

Fort Williams Park Foundation

Report to the Fort Williams Park Committee

August 18, 2016

Things have been fairly quiet as we've had our heads down, working on the Children's Garden.

Children's Garden

The drought has slowed progress on planting as the contractors have struggled to keep plants already in the ground watered. The Pond has been too low to draw water for irrigation, so our crews have used a garden hose from a water spigot. Last Friday, we were finally able to get a hydrant meter to put on a hydrant and refill the Pond. This week, we are installing a sub-meter and water line from the Town's water main to the Children's Garden.

The FWPF Board recognizes that, while the FWAC had seen the granite slide, mentioned last month, in earlier drawings for the Children's Garden, it was not part of the final plan approved by the FWAC. The Board would like to ask the FWAC (now FWPC) for their approval before proceeding with the donor. A drawing is attached which shows the original location for the slide and the location now proposed. The slide will be about 20' long and follow the slope of the hill. A picture of the granite slab which would be used for the slide is also attached. It would be polished down the center to make it smooth enough for sliding.

Cliff Walk Landscape

Total Granted Requests: 2 for a total of \$7,000

Total Pending Requests: 7 (\$285,000 requested)

Total Planned Requests: 10 (Minimum \$187,300 to be requested)

Arboretum Activities

Children's Garden

The project will be completed by the end of the month.

The grand opening of the Children's Garden is scheduled to take place on Friday, Sept. 9 at 4:30 PM.

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Nothing new.

Volunteers

Volunteers have recently begun helping with the planting of perennials, grasses and groundcovers in the Children's Garden.