



**Development and Volunteer  
Citizen Advisory Committee  
4 p.m. Thursday, Mar. 23, 2022**

In-person and virtually via WebEx  
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

**Committee members**

- X Kelly Brown – Chair/The Friends of Manito Park
- Greg Connolly – Friends of Spokane Skate Parks (Absent)
- X Trevor Finchamp – Friends of The Bluff
- X Lindsey Shaw – Community Assembly representative/Logan Neighborhood and Northeast Spokane
- X Cole Taylor – Friends of Riverfront Park
- X Lee Williams – Friends of Coeur d 'Alene Park
- X Paul Lindholdt – Friends of the Palisades

**Park Board Members**

Bob Anderson  
Jennifer Ogden

**Park staff**

Fianna Dickson  
Kris Behr

**Guests**

Dan Shafer

**Minutes**

- A. **Call to order/introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by committee chair Kelly Brown.
- B. **Discussion items**
1. Friends groups upcoming events/volunteer support – Kelly Brown
    - a. Coeur d'Alene Park – Lee Williams shared their regular meetings will start up in April, focusing on securing volunteers for events. Along with the Spokane Parks, they just submitted a request to the legislature for funds to improve the park and should be hearing something soon.
    - b. The Palisades – Paul Lindholdt shared the annual Palisades Park cleanup will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Earth Day, April 22 with a coffee/juice and donuts gathering beforehand and will be meeting at the corner of Basalt and Greenwood. There is an ongoing Spokane River clean-up. He stated he published a book in 2018, "The Spokane River" and all proceeds go to support the Spokane River Keeper. He also shared there is a group working out of Airway Heights proposing to use natural storm swales to dispose of dirty water. They are forming a working group to slow or stop that process.
    - c. The Bluff – Trevor Finchamp shared the Brush on the Bluff event will be taking place May 20<sup>th</sup>. They are also working on trail maps on the bluff.
    - d. Manito Park – Kelly Brown shared their plant sale is June 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by their art festival on June 10<sup>th</sup> and may be seeking volunteers, to be determined. The Friends of Manito just went through a major rebranding.
    - e. Bob Anderson, Park Board president and member of the DVC and DVCAC shared there was a Park Board retreat recently where exciting Expo+50 updates were presented.
    - f. Jennifer Ogden, Park Board member and chair of the Riverfront Park committee, shared

the Friends group is working on further recognition of King Cole, who was instrumental in creating the beautiful downtown park. Havemale Island, near the King Cole Bridge was selected as the site for a commemorative structure. The artist RFP was sent out with an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

2. Friends of Coeur d'Alene (CdA) Park "The Park is the Heart" presentation – Lee Williams
  - a. Lee shared the historic CdA Park is showing its age. The Friends group and Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council is working together to restore this park. A comprehensive master plan was formed and approved by Park Board in 2015 and is a working document.
  - b. A few accomplishments of this group include: a 125<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration; the offering of 8 concerts per year in the park; established a fiscal sponsorship with the Innovia Foundation; established an endowment fund with a current balance of \$30,000; launched a fundraising plan and hired a grant consultant and writer; substantially increased the Friends of membership.
  - c. CdA park is Spokane's first park, platted in 1883 and designed by the famous Olmstead Brothers. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2018. Although historic, it has endured disrepair and vandalism over the years.
  - d. The neighborhood consists of a higher-than-average amount of renter households with a lower-than-average median household income. There are 11.2% of the 1,977 households with children. The fact that a high number of residents do not have yards to play in, or income to support expensive recreational programs for themselves or their children is more reason to provide this no-cost opportunity for recreation, socialization, and health.
  - e. The formation of the master plan included input from both neighborhood children and adults contributing ideas and features for "their" park. Master Plan concepts include:
    1. Extending and enhancing the community's sense of place and self-image.
    2. An inviting gathering place.
    3. Greater access to movement in the park through better lighting, better defined entryways, safer paved walkways.
    4. More definition of recreational, architectural, and natural areas.
    5. Enhancement as both a peaceful destination and safe pass through.
    6. Strengthening the Olmstead's original goal.
    7. Expanding the integration into and beyond the neighborhood.
    8. Strengthening portions of the environment, supporting socially entertaining and personally introspective areas.
    9. Meet or exceed Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.
  - f. The Master Plan was originally a 12-phase approach, with the first phase complete: primary entryways at the north and south ends of the park. It has since been updated and grouped into four phases.
  - g. Phase 1 includes playground equipment, adult exercise equipment, paved trails on the perimeter and from each entryway, and the installation of a Portland Loo model restroom. 2015 estimate: \$401,000; 2023 estimate \$957,900.
    1. The existing playground is an aging wooden structure with bark ground cover, restricting disability access. Using the existing footprint will decreasing the cost. Playground inspectors have rated this at a 4-5, which is extremely poor.
    2. The existing restroom was built in the 1940's, are in poor working condition, and do not meet ADA requirements. They are often locked to prevent nefarious activity, and the deep eves are inviting for the homeless population.
    3. The trails are worn and difficult to traverse, with surface roots in numerous areas.

