

2023 Parks Committee Work Plan Draft 10-7-2022

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We also recognize that our committee can and must do more to work towards racial equity. We commit to educating ourselves and others about systemic and individual racism. We recognize that meetings need to be inclusive, once we can meet in person, we will continue to use Google Meet to increase access. We will endeavor to allow all voices to be heard and respected at our meetings and are working to establish ways for all

participants to communicate via hand signals etc.

- 1) **Advocate for:**
 - a. Dog Park Under Thurman Street Freeway rampage (\$750,000
 - b. Slabtown Park (in partnership with NWDA Planning Committee)
 - c. Access to swimming: Seeking a public pool in NW, support other communities on PDX seeking to retain public pools
 - d. SDC funds – retention/use in our community- increased density population underserved
 - e. Vaux Swift: Mediate to mitigate impact of crowds (fall)
 - f. Restroom Access in Parks and Public Spaces
 - g. Water feature at Wallace Park (Friends of Wallace Park will partner if the PPR support)
- 2) **Arbor Day Friday April 28th** Kickoff Event for Neighborhood Engagement
 - a. Lunch Time Tree Map Distribution at Couch Park
 - b. PM event at Friendly House
- 3) **Fundraise for Summer Concerts**
 - a. The NW Parks Concerts are not part of *Summer Free For All* This has been the practice since the 2016- time frame. Goal is not to create huge city wide draw goal is to engage our community
 - b. Funding for 2022 must be submitted by April 1, 2022 – funding submitted after April 1 2022 will be accrued for the following year concert funding.
 - c. Work with communications committee to market events, post our minutes, engage community to be active volunteers in our activities.
 - d. Reach out to local businesses for donations for promotional engagement
- 4) **Events and Concerts – Events are NWDA not “Parks” events**

Estimating \$2,000 needed per event (funds & in-kind) plus any marketing costs
Asking NWDA Treasure to Present Proposed Budget and track and present to NWDA board monthly income and expenses on Park dedicated funds

 - a. Need to raise awareness of Concerts to promote attendance
 - b. All NWDA Committee and SAC should be at events to engage community
 - c. Secure Permits for locations, permits for sound, permits for licensed songs
 - d. Secure Bands, Sound Engineers, Rose City Rollers (Including W9s as needed)
 - e. Secure stage generators
 - f. Secure Insurance for dates in this work plan from NWNW
 - g. Advertise in NW Examiner – including kickoff Arbor Day event

5) **Track PP&R Budget**

- a. Is the NW community getting a fair share of the city budget on a per capita basis?
- b. Are SDCs and Levy funds being spent in our community equitably (account for equity sharing at we getting 33% of what our community contributes?)
- c. Are our parks usable and safe. Couch Park is PPS property encourage PPS & PPR to engage.
- d. Engage and Advocate with City Commissioner and staff managing this PP&R Bureau

6) **Support NW Playground & Dog Park utilization and upkeep**

- a. Encompasses New Couch Park, Chapman School Park/Wallace
- b. Ensure ongoing park maintenance and updates as needed
- c.. Response: Report to PDX parkscan(pdxparkscan.org) for city update

7) **Meetings** First Monday of the Month at 4pm At Monthly meetings provide a neutral opportunity for opposing group dialog to address Park issues

8) **Work in Partnership with Friends Of Wallace Park**

- a. Help Promote their quarterly Solv Park Clean Ups

9) **Monitor plans for Slabtown/Conway property redevelopment** to include a park and recreational facility

a. Partner with NWDA Planning Committee

- i. Planning Committee to engage city/developers to confirm the park presence
- ii. Parks Committee to lead recommendations to City for park layout and development in partnership with planning committee

b. Response:

- i. Monitor process and then act on planning activity when Park placement confirmed

Important Dates & Details

Monthly Meetings:

Meetings will be in the First Monday of each month on Google Meets

Meetings will be from 4:00 PM- 5:00 PM On Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85396094986?pwd=SkRZSEdsTGQxYIRqMytUK09ZeXZvZz09>

Intend to have all NWDA Parks Minutes, approved Work Plan posted on NWDA Website and in Google Drive Summer Concert

Contracts, permits and promotion templates will be kept in DropBox for access as needed

Events/Concerts Proposed: Call to action for all NWDA board/committees to Attend (put in work plans!!!).

Spring &/or Fall 2023 Roller Skating event Montgomery Park Warehouse

April 28, 2022 Arbor Day Events (Couch Park, and Friendly House)

Live Music 6pm -:7:30pm tabling information 30minutes prior and 30 minutes post music

8-3-2023 First Thursday in August National Night Out/ Party On Portland Couch Park

8-10-2023 Second Thursday in August Wallace Park

8-17-2023 Third Thursday in August Wallace Park

8-24-20223Fourth Thursday in August Potential Gospel Choir Highlight Legacy Good Sam Hospital