



**Special Spokane Park Board  
Development & Volunteer / Citizen Advisory  
Committee meeting minutes  
4:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2024  
In-person and WebEx virtual meeting  
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications**

**Committee members:**

**DVCAC:**

- X Kelly Brown – Chair/The Friends of Manito Park – Arrived 4:17 p.m.
- X Jeff Lambert / ~~Trevor Finchamp~~ – Friends of the Bluff  
Cole Taylor – Friends of Riverfront Park - Absent
- X Lee Williams – Friends of Coeur d 'Alene Park  
Paul Lindholdt – Friends of Palisades - Absent  
Stephen Williams – Spokane Disc Golf Club - Absent

**DVC:**

- X Jennifer Ogden – Chair/Park Board
- X Bob Anderson – Park Board  
Gerry Sperling – Park Board – Absent - Excused
- X Doug Kelley – Park Board
- X Kelly Brown – Development & Volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee representative – Arrived 4:17 p.m.
- X Lindsey Shaw – Community Assembly representative – Arrived 4:20 p.m.

**Park staff**

Fianna Dickson

**Guests**

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 4:15 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

###### 1) Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park

- a. Lee Williams reported the Friends started their summer concert series last Thursday. There was a good turn out and they received almost \$700 in donations. She advised there are many great acts with lots of different genres of music.
- b. Irrigation work has started on the northwest side of the park.
- c. Lee met with Al Vorderbrueggen. Having the restrooms ready for guests to the park was discussed as well as the timeline for the railings up to the gazebo to be ready and installed.
- d. The electrical has been connected and was used for the concert last Thursday.
- e. Lee reported that Innovia has advised them they can no longer be the Friends fiscal sponsor. She said they may ask the Parks Foundation if they would be their fiscal sponsor. Jennifer Ogden advised the Associated Garden Club might be willing to be their fiscal sponsor and she will talk with the board to see if they would be interested.

###### 2) Friends of the Bluff

- a. Jeff Lambert reported on a fire wise stewardship project done at a property near Polly Judd Park. He advised the fire department has a grant to do fuels reduction work on parks and public property and has asked them to help with private property. He advised 18 people signed up for the project. They had 30 people show up and were able to complete a significant amount of work at the property.
- b. The Friends are working on a loaner tool program to loan tools to neighbor groups who want to do work in their own areas. The Friends group would also provide an expert leader to assist the neighbor groups if they are available.
- c. The spring series of nature walks and related topics was very popular and has been completed for the season. The summer series will consist of early morning walks approximately every two weeks.
- d. Jeff has been talking with the Friends accounting regarding non-profit accounting standards for reporting to the IRS.
- e. Jeff advised the Friends board would like to talk with Parks about completing the Rocket Gulch Stairs and said the Friends may be able to assist with funding for the project.
- f. The Bluffstock membership party will be scheduled soon.

###### 3) Friends of Manito

- a. The Friends plant sale and art festival were in June. The plant sale had record sales for the second year in a row. The fall plant sale will be on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b. A free children's educational programming series will be starting soon. Kelly Brown will do a social media post to help get the word out about the program.
- c. Work is being done to create an organizational strategic plan, which will define what all the Friends do and where their priorities are etc.

##### B. Expo+50 update – Kelly Brown

Kelly Brown reported the Expo 50 celebration is going very well. A legislative summit was hosted with the Lands Council last Friday. The governor was in town for another event and was able to attend the legislative summit as well. There were also canoe races. The closing ceremony for Expo 50 will be on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

##### C. Community Assembly – Lindsey Shaw

- a. Lindsey Shaw shared District 1 had a cleanup at Minnehaha Park. The tennis court was

painted, and she said it was defaced immediately and had to be repainted again. Jennifer Ogden advised they may want to consider painting a mural. She said something similar happened in another area and a mural was painted through a grant. She said there is an agreement in place between the graffiti artists and other artists not to paint graffiti on the murals.

- b. Music under the Oaks will be July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> at Hays Park.
- c. Hillyard Fest will not take place this year, but there will be a parade on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. **DVC action items**

A. None

6. **DVC discussion items**

A. None

7. **DVC standing reports:**

A. None

Basecamp is an internet-based project management tool setup about a year ago to primarily use for Expo+50 management. Fianna Dickson reported the cost for the software is \$300.00 a month and advised now that Expo+50 is wrapping up and there is not as much need they would like to cancel the Basecamp software. Committee members agreed it would be prudent to cancel the software subscription. Jennifer Ogden proposed setting up a group email, with the committee members individual email addresses for an internal newsletter. Committee members agreed to this.

Jennifer Odgen proposed changing the DVC/DVCAC committee meetings to the second Wednesday of the month and to meet every other month. The committee members present agreed to the change. Jennifer advised the next meeting would be September 11, 2024. Bob Anderson asked that the email group be active so people can communicate activities to the group over the summer. Having a closed Facebook group or a Google drive was also discussed, and Fianna will look into those possibilities and report back to the group.

Jennifer Ogden advised they will have a new member joining from Corbin Park and maybe from Pickleball.

Lee Williams said there is a huge problem with restrooms in the park and that they take a beating from vandalism. She said she was uplifted to hear about Portland Loo, which are smaller and more contained and wondered if those might be an option.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024, in-person in the Riverfront Park Pavilion conference room, 574 N. Howard St., and virtually via WebEx.