4. The CdA Master Plan is in alignment with the Spokane Parks Master Plan, identifying playgrounds, restrooms and soft trails and trailheads as a top priority.
- h. A safe, inclusive play area for children 2-5, as well as an area for children 5-12 is proposed. The children involved in the survey overwhelmingly liked a zip-line and spinning toys. The plan also includes an adult exercise equipment area, already in Mission and Rochester Heights Park, safe trails and walkways, and a unique restroom solution.
  1. The Portland Loo is all metal, discouraging graffiti, with no shelter access or overhangs, is designed to prevent overnight use or multiple occupants, blue lights to discourage drug use, and is ADA accessible.
- i. Estimated funding sources for the \$957,900 phase 1 project include \$475,000 from Parks, \$450 from public/private fundraising, and \$32,900 from fundraising events.
  1. Playground equipment for both age groups: \$300,000; adult exercise equipment: \$30,000; Portland Loo \$297,000; pathways (1,450' x 6') \$265,000 and (1,450' x 8') \$356,000.
- j. Phase 2 involves thinning the Ponderosa Pines, hardscape the gazebo, including an electrical upgrade, adding park furniture, including benches, tables, and garbage/recycling bins, and planning deciduous trees. The 2015 cost was \$401,000. The 2023 has not been determined.
  1. There are many volunteer pines, which have shallow root systems, prone to toppling in windstorms, and have cause excessive damage over the years.
  2. The pines that are removed will be replaced by deciduous trees, which meet water conservation element of the Spokane Parks Master Plan.
  3. The existing, crumbling gazebo will be replaced with a new structure with two sections, a performance area and a patio for relaxing.
  4. The park furniture is worn, with chipping wood and paint.
- k. Phase 3 includes a picnic area and picnic shelter, completion of the east and west entrance upgrades, and an upgrade and relocation of the tennis courts, adding both pickleball and basketball courts. The 2015 cost estimate was \$239,000. The 2023 estimate has not been determined.
- l. Phase 4 includes the trail completion to Latah Creek, plantings to prevent further trail erosion, discouraging bike use, and an allée of deciduous trees on Third Blvd. leading to Overlook Park. The cost estimate in 2015 was \$75,000 and has not been updated for 2023 yet.
- m. The Phase 1 timeline, provided funding is received from the state legislature, needs to be completed within the fiscal year. If the project can begin fall of 2023, the anticipated completion would be July of 2024. If this is too quick or unfeasible, the Friends of CdA and Browne's Addition would like to see a plan with the Park Board as to when certain phases could be done to assist with fundraising efforts.
- n. In summary, the proposal aligns with the Spokane Parks Master Plan; provides investment in the health of children and adults in a high-need neighborhood; preserves Spokane's first historic park; assists in recruiting and supporting local business.
- o. In closing, their request is full collaboration with Spokane Parks and the Spokane community to realize the vision of a high quality, safe park for the neighborhood and community; join in the vision for a park aligning with the Parks Master Plan; funding to realize the vision-planned timelines for completion.
- p. Following Lee's presentation, Bob explained that there is currently no money available to a large renovation project as such, but that Park Board is working towards creative solutions to not only be able to restore the parks, but to be able to continue to maintain them. He explained the difference between a bond and a levy, in that a levy is more sustainable, whereas a bond would be for a short-term capital project. He also

mentioned the possibility of tapping into the luxury tax. He also indicated that the Parks Master Plan was primarily driven by the citizens desires. He feels that it may be time to go back to those citizens and ask for the funding to initiate those desires.

