



**Spokane Park Board
Development & Volunteer / Citizen Advisory
Committee**
12:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2024
In-person and WebEx virtual meeting
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

Committee members:

DVCAC:

- X Kelly Brown – Chair/The Friends of Manito Park
 Jeff Lambert (*absent/excused*) / Trevor Finchamp (*absent/excused*) – Friends of the Bluff
- X Cole Taylor – Friends of Riverfront Park
- X Lee Williams – Friends of Coeur d 'Alene Park
- X Paul Lindholdt – Friends of Palisades

DVC:

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

Park staff

Garrett Jones
Angel Spell
Sarah Deatrich

Guests

Minutes

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by DVC Committee chair Jennifer Ogden. See list above for attendance.
2. **Public comment:** None
3. **DVCAC discussion items:**
 - A. City-wide homeless initiatives update – Dawn Kinder, City of Spokane Neighborhood, Housing, and Human Services Director

The City-wide homeless initiative update will be given at the January 8 meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

4. DVCAC standing reports:

A. DVCAC member news – Kelly Brown

1) Friends of Coeur d’Alene Park – Lee Williams

- a. The Friends of Coeur d’Alene Park and Browne’s Addition Neighborhood were selected for a state grant which the Parks Department applied for on their behalf. It will be approved by the state legislature at the end of 2025. Planning will begin after that, and work will likely begin by Fall of 2026. Innovia has indicated that there may be opportunities to apply for funding through other foundations.
- b. Barbeques have been removed as the homeless were using them for fires.
- c. Irrigation installation is finished on the north side of the park.
- d. Damaged gazebo railings need to be replaced. Al Vorderbrueggen (Park Ops) is working on this with the contractor.
- e. Spokane Farmer’s Market will have the final market this year on Saturday, November 23.

2) Friends of Palisades – Paul Lindholdt

- a. A new trail (“Rimrock to Riverside”) on the north side of the park is under construction on land added with help from the Northwest Land Conservancy. Volunteers can assist this Saturday, November 16, meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the corner of Houston and Grove Roads. After two more work parties, the trail is expected to be finished in Spring 2025.
- b. Cleanups are now held twice yearly because of the amount of trash dumped in the area, specifically Indian Canyon Creek. The Friend of Palisades hope to see Indian Canyon Drive closed soon. Doug Kelly asked where to find the information for volunteering and Jennifer reminded the group about the DVCAC private Facebook page that took the place of Basecamp. Angel sent a note to Fianna to resend the invitations to join the page. Jennifer mentioned that The International Academy has community service requirement and offered her contact’s information to Paul. Lee added that the Office of Neighborhood Services offers yearly neighborhood dump passes.
 - Garrett added that the County and the Street Department are exploring cost-sharing options to work toward limiting access to Indian Canyon Drive with a caveat that the Golf maintenance staff need to be able to access Indian Canyon Golf Course.
- c. The Friends have been working with the Spokane Fire Department and the Department of Natural Resources as they continue to perform wildfire fuel reduction. They help to identify sensitive areas where wildlife shelter and birth. Jennifer asked Garrett about the possibility of placing wildlife cameras to observe wildlife and maybe catch illegal dumping. The park rangers have cameras that have been used in the past that could possibly be put up.
- d. The Friends have been working with other groups to plan and implement a revision to the trail system in the Indian Canyon natural area. Friends of Palisades and Parks will be collaborating with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, Back Country Horsemen, and the Inland NW Land Conservancy and planning and design work will take place this week. Jennifer suggested the Eagle Scouts could be of assistance with signage.

3) Friends of Riverfront Park – Cole Taylor

- a. Cole is the only active member of the Friends of Riverfront Park and asked for help recruiting. He and Kelly will meet later to discuss.

4) Friends of Manito Park – Kelly Brown

- a. Holiday Lights is around the corner and the Friends are looking for volunteers to help between December 20th and 22nd.

b. Following discussions with their Board and community members, a strategic plan was developed. The plan outlines three key pillars to focus on for the next three years.

B. Quarterly Volunteer Report – Angel Spell

1) 5,004 volunteers tallied 19,156 hours in Q3. Points of light, a global volunteer mobilizing network, places an hourly value of volunteer time at \$31.80. Using this figure, the Q3 volunteer value was approximately \$609,000.

5. DVC action items

A. None

6. DVC discussion items

A. None

7. DVC standing reports:

A. Levy update – Garrett Jones

1) At the November 14 meeting, the Park Board will be presented a special action item to indefinitely defer the Parks levy to a later date in 2025 that will align with Parks' partnership with Spokane Schools. As of now, the levy is on the February 2025 ballot; however, a deferral gives Parks and Schools the opportunity to work together to achieve their common goals. This will be briefed at City Council committee on November 18, and to Council vote December 3.

8. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2024, in-person in the Finch Arboretum Woodland Center Ponderosa Room, 3404 W. Woodland Blvd., and virtually via WebEx.

Volunteer Report
Q3 2024



By the Numbers

Group	Total Hours	# of Volunteers
TRS (Therapeutic Recreation Services)	257	12
Manito	342.25	7
Urban Forestry	60	3
Friends of Manito	1,653	65
Ops	27	7
Spokane Disc Golf Club	47.75	7
Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance	164	14
Community Centers	15,119	4,774
Friend of the Bluff	186	25
Friends of Palisades Park	135	25
Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park	114	25
Park Board estimated	600	10
Estimated uncaptured	450	30
Total	19,156	5,004

Examples of projects

- Browne’s Addition residents Dawn, Kim, and Joan meet up every Thursday morning to pick up litter at Coeur d’ Alene Park
- Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance put in over 150 hours of maintenance at Camp Sekani and greater Beacon Hill
- Volunteer work crews with five different agencies officially broke ground on new trails for the north side of Palisades Park! These new trails will be on the recently acquired land north of N Houston Road

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