



**Spokane Park Board
Development & Volunteer / Citizen Advisory
Committee**

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, 2023

In-person and WebEx virtual meeting
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

Committee members:

DVCAC:

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

DVC:

- X Jennifer Ogden – Chair/Park Board
- X Bob Anderson – Park Board
- Gerry Sperling – Park Board (*absent*)
- X Christina VerHeul – Park Board
- X Kelly Brown – Development & Volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee representative
- Julie Biggerstaff – Community Assembly representative (*absent*)
- Rick Romero – Member-at-large (*absent*)
- X Matt Antush – Member-at-large

Park staff

Fianna Dickson
Sarah Deatrich
Kris Behr

Guests

Jeff Lambert, Friends of the Bluff President

Minutes

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by DVCAC Committee chair Kelly Brown. See list above for attendance.
2. **DVCAC standing reports**
 - A. DVCAC membership update – Kelly Brown
 - Kelly and Jennifer will be connecting with a potential new DVCAC member from Friends of Spokane Disc Golf.
 - There is a potential new Friends group forming: Friends of Pickleball.
 - Jeff Lambert is the new President of Friends of the Bluff. Trevor Finchamp is fully

committed to serving the remainder of his term whether he co-represents with Jeff or represents another group. Fianna and Jennifer will examine term limits and suggest a course of action.

B. DVCAC member news – Kelly Brown

- Friends of the Bluff are hosting their annual benefit concert on Saturday, August 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Rocket Market. They are in search of volunteers to help set up & tear down from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/sLvsgUkGHkAmuWfZ6>.
- Friends of Manito are having their semi-annual plant sale on Saturday, August 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- On Thursday, August 31, Friends of Manito are partnering with Edible Inland NW and Vino! Wine to host Rosé in the Park which is a ticketed event in the Japanese Garden and limited to 100 participants. Find out more at roseinthepark.com.

C. EXPO+50 update – Kelly Brown

- Event and activation proposals from the pillar committees (i.e. Arts and Entertainment, Environmental, Legacy, etc.) are due on August 31, after which the committee chairs will then determine which events will move forward and pursuing funding sources. They plan to begin filling out the Expo events calendar in October.

3. Public comment

A. None

Jennifer introduced new DVC member, Matt Antush. Matt has been in Spokane since 1989 and spends time at parks almost every day. He comes with years of experience as an attorney and judge with the City of Spokane and will be a valuable addition to the committee.

Julie Biggerstaff will be vacating her position on the Community Assembly in December. As Julie represented the Liaison Committee of the Community Assembly, the course of action which will be needed for them to 'feed' a replacement member to the DVC is to be determined.

Gonzaga University is sponsoring a Logan neighborhood block party at Mission Park on September 15 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be music, food, and give aways and is free of charge. Find out more on the Logan Neighborhood Facebook page. Lindsey hopes this will inspire Gonzaga students to form a Friends of Mission Park group. Jennifer suggested reaching out to a group of students who were active in the Hope for Creation conference earlier this year. She feels their interest in environmentalism may include interest in our parks.

Jennifer spoke of the Galaxy software the Parks department uses to keep track of citizens interested in volunteering. Interested parties must locate opportunities themselves as we are unable to forward personal information to groups looking for assistance. She spoke of creating a dashboard page where volunteers could easily find upcoming volunteer opportunities. Fianna mentioned the spokaneparks.org/volunteer web page where citizens can find the current opportunities and suggested groups send information regarding their volunteer needs and we will post them to the page.

Lindsey advocated for the addition of a dog park at mission park to activate the space behind Whitter pool. She feels this would deter nefarious activity and make the space feel more safe. Bob explained the High Bridge dog park is being funded by the school district. Additional dog parks will require funding which would come from the levy, if passed. The final meeting of the Executive Committee is later this month, and the final draft will go to Park Board in September. Afterwards, it

must go to City Council for approval prior to going to ballot. The goal timeframe for the ballot is sometime in February. Levy discussions will be an item on the November DVC/CAC agenda.

4. DVC action items

A. None

5. DVC discussion items

A. None

6. DVC standing reports

A. Term Limits

Term limits will be examined to determine expirations and membership renewals and/or new memberships.

B. Unfinished business

The committee has been discussing adding a fundraising template to the toolkit. Jennifer spoke of generic examples online and suggested organizing a work group with Trevor Finchamp, whose business is related to this, to create a template.

The toolkit is in internal review, as is the template agreement. These include the application process for Adopt-A-Park and Park Friends groups and with several parties interested in joining the committee, the goal is to have all materials ready for new members.

The volunteer brochure is in final stages with graphic design.

There have been questions regarding use of Basecamp for DVC information sharing and Fianna will share a presentation at the September meeting.

The committee further discussed the levy and its importance for park improvements. Jennifer reiterated the importance of Friends groups working with the committee by reaching out to neighbors and businesses to find additional funding. Jeff Lambert asked how Friends groups could have input concerning levy funded park projects. Bob explained the need to establish the levy parameters first as this will determine the distribution of the funds towards specific projects. It has been suggested the DVC become the committee to help develop priorities, with the input of neighborhood districts, if the levy is passed.

7. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 4:30 p.m. September 20, 2023, in-person in The Hive events room B, and virtually via WebEx.