**C. Standing reports**

1. EXPO+50 overview – Kelly Brown
  - a. Matt Santangelo is busy working the many stakeholders on this event and he has an intern working on the creation of a master calendar. Bob shared that Matt provided an email address of [SpokaneExpo@gmail.com](mailto:SpokaneExpo@gmail.com) and will be looking for volunteers soon. A public survey will go out in early May.
2. DVCAC membership update – Kelly Brown
  - a. Happy to have Paul joining the group. There are still a few vacancies to fill.
3. DVCAC project presentations – Kelly Brown
  - a. Nothing to report.

C. **Next meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting is 4 p.m. Apr. 27, 2023, in-person at City Hall and virtually via WebEx.

D. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

# The Park is the *Heart*

Plan for Historic Coeur d' Alene Park  
Browne's Addition Neighborhood



## **OUR MISSION**

Our Mission is to stimulate public participation and facilitate historic and ongoing preservation and improvement of Browne's Addition parks through collaboration, stewardship, and fundraising.



The Friends of  
**COEUR  
D'ALENE  
PARK**

*Browne's Addition, Spokane*

# History

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- Spokane's First Park
- Platted in 1883
- The City officially accepted the gift of the park in 1891 from JJ Browne and AM Cannon

<https://properties.historicspokane.org>





# A Picture of the Past

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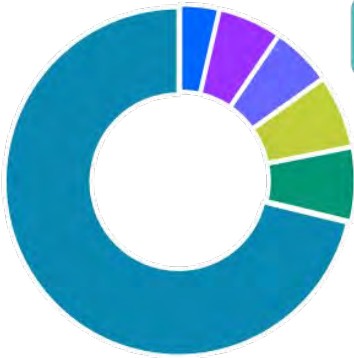
## Coeur d'Alene Park.

The Olmsted Brothers introduced Spokane's leaders to the idea that a healthy happy public went hand-in-hand with quality parks and a larger open space system. Today, that early valuing of parks is seen throughout the 2015 Comprehensive Plan in the frequency with which parks, green open spaces, and natural systems are called for and supported.





## RACE AND ETHNICITY<sup>1</sup>



- American Indian + AK Native, %
- Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 6.2%
- Black or African American, 5.9%
- Latinx, 7.1%
- Two or more races, 7.2%
- White, 74.8%



A photo of the Browne's Addition Neighborhood 'Welcome' sign

# Browne's Addition

## Who Are We?

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

2,959

Total Population<sup>1</sup>

1,977

Total Households<sup>1</sup>

11.2%

Households with Children<sup>3</sup>

## BROWNE'S<sup>1</sup> CITYWIDE<sup>2</sup>

Renter households	86.4%	45.3%
People age 19 and under	8.8%	21.9%
People age 65 and over	11.8%	14.5%

