



**Spokane Park Board  
Development & Volunteer / Citizen Advisory  
Committee  
4:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
In-person and WebEx virtual meeting  
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications**

**Committee members:**

**DVCAC:**

- Kelly Brown – Chair/The Friends of Manito Park (*absent/excused*)
- X Jeff Lambert / ~~Trevor Finchamp~~ – Friends of the Bluff (4:26)
- Cole Taylor – Friends of Riverfront Park (*absent/excused*)
- Lee Williams – Friends of Coeur d 'Alene Park (*absent/excused*)
- X Paul Lindholdt – Friends of Palisades
- Stephen Williams – Spokane Disc Golf Club (*absent/excused*)

**DVC:**

- X Jennifer Ogden – Chair/Park Board
- X Bob Anderson – Park Board
- Gerry Sperling – Park Board (*absent/excused*)
- X Doug Kelley – Park Board
- Kelly Brown – Development & Volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee representative (*absent/excused*)
- Lindsey Shaw – Community Assembly representative (*absent/excused*)

**Park staff**

Fianna Dickson  
Sarah Deatrich

**Guests**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. by DVC Committee chair Jennifer Ogden. See list above for attendance.
2. **Public comment:** None
3. **DVCAC discussion items:**
  - A. None
4. **DVCAC standing reports:**

A. DVCAC member news – Jennifer Ogden for Kelly Brown

Friends of Palisades: Paul Lindholdt reported that they had their most successful cleanup event. The Friends and volunteers removed over 10 tons of refuse from the area! Also, botanist Rebecca Brown will lead a wildflower hike on June 11 at 7:00 p.m. Meet at the parking lot at the intersection of Greenwood Rd and Basalt St.

Friends of Manito: In Kelly's absence, Jennifer reported that the Friends are looking for volunteers for the Spring plant sale on June 1 and for the Art Fest on June 8.

Friends of the Bluff: Jeff Lambert reported that 35 artists are taking part in Brush on the Bluff this year. The event is at Polly Judd Park on Saturday, May 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and there will be fun activities and art projects by Greenplay for children. Approximately 1,500 people attended the event last year. Polly Judd Park is located at 14<sup>th</sup> Ave & the Bluff.

The Friends are having an art event at Barrister Winery on Friday, May 24. Paintings are sold at online auction and the artists and the Friends each receive 50% of the proceeds.

Interpretive signs are being placed and a kiosk is going in at Polly Judd.

The Friends are working with Angel Spell to get bids for their Rocket Gulch stairs project. Jennifer suggested the Eagle Scouts; however, the project is steep and involved and will require a licensed contractor.

B. Expo+50 update – Jennifer Ogden for Kelly Brown

Jennifer Ogden reported that the Expo 50 celebration is going very well. Check out the calendar of events at [www.visitspokane.com/expo-50](http://www.visitspokane.com/expo-50).

C. [Q1 volunteer report](#) – Fianna Dickson

25,131 hours donated by 3,138 volunteers were reported in Q1. Points of Light, a global volunteer mobilization network, places an hourly value of volunteer time at \$31.80. Using this figure, the Q1 volunteer value was approximately \$800,000!

5. **DVC action items**

A. None

6. **DVC discussion items**

A. None

7. **DVC standing reports:**

A. Levy subcommittee update – Jennifer Ogden – no report

Matt Antush has resigned from the DVC due to conflict with his new work schedule.

DVCAC may welcome a new member from Friends of Spokane Pickleball.

City Council has pushed the levy pushed out to February 2025. The Park Board and Parks staff are working on solutions to the budget deficit should the levy be pushed out again.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is TBD due to the Juneteenth holiday.

**Volunteer Report**  
Q1 2024



**By the Numbers**

Group	Total Hours	# of Volunteers
Therapeutic Recreation Services (TRS)	2295	18
Friends of Manito	528	37
Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park	144	25
Friends of Palisades		
Friends of the Bluff		
Friends of Spokane Disc Golf		
Urban Forestry/Finch Arboretum	310	3
Friends of Manito	528	37
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Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance	421	25
Community Centers	19,855	2,953
Park Board estimated	600	10
Estimated uncaptured	450	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,131</b>	<b>3,138</b>

**Examples of projects:**

- Over 60 volunteers put in over 2,000 hours with TRS Powderhounds and Blue Waxers
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance put in over 400 hours of maintenance at Camp Sekani and greater Beacon Hill
- SpoCanopy volunteers with Urban Forestry and The Lands Council put in over 300 hours in outreach, education, and project coordination

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