

## **Present Participants**

Keith Baich Explore Washington Park  
Erin Bird Explore Washington Park  
Becky Schreiber - Hoyt Arboretum  
Danny Dunn - Portland Parks and Recreation  
Sofia Chavier - Ranger, Portland Parks and Recreation  
Adam Newman - Portland Japanese Garden  
Erica Luke - Oregon Zoo, Public Safety Lead  
Ian Stewart - TriMet Manager, Security and Emergency Management

## **Introductions**

Committee members introduced themselves and their positions

## **Venue/Partner Updates**

### **Hoyt**

Vehicle break-ins are on the rise again, we are keeping an eye on this again. Have heard reports of after-hours issues, that have been mentioned recently. Curious when ranger hours will expand again.

### **PJG**

Next month on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, the service road will be block due to a major tree removal. Should likely not impact traffic on Kingston.

### **TriMet**

Training safety exercise coming up on the TriMet Plaza, looking at November 5<sup>th</sup> for this training and exercise.

## **PP&R/Ranger Update**

Most recently a lot of coyotes in the park, and possibly putting up some informational signs up in the park to warn visitors.

*Question (Becky):* Mostly rangers spotting coyotes?

*Answer (Danny):* Mostly Park staff so far.

*Question:* Audubon society has great coyote urban info.

*Comment (Erica):* Also seen on Zoo grounds, but mostly juveniles it looks like.

*PP&R (Sofia):* Common in Washington Park, and Parks all over. ODFW deals with Coyotes, we don't worry too much about until they start to bother people. They generally will stay away from people, but they could have interactions with dogs, and that is where the real concern

comes into play. ODFW would likely kill and trap the animal if it is reported. Likely also call the Audubon society and they can give resources and be more helpful.

The link to the Audubon resource page is listed below (Rangers and other people who see Coyotes should think about reporting it on their tracker, found on this page):

<https://audubonportland.org/our-work/rehabilitate-wildlife/having-a-wildlife-problem/coyote/>

### **Exclusions**

Currently, the well-known exclusion that we have is Jackson Sizemore, who continues to appear. He has another 180-day exclusion from 3/11. No new answers unfortunately, the deal is that he will just keep coming through the park. Usually, he does leave when someone makes contact with him. Sometimes he comes with his stick, but also sometimes without. Police were called for him recently and he was escorted out of the park, they will likely not arrest him for trespassing. We don't know an exact location of where he is staying, if anyone does please let Rangers/PP&R know, because then we would get him resources at his residence.

*Question (Becky):* Hoyt staff was involved last summer, when he was arrested. Are there any updates from the DA or the Police?

*Answer (Sofia):* Don't have an answer but if you have a case number I can follow up to see where it is.

No other major exclusions in the park.

### **Additional Incidents**

Nothing super out of ordinary, but there are a few other incidents we can report on.

- Vehicle that drove into L&C memorial and had to be removed.
- Ranger Johnson reunited lost visitor with their group.
- Fence cut at Maintenance Facility
- Aggressive attack on ranger vehicle: when making contact with someone who looked like they were going to break into a vehicle. Good reminder, when making contacting with someone always think about how that is going to go. Thankfully the ranger was not attacked, but remembering that all field staff can be in these situations. Know what your surrounds look like to keep your staff safe.
- Landslide on 4T trail, that trail is still closed. ODOT has to figure out how to repair this.
- Trip and fall injury at the RG

*Question (Sofia):* We do have a question for the Zoo about what happened with the assault at the Zoo store.

*Answer (Erica):* Someone came in from TriMet station, and began stealing from the Patagonia display. An employee tried to stop them and a struggle ensued the employee was pushed down

and injured, but they seem to be doing okay now. After that he left the Zoo area and seemed to go back towards the TriMet plaza. He did seem like he was aggressive. Zoo staff reported on Group Me right away about the incident. The individual was not seen again.

### **Weather**

Crazy weather has been all over the place, winter still here. Please be careful when driving if there is a lot of hail or even ice/snow in the mornings.

### **Park Ranger Schedule**

We do have rangers in the park now late, so there will be more coverage. That will be 7 days a week, starting yesterday. PP&R will send out info and introductions as some of them are new to the program.

### **Camps**

Don't have a lot of camping going on in the park. Rangers make contact and then those people don't return.

*Comment/Question (Keith):* Right that Jackson Sizemore is consistent, also CJ is still excluded, is that right? Want to point out to folks to follow the protocol at your organizations. And letting people know and then reporting if you see them with photos with possible.

*Comment (Becky):* Strategies about the car break-in problem. Hoyt does laps around parking lot to have visible staff out in the parking lot. Because they are sad to deal with.

*Comment (Sofia):* Try to have good presence and signage and unfortunately there is a lot of opportunity when people leave bags in cars. Kind of the way that things are in the city in general. Going to continue to be an annoying issue.

*Question (Becky):* Question about coverage, ranger wonderful at responding to help visitors that are impacted. Does that mean there is no coverage in other areas of the park?

*Answer (Sofia):* Usually more than one ranger around, and if there is a situation when there is a bigger situation, they can call for more help and coverage as well. On big busy days they can call for more coverage. If you do have a couple of rangers in the park, they can back each other sometimes that that might mean that they get backed up.

*Comment (Keith):* Individuals in this group could go back to the details that your events teams send out, or even specific tickets, looking at what information is on the ticketing pages. We could give feedback to other people in our organizations to try and better ready guests/visitors. Just an example of something that we could do. If we can cut off the supply of readily available items, we can attack this program from multiple directions.

*Comment (Sofia):* Good to over message, but striking balance, we don't want to scare people about it.

*Comment (Becky):* Most Portlanders do have that message, but tourists don't really know that.

*Question (Adam):* When do rangers leave the park now with the extended hours?

*Answer (Sofia):* Midnight

*Question (Adam):* Cameras? Currently at the turn outs?

*Answer (Danny):* Only one camera, currently at L&C memorial. The next day we are hoping to revisit it is Memorial Day.

*Question (Adam):* Connect with PPB, have we thought about putting a bait car in the park?

*Answer (Sofia):* PPB most likely does not have the capacity right now, unfortunately. But I can ask, I am happy to ask at the next meeting I have with them.

### **EWP Update**

Opportunity to look at EWP missing person's protocol. Trying to bridge gap across different organizations. With the awareness that each organization has its own missing person protocols. The need to work across organizations; for example, if a missing person might be in PJG but also said they were going to the TriMet station across the park. Therefore, there will be couple different areas of the park to search in. Shared it with this group and had no feedback.

Would love feedback from this group to make sure that we have it right on the protocol

Headed towards peak season, things will be getting busier in the park. There will be a lot less empty/less used area of the park. That can be helpful at times, with more people out, so that is something to consider.

### **Next Steps**

Reviewing Missing Persons Protocol

Setting up next meeting date