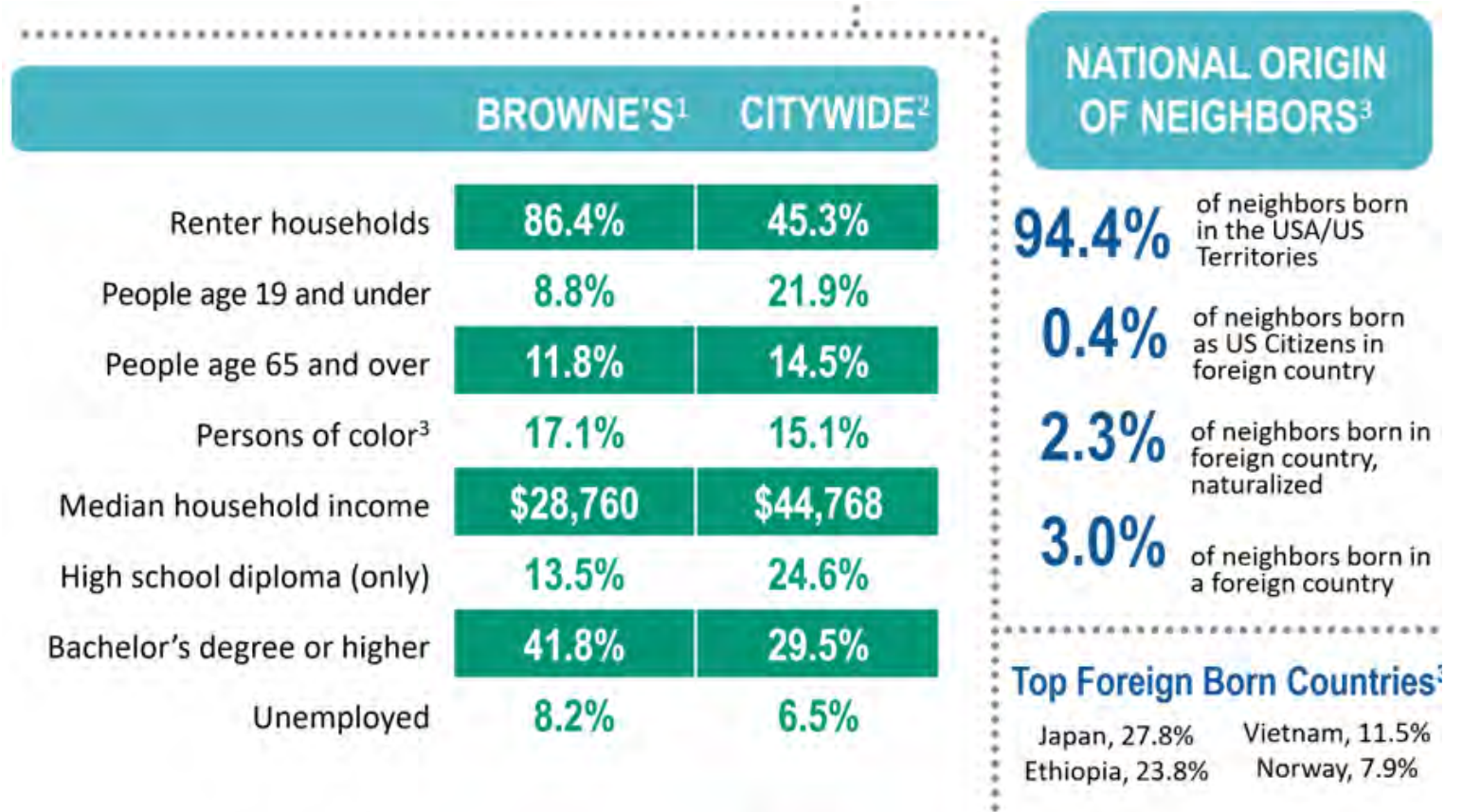
## NATIONAL ORIGIN OF NEIGHBORS<sup>3</sup>

**94.4%** of neighbors born in the USA/US Territories

**0.4%** of neighbors born as US Citizens in foreign country

# Browne's Addition

# Who Are We?





"Summer 2015"

# Coeur d'Alene Park

## MASTER PLAN

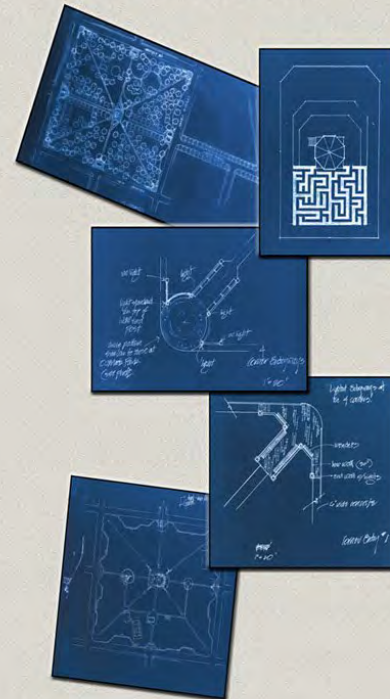
Valuing  
the Past



Living  
in the Present



Planning  
for the Future



Prepared with assistance from:

*"Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park & Browne's Addition Neighborhood Association"*

# Comprehensive Master Plan

- Browne's Addition Community established this plan through an inclusive process with the neighborhood residents between 2013-2015
- The Plan was approved by the Spokane City Park Board **October 8, 2015**

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/boards/spokane-park-board/minutes/2015/10/spb-minutes-2015-10-08.pdf>

# Master Plan Concepts

Extend and enhance the community's sense of place and the neighborhood's self-image

A gathering place that invites people to become involved with and provides access to nature

Provide greater access into and movement through the park; better defined primary and secondary entryways, paved, well-lit pathways

Separation of passive and active areas of recreation as experienced in more defined naturalistic and architectural settings, respectively

Enhance the park as both a destination and pass through, a place to go for physical and social activities or traverse as a pass-through to more urban parts of the city or more natural surrounding open space systems

