

Participants:

- Nina Avila. Education Programs Manager, Hoyt Arboretum -
- Keith Baich: Deputy Director, Explore Washington Park -
- Danny Dunn: Operations Manager, Portland Parks and Recreation -
- Charetta Long: The Oregon Zoo -

Partner Updates:

PP&R Parking Program

Not many of the parking passes for Washington Park Access Pass program are being used. Although Nina/Hoyt is using a few. Open to work with it however it works with people. As we don't use it, it will be difficult to continue to use it in the future. Danny expressed that he does like the program, as long as people find it interesting and start to use it.

There is a shift in supervision in the Ranger Program. Hoping to get a little more support on the backend for customer service. For example, when they put the wrong digit in the plate number space. PBOT does one-time waivers, and/or waves the first citation, if there is proof that there was an attempt at payment. Hoping to have some help with that in the future. The goal is to improve the visitor experience.

Comment (Keith): We do plan on using those parking access passes for upcoming opportunities, for example event (Viva NW). Our goal is to use these passes to better host unrepresentative groups.

Question (Keith): I have thought about scholarship for rental spaces for PP&R spaces if that would be a possibility.

Answer (Danny): PP&R does have the general Access Pass program system wide. Is there value in rental spaces for under representative groups, is a something we can explore.

Hoyt

Hoyt and Nina have used some of the parking access codes, they have given out more than have been used. And they are planning to share more with the Lorax screening that will take place in the Arboretum near the VVM. These access passes will be a good way to get more people to visit the park for this event.

Hoyt Arboretum is continuing to build connections with different community groups. They are trying to see what their needs are and then try to meet those needs. Hoyt has shared some information to community groups about the new TriMet Pass program.

Hoyt Arboretum has started affinity group outdoor classes, had a good attendance for the LGBT+ group. Will be starting a BIPOC yoga group in July. Will be looking to find ways to make safe welcoming spaces for all groups. We are also working on accessibility language for all of our programs. That way visitors know they are welcome and know upfront what is happening.

Zoo

The Zoo is looking into creating an affinity space for healing and training opportunities, using a research-based approach. Charetta was wondering if anyone on this call would be interested in partnering together as a park wide opportunity instead of just Oregon Zoo? One of the challenges of this, is working with community planning, and not having a big public facing space. The space(s) need to be accessible. Another goal is looking to build a community partner space as well. The Zoo can work with partners to

bring more people to the park in general. Charetta state she is interested in learning more about the Parking Access codes.

Comment (Danny): I will follow up and get those codes sent over to you and others.

EWP

EWP has finalized the RTO grant and will allow us to give TriMet passes to underserved audiences to visit Washington Park. There will be a lot of passes (\$60,000 worth) that EWP can give out over 2 years. The grant requires EWP to do a little bit of reporting, to see how the TriMet passes are use and where. EWP will aggressively make sure that a good portion of these tickets will go to our partners and the outside organizations they are working with.

If Partners are interested in receiving tickets, please connect with Keith. He will need to know about how many you will need and the audiences and organizations you are working with. EWP will then be using TriMet data to see how these tickets are being used. This is a good opportunity to present transportation options for park guests. Keith has some more information that he can send out to partners.

Comment/Question (Nina): Any information that you may have would be good. We would love to share more information with community partners.

Comment (Keith): We have an online portal that behaves on an honor system. Grant interested in us trying that and then testing the numbers. This whole process may evolve over these two years.

EWP is continuing to work with Viva NW. Viva NW as a group is interested in getting their community outdoors. In 2022 they had an event around Father's Day. This year they will be doing something different and have an end of summer, back to school type event in August. They will be hosted at the WFC and they did receive one of the WFC scholarships. As Keith and EWP help with this event more information will be sent out to partners.

EWP DEI plan

EWP has worked on creating a new DEI Plan (draft). This was sent out to partners for review. The committee had a discussion of the draft. Nina/Hoyt have provided feedback already. Charetta/Zoo is going to get EWP in-depth feedback by next Tuesday. Danny has provided some feedback. He voiced concerns about why we didn't do shuttle program in 2021 when it was first presented. Questions were voiced about how he was torn by the speed of this. Big fan of us getting stuff done, but doesn't want us to miss opportunities and think things through.

From here was a good conversation regarding the scope of the plan and whether or not it is do-able, aspirational, or both.

Keith stated he wants to try and move us forward as it is a priority, but yes, without getting ahead of ourselves. To work at a deliberate but with good pace. He wants this plan to propel us forward and not yet limit us. That these are good programmatic plans we want to pilot but they are not exhaustive, and other ideas and thoughts will come up and we should discuss those in DEI Committee meetings. Charetta stated that that is good, and that it is okay to have aspirational pieces in this plan, and maybe we should add some more.

DEI Plan Brainstorming: What can we look at to help people once they are here in the park?
Transportation resources, and exploratory ideas.

Scooters in the park
Wheelchair program in the Zoo
Off trail wheelchair program

Committee members had a conversation about the DEI plan draft and about what might be nice to add to the plan. Includes was the above brainstorming session that focused on internal park transportation resources. This is a beginning scoping phase, and are good ideas to add to the plan.

Question (Charetta): It is good to know where the limits are. What is off the table?

Answer (Danny): Scooters are currently not in the park, okay to talk about that maybe in the future.

Question (Nina): What is the process for this new DEI plan? How it will go to the board? What will the board do with it?

Answer (Keith): The goal is to make sure the committee members know what the plan is and can give feedback, members can review it with other people in their organization and let their board member know about it. If the committee does a good job than we should know what the board will do upon reception in July.

Action Items:

- Learning about PP&R Access Pass
- EWP to resend DEI Plan draft to Charetta (Zoo), Tyler (WFC), Sarah (PJG) and Nathan (TriMet) with request/reminder for feedback by Tuesday June 27th.