

Attendees:

Paul Anthony, Humboldt
Steve Cole, Irvington
Ken Peterson, Grant Park
Garlynn Woodsong, Concordia
Sue Glenn, Portland Parks & Recreation North Zone Manager
Claire Adamsick, NECN Committees Coordinator

General discussion with Sue Glenn on Capital Improvement Projects

Garlynn (Concordia) thought Alberta park playground equipment was already replaced; Sue thought that was a part of the lead abatement program and not the project on the CIP list.

Northeast Portland has more splash pads than any other part of the city; Alberta park splash pad, Fernhill (reclaimed water) and Grant Park are all listed CIPs.

Initial priorities among Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) list:

- Alberta, Fernhill and Grant Park: Splash pad improvements
- Sullivan's Gulch Trail concept plan: can NECN neighbors help advocate to move this development forward? The trail would serve as a bike highway into the city, and the following considerations are key:
 - residential growth in the Lloyd District
 - safety considerations
 - developing a park/green space in trail segments 1 and 2

Other Proposed Inner North/Northeast Parks Projects that could expand use:

- Irving Park: Perimeter trail/walking path
- Alberta, Grant and Irving Park: Improvements to OLA (off-leash area) for dogs
 - Better signage could promote compliance/appropriate use of designated areas
 - Bark and mulch could reduce muddiness
 - Interest in fenced-in off-leash areas
- Fernhill Park: Off-road Pump tracks for cyclists
- Dawson Park: Synthetic surface that would enhance ADA accessibility for Emmanuel Hospital and other users with disabilities

Potential new park in Humboldt:

The site of the current State Employment Office near the intersection of Alberta and Vancouver could fill a deficiency for neighbors who live between Unthank Park in Boise and Peninsula Park in Piedmont. There are physical barriers to accessing Peninsula Park and Unthank Park from either side of these parks, and according to data obtained in the North Williams Traffic Safety Project, there is a high concentration of children/youth living in this corridor.



**Parks Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2013, 1:00 – 2:00pm
NECN Office – Conference Room
DRAFT Minutes**

Question about SDC funding is there a standard that says that investments occur in the district/ area where development takes place? Shouldn't improvements be made close to areas of development where revenue is generated? (example: Grant Park Village)

Concluding thoughts

Even if 75% of Portland Parks and Recreation dollars are used for East Portland, NECN parks are heavily used and maintenance in our neighborhoods is still critical.

Parks and schools: PPS and the City of Portland worked out a collaborative agreement related to schools and parks earlier this year. Paul Anthony will share this report with subcommittee members.

If NECN does move forward with broader Parks outreach, the next meeting could tentatively be held in March 2014, which would allow for timely posting in neighborhood newsletters. The group supported a combined online/evening meeting effort.