Enhance the park's two primary forms of relaxation: a more naturalistic environment, east to west across the northern portion of the park, and a complex of inclusive, active play and recreational activities east to west across the southern portion of the park

Strengthen the Olmsted's goal of providing access to a green environment that contributes to the health and welfare of the general public

Expand the park's integration into and beyond the neighborhood

Strengthen portions of park environment to welcome and support socially entertaining and personally introspective opportunities

Meet or exceed requirements for Americans Disabilities Act;




# Phased Master Plan 2015

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## Appendix B: Action Plan & Cost Estimated Worksheet

This page can be used to relate potential costs to available funding. This Action Plan's phasing sequence and costs may vary with changing technology, social and economic pressures, and local and regional politics. Prepared by City of Spokane Park Operations Division, 10.23.2015.

	Low Estimate	High Estimate
Phase 1: Primary Entryway 	\$ 55,000	\$ 75,000
Phase 2: Perimeter Walk and Exercise Stations	\$ 37,000	\$ 50,000
Phase 3: Secondary Entryways	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 4: Thinning of Ponderosa Pines	\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000
Phase 5: Allée	\$ 37,000	\$ 50,000
Phase 5a: Third Avenue Boulevard Planting	\$ 23,000	\$ 31,000
Phase 6. Gazebo/Bandstand Hardscape	\$ 185,000	\$ 250,000
Phase 7: Adult, Youth, and Youngster Play Areas	\$ 185,000	\$ 250,000
Public Restroom Upgrades	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000
Phase 7a: Park Furniture	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 8: Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter	\$ 120,000	\$ 163,000
Phase 9: Bus Stop- West Fourth Avenue & South Hemlock Street	\$ 14,000	\$ 19,000
Phase 10: Park Furniture	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 11: Overlook Park	\$ 55,000	\$ 75,000
Phase 12: Irrigation	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 550,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,686,000	\$ 3,384,000





NORTH



WEST SECOND AVENUE

SOUTH HEMLOCK STREET

SOUTH SPRUCE STREET

SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET

WEST THIRD AVENUE

Overlook Park

COMMERCIAL AVENUE STREET

WEST FOURTH AVENUE

Exercise Station

Exercise Station

Parental Floating Beds

Relaxation Area

Relaxation Area

Exercise Station

Parental Floating Beds

Relaxation Area

Exercise Station

Parental Floating Beds

Open Space

Park Shelter

Exercise Station

Park Area

Meeting Area

Meeting Area

Open Space

Exercise Station

Community Center

Health & Wellness Center

Exercise Station

Cafeteria Entrance

Cafeteria Entrance



# PHASE 1

- Playground Equipment
- Adult Exercise Equipment
- Paved Trails on the perimeter of the park, and paved trails from each of the entrances (currently there are 4) to the Gazebo
- Install a new Portland Loo Model Restroom adjacent to the play and recreation area.

*Cost per 2015: \$401,000    Current 2023 cost: \$957,900*



# Phase 1: Playground Equipment

- Paved Pathway Improvements for accessibility and walkability
- Playground Improvement is developmentally appropriate & accessible



## Phase 1: Restrooms

- Restrooms Addition for a safe, clean and ADA Accessible restroom

# City of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan

**66% of those surveyed favored a focus on renovating, enhancing existing parks and nature trails**

- **Top Tier Recommendations:**
  - Restrooms
  - Playgrounds
  - Soft Trails and Trailheads

**70% of respondents site a lack of functioning restrooms, trash bins, and lighting was an issue**





# City of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan

- **GOAL A. SERVING THE UNDER-RESOURCED**

*We focus on creating prosperity with equitable park development and targeted outcomes that uplift people. We cherish our special landscape with a strong environmental ethic.*

- **GOAL B. INLAND NORTHWEST LIVING**

*At the heart of this plan are two guiding principles that reflect the values of the residents of Spokane: preserve and play. A nod to both the region's historic conservation efforts and contemporary desire to mitigate the effects of climate change, preservation is woven into each theme, goal, and strategy.*

- ✓ **GOAL G. PARKS FOR ALL**

- **GOAL K. MAINTAIN AND CARE GOAL**

- **GOAL L. FUNDING FUTURES**

# Current Status of the Park





# Current Condition of Trails







## CONDITIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

Sleeping bags, blankets, trash in park and in  
the neighborhood

People sleeping in the park





# Restroom Assessment

- Undesirable to general public
- Toilets and basins not in proper condition, unsanitary
- Layout contributes for potential for unhoused people camping
- Drug paraphernalia is present
- The structure does not lend itself to proper cleaning by park staff.

