



**Spokane Park Board
Development & Volunteer / Citizen Advisory
Committee
4:15 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024
In-person and WebEx virtual meeting
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications**

Committee members:

DVCAC:

- X Kelly Brown – Chair/The Friends of Manito Park
- 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*)

DVC:

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

Park staff

Fianna Dickson
Sarah Deatrich

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. DVCAC communication platform – Fianna Dickson

Basecamp is an internet-based project management tool Parks subscribed to, primarily for Expo+50 management. The DVCAC had been using the software as a communication platform during that time. As Expo was soon to end at the time of the June 26 committee meeting, discontinuing the expensive subscription was discussed and agreed upon. Since that time, Fianna has researched alternative communication platforms, narrowing it down to Facebook and Microsoft Teams. She found Facebook to be the more user-friendly option of the two. The DVCAC group would be a closed group, meaning one must be invited to join, and the page is hidden from searches except by members of the group. Fianna reminded the group that although the group is closed and private, it is a City tool, and therefore open to public records requests. She then walked through the features of the available features which include a discussion board, a place to post events, media sharing, and file sharing. The group agreed to try it.

Jennifer proposed to change the committee meetings to a time earlier in the day as it would be more convenient for some members of the committee. The group agreed to a 12:00 meeting start time, to begin at the next meeting on November 13.

4. **DVCAC standing reports:**

A. DVCAC member news – Kelly Brown

1) [Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park](#)

- a. Lee Williams reported that the summer concerts did very well, netting about \$3,500, most of which will go to their Innovia endowment fund.
- b. Lee also reported security issues at the park, mostly involving the open drug use and illegal camping by unhoused persons. She spoke with the Spokane Farmer's Market coordinator who asked Lee if there is a possibility of security in the park during the market, which draws over 900 people on Saturdays. Lee advised the coordinator to call 311 to report camping and Crime Check to report open drug use and other crimes. She suggested the coordinator attend the neighborhood meetings where there is usually a police officer present, so she can ask questions and obtain information. Lee said that the more people call these things in, the more police presence will be in the area. Jennifer advised there will be a guest at the November meeting, speaking about the homelessness issues Spokane is facing.
- c. Neighborhood meetings will be starting back up this month.
- d. The farmer's market is in Coeur d'Alene Park on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. until mid-to-late November.

2) [Community Assembly](#)

- a. Lindsey Shaw reported that Logan neighborhood parks are also seeing an uptick in illegal camping and drug use. Since the police have been cracking down on crime in Mission Park, much of the negative activity has moved to other park locations.
- b. Logan neighborhood party has been postponed due to an administrative error. Lindsey asked for assistance in navigating the permit process so that neighborhoods can keep better track of the progress of applications. The party is now being held on Friday, September 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park. There will food and music provided.
- c. The Logan neighborhood meetings are being moved to join with Hillyard and Whitman neighborhoods.
- d. The South Logan transit oriented development is going to be wrapped around Mission Park. Zoning has been changed to allow eight-story buildings with no

requirements for parking. Lindsey feels this will have negative impact on the neighborhood.

3) [Friends of the Bluff](#)

- a. Trevor Finchamp reported on the progress of the Rocket Gulch stairs. Roughly two years ago, the Friends hired AHBL to create plans for the stairs. Friends of the Bluff are currently awaiting a cost estimate, so they can explore fundraising options.
- b. The Friends held a fundraiser at Rocket Market on August 31 and approximately \$2,200 was raised.
- c. On September 23, Garth Davis from Spokane Conservation District will be sharing a presentation in the Northwest Room at the Women's Club. The subject of the presentation will be ecology in the Ponderosa Forest.
- d. The friends have made some minor changes to the MOU and are awaiting a response from Parks. Fianna will investigate.

4) [Friends of Manito](#)

- a. Kelly Brown reported that the Friends of Manito have wrapped up their two summer plant sales.
- b. Friends of Manito is undergoing a strategic planning process with members of their board and invited community members, to forecast where the organization will be in the next five years.
- c. The Friends are gearing up to start planning this year's Holiday Lights display.
- d. The children's lecture series went very well, and the adult lecture series begins in Fall.
- e. The long-awaited bike rack has been installed. The rack was designed by artist Ken Spiering who is known for Spokane's Red Wagon.

Lindsey Shaw asked for, and received, guidance and advice on the application process and obtaining insurance for holding events in the park.

5. **DVC action items**

A. None

6. **DVC discussion items**

A. None

7. **DVC standing reports:**

A. Levy subcommittee update – Jennifer Ogden

- 1) Jennifer reported that the levy subcommittee remains on hiatus until a definitive ballot date is set.

8. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in-person in the Riverfront Park Pavilion conference room, and virtually via WebEx.