

MINUTES

Thursday,
 March 1, 2012 7:00 – 8:30 PM

MEETING CALLED BY	Alesia Reese alesiajmr@yahoo.com		
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Monthly	Note Taker	Alesia
ATTENDEES	Linda Robinson	Hazelwood Neighborhood Assn, FoGG, Parks Board East Portland Action Plan, Gateway and East Holiday Parks	
	Arlene Kimura	Chair, Hazelwood Neighborhood Assn. East Portland Action Plan	
	Mary Walker	Friends of Powell Butte, Powellhurst Gilbert Neighborhood Association	
	Tom Lewis	Chair, Centennial Neighborhood, Friends of Parklane Park, ONI Budget Advisory Committee	
	Joyce Ley	Wilkes Community Group, Friends of Wilkes Headwaters	
	Dolores Wood	Greening of Powellhurst Gilbert	
	Frank Rinella	Glenfair Neighborhood Association	
	Alesia Reese	Chair, Woodland Park Neighborhood Association	
CITY STAFF	Doug Brenner	Zone Manager, Portland Parks and Recreation	
	Lore Wintergreen	Director, East Portland Action Plan	
	Eliza Lindsay	East Portland Neighborhood Office	
GUEST	Gay Greger	Leach Botanical Garden Friends, Board Chair	

LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN

GAY GREGER

GUEST	<p>Gay provided detailed information about Leach Botanical Garden, including its 30th anniversary. There has been a land investment in the garden, bringing the Garden to 17 acres. The Master Plan was approved by Portland City Council in 2010. The Garden was added to the Lents Urban Renewal district in 2008 making funding available for the 1st phase of the garden's Master Plan.</p> <p>The Garden is challenged by its location and geography. The Garden has three distinct areas-the Historic Garden, the Upper Garden & Meadows where the Office and Green House are located and the Eastern portion. Currently, the Design Process is underway for the Upper Garden & Meadows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans for the Upper Garden & Meadows (6 acres) are intended to create a new entrance, additional parking, improved accessibility, and expanded areas for plant displays and flexible programming. Linking the newly developed area with the historic garden is an important part of the design effort. The Eastern section is fenced off and land banked for now. Invasive species removal continues in this area. <p>Leach Botanical Garden board has focused on development of partnerships throughout the region including Audubon and Portland State University. Strengthening relationships with the Portland Development Commission and Lents Urban Renewal Advisory Committee have been important partners. An Advisory Committee, which includes partner organizations, is helping to guide the current design effort.</p> <p>Previous funding from PDC helped prepare for improvements now being planned, including an in-depth survey, removal of an unsafe structure and the assessment of the 'rock cottage'.</p> <p>Leach Botanical Garden's Friends Board has identified the need for a capital campaign to implement the new improvements. Previously anticipated funding from the Lents Urban Renewal Area (PDC) would provide seed money for the campaign. However, currently this funding has not been included in PDC's 2012-2013 budget. Leach Botanical Garden is visited by more than 13,000 visitors annually. That number is expected to increase as programming increases once the improvements are complete.</p>
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GLENFAIR PARK

FRANK

DISCUSSION	A pedestrian walking path, including benches and picnic tables will be installed at the Park. Neighbors have expressed concerns that adding amenities to the park will encourage illegal and destructive behavior. Crime Prevention Specialist Teri Poppino along with members of the East Portland Police Precinct continues their support of the Glenfair Neighborhood. Neighbors have conditionally approved the additions to the Park with an increased vigilance on gang and graffiti activity. It was noted that often increased use of the park by families, dog walkers and others helped to discourage illegal behavior.
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WILKES HEADWATERS AND WILKES PARK

JOYCE

DISCUSSION	<p>March 10th will see an Audubon Tour at the Headwaters at 154th and NE Freemont Streets followed by a clean-up and planting co-sponsored by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and SOLV.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie in the Park will be July 13th (Movie: <i>Dolphin's Tale</i>, Music: <i>Working Stiffs</i>) • Movie in the Park will be August 11th (Movie: <i>UP</i>, Music: <i>Working Stiffs</i>)
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EAST PORTLAND PARKS

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DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Holladay Park will have new playground equipment installed this spring • Gateway Park will have a Movie in Park July 17th • Gateway Green has an Ivy Pull co-sponsored with SOLV and Friends of Trees for April 28th. A tentative agreement between ODOT and the City of Portland has been resolved.
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MOBILE PLAYGROUND

ARLENE

DISCUSSION	Additional Mobile Playground sites have been funded through the East Portland Action Plan. 10 sites will be added to the current 7 east Portland Sites. East Portland Parks advocates are requested to nominate sites for consideration.
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GREENING OF POWELLHURST GILBERT

DOLORES

DISCUSSION	<p>Capital funding for a kiosk at Raymond Park has been realized through the East Portland Action Plan.</p> <p>Restoration of the Springwater Trail east from 122nd Avenue has been an ongoing process with more than 1,000 plants in the ground and 8,000 sq.ft. of area restored.</p>
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PARK BUREAU BUDGET DISCUSSION	<p>Portland Park Bureau website lists the opportunities to comment on the current budget proposal under consideration.</p> <p>Amenity enhancements for Glenfair Park along with a soft surface trail and benches for Cherry Park are underway. E-1205 funding has supported improvements to east Holladay park and to the East Portland Community Center.</p>
TREE CODE POLICY	East Portland Parks representatives signed a Letter to Bureau of Environmental Services City Commissioner Dan Saltzman to urge support of funding to implement the Tree Code Policy in current budget discussion.
NEXT MEETING	<p>Thursday April 5, 2012 7:00 – 8:30 PM</p> <p>East Portland Neighborhood Meeting Room 1017 NE 117th Avenue Portland, OR 97220</p>

Respectfully submitted,
 Alesia J. Reese
 Chair, East Portland Parks Coalition