## 2-5 year Old Play Area



- Inaccessible – lack of ramps and appropriate equipment for small or disabled children, or care takers
- Graffiti present
- Wood in poor condition
- Some equipment failed or missing per assessment by City
- Little to no developmentally appropriate or modern play equipment



# Playground Equipment 5-12 years

- Wood containing splinters and sharp points
- Wood borders filled with wood chips- not accessible to disabled
- Lacking inclusive play features- for auditory, visual, physical, and creative play- the coolest or most desirable thing not accessible to all children



5-12 Year Old Play Area





# Playground Condition Summary

Beyond repair by staff maintenance and not  
inaccessible to all

Worn, poor and outdated lacking activities that  
promote developmental needs of the children

Surfaces beneath equipment are inaccessible to  
those with disabilities. Tripping hazards on  
perimeters

Graffiti present



Our Plans for  
Improving  
Accessibility,  
Safety and  
Promoting Health

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**Construct a safe,  
accessible play  
area for children  
2-5 years of age.**









Construct a safe, accessible play area for children 5-12 years of age.







Residents surveyed want to use walking and hiking trails



# A “Yard” for All Residents to Enjoy & Healthy Physical and Mental Health

- **People who have more access to green environments, such as parks and trails, tend to walk and be more physically active than those with limited access.**
- **The closer people live to a park and the safer they feel in the park, the more likely they are to walk or bike to those places and use the park for physical activity.**
- **Parks and trails that are well-designed offer many benefits.** They provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, improve mental health and provide a place where neighbors can meet.
- **Offers inclusive programs based that addresses barriers,** physical limitations of users, safety concerns, and cultural preferences.



**Add Exercise  
Equipment  
for Adult  
Health and  
Recreation**



# Adult Exercise Equipment

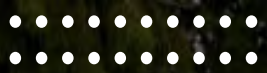
- 86% of our residents are renters, many of whom have limited incomes (per Office of Neighborhood Services Feb. 2020).
- CDC reports: The physical activity you get from walking and biking to parks can have both environmental and personal health benefits.
- Physical activity can help:
  - ✓ control your weight
  - ✓ reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease
  - ✓ reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes
  - ✓ reduce your risk for some cancers
  - ✓ strengthen your bones and muscles
  - ✓ improve your mental health and mood
  - ✓ improve your ability to do daily activities and prevent falls, if you're an older adult
  - ✓ increase your chances of living longer



# Accessible Areas for Adults

## **AMERICAN DISABILITY COMPLIANT:**

The park's walkways, not currently compliant with the American Disability Act,



# Unique Restroom Solution Portland Loo

- No access for shelter
- No overhangs for garbage to be left
- Prevents unsafe materials being left and using the restroom for overnight sleeping.
- Accessible for people with disabilities







### ***A Case for Green Space***

Frances Kuo of the University of Illinois conducted a study of 28 identical high-rise public housing projects. She found that people living near green spaces:

- Boasted a stronger sense of community
- Coped better with everyday stress and hardship
- Were less aggressive and less violent
- Performed better on tests of concentration
- Managed problems more effectively

# Funding Solution Estimates

## Phase 1

- Playground Equipment, Pathways, Restrooms, Adult Exercise Equipment

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Parks Funding</u>	<u>Public/Private Fundraising</u>	<u>Fundraising Events</u>
\$957,900.00	\$475,000	\$450,000	\$32,900

*Cost per 2015: \$340,000*

*Delays cost!*



# Cost Estimate: Phase 1

## Playground Equipment 2-5 and 5-12 years

- \$300,000

## Adult Exercise Equipment

- \$30,000

## Restrooms

- Portland Loo
- \$297,000

## Pathways

- 1,450lf path @ 6' wide: +/- \$265,000
- 1,450lf path @ 8' wide: +/- \$356,000

# PHASE 2

- Thinning of Ponderosa Pines
- Gazebo Hardscape (upgrade electrical)
- Park Furniture- benches, tables and garbage and recycling bins
- Planting Deciduous trees

*Cost per 2015: \$401,000*

*Cost per 2023- not yet updated*



# Thinning Ponderosa Pines

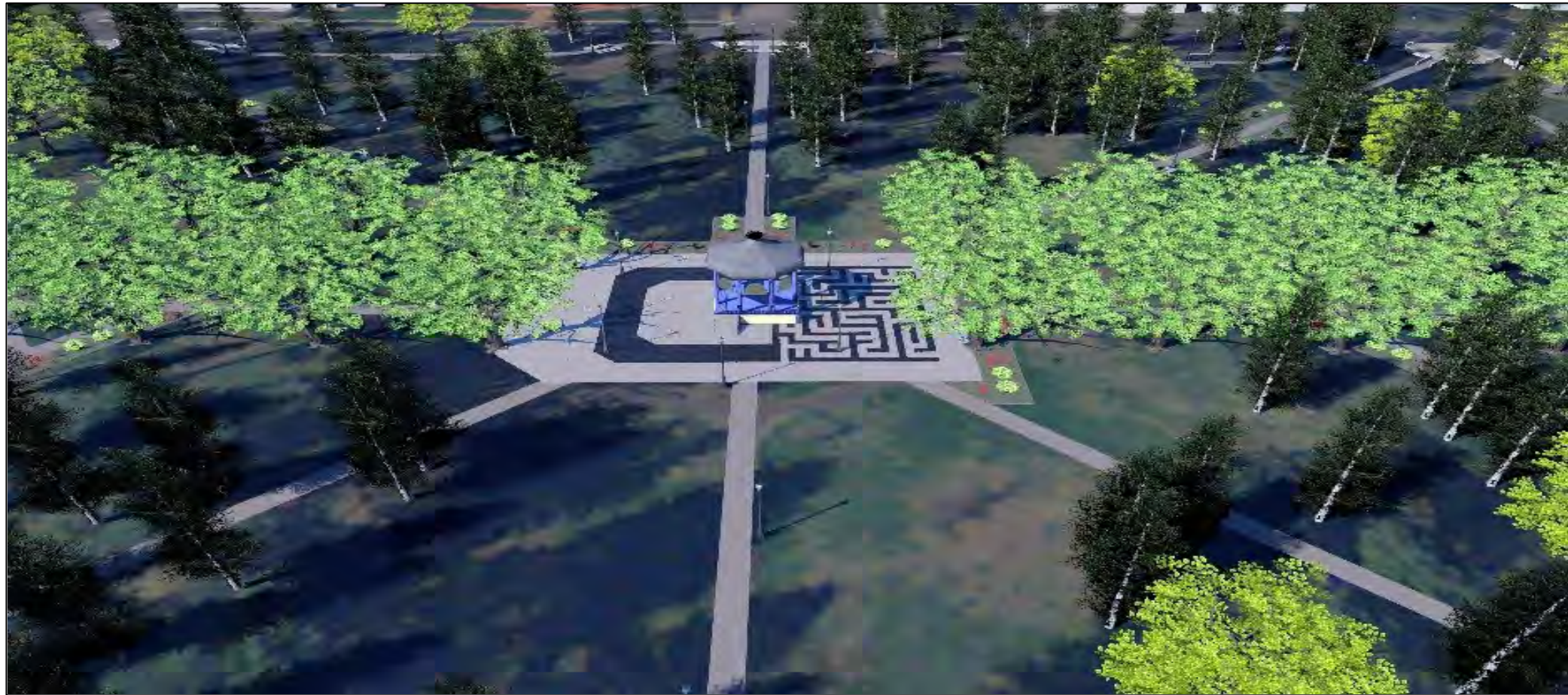






Current Gazebo Hardscape





# Planned Gazebo Hardscape





Current Park Furniture



Upgrade Park Furniture



# Planting Deciduous trees







View from the Lake



# Open Spaces

# PHASE 3

- Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter
- Completion of Upgrade of East and West Entrances to the Park
- Upgrade to relocate tennis/ adding pickleball to court and basketball court creating recreational area
- *Cost per 2015: \$239,000 Cost per 2023- not yet updated*



# Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter







Current East & West Entrances





# Entrances Reimagined



# Recreation Area





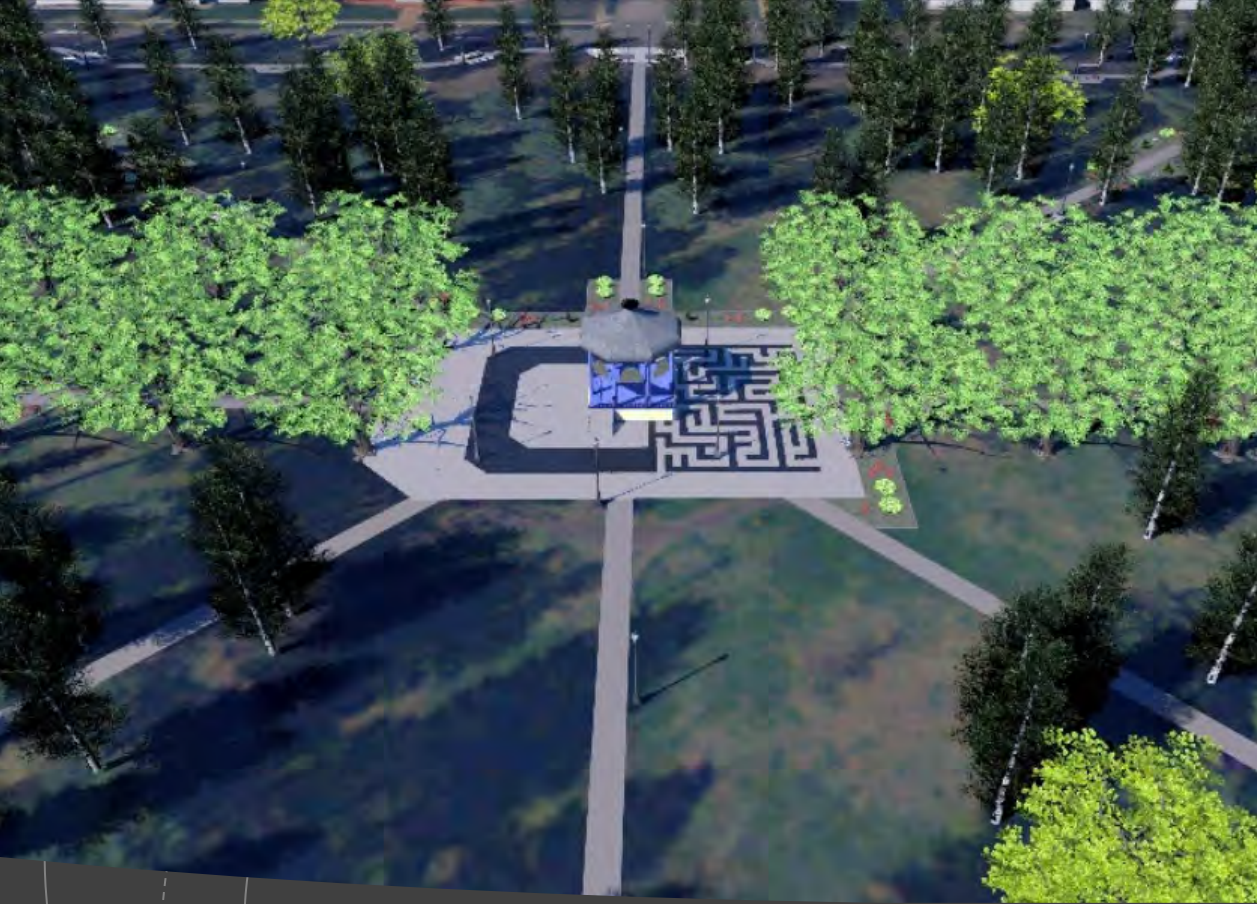
# PHASE 4

## Overlook Park

- Completion of trail to Latah Creek
- Plantings to prevent further erosion of the trail and discourage bike use
- Allee' of deciduous trees leading from Coeur d' Alene Park to Overlook Park

*Cost per 2015: \$75,000*

*Cost per 2023- not yet updated*



# Alle'e on Third Boulevard



# Overlook Park

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# Phase 1 Timeline

- ❖ Start Fall of 2023
- ❖ Complete by July 2024

*Schedule contingent on  
funding*



# Investment

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- Aligns with the City of Spokane Parks Master Plan
- Provides investment in the health of adults and children in a high need neighborhood
- Preserves Spokane's first historic park
- Assists in recruiting and supporting business



# Our Request



- Collaborations with the City of Spokane Parks and the Spokane Community to realize our vision of a high quality, safe park for our neighbors and community.
- Join in the vision for the park which aligns with the City Parks Master Plan
- Funding to realize the vision- planned timelines for completion



Trees are marvels of nature. They invest any landscape with a sense of permanence and character

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Larry Lederman

