



**Spokane Park Board**  
**Development and Volunteer Committee**  
**3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2023**  
In-person: Lilac Conference Room, City Hall 1st floor Lobby  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
WebEx virtual call-in: # 408-418-9388  
Access code: 2497 181 3053  
Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

**Committee members**

Jennifer Ogden – Committee chair/Park Board  
Bob Anderson – Park Board  
Gerry Sperling – Park Board  
Christina VerHeul – Park Board  
Kelly Brown – Development & Volunteer Citizen Advisory Committee representative  
Julie Biggerstaff – Community Assembly representative  
Rick Romero – Member-at-large

**Guests:**

Lee Williams

**Staff members:**

The Park Board Development and Volunteer Committee meeting will be held in person at Lilac Conference Room, City Hall first-floor lobby, and virtually via WebEx at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2023. The public will be able to listen to the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering access code: **2497 181 3053** when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than 11:00 a.m. April 19 by email to: [spokaneparks@spokanecity.org](mailto:spokaneparks@spokanecity.org) or mail to: Spokane Park Board, 5th floor City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201. Submitted public comments will be presented to meeting attendees prior to the meeting.

**Agenda**

1. **Call to order** – Jennifer Ogden
2. **Public comment** – Jennifer Ogden
3. **Action items**
  - A. None
4. **Discussion items**
  - A. [Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park presentation](#) – Lee Williams
5. **Standing reports**
  - A. EXPO+50 update – Garrett Jones/Rick Romero
  - B. DVCAC monthly update – Kelly Brown
6. **Adjournment**

Agenda is subject to change

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# The Park is the *Heart*

Plan for Historic Coeur d' Alene Park  
Browne's Addition Neighborhood



## OUR MISSION

Our Mission is to stimulate public participation and facilitate historic and ongoing preservation and improvement of Browne's Addition parks through collaboration, stewardship, and fundraising.



# History

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- Spokane's First Park
- Platted in 1883
- The City officially accepted the gift of the park in 1891 from JJ Browne and AM Cannon

<https://properties.historicspokane.org>



# A Picture of the Past

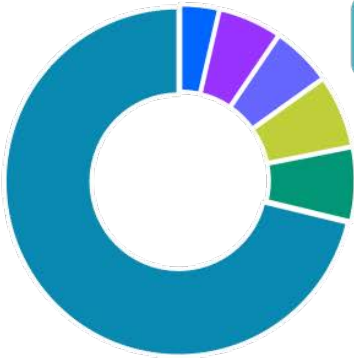
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Coeur d'Alene Park.

The Olmsted Brothers introduced Spokane's leaders to the idea that a healthy happy public went hand-in-hand with quality parks and a larger open space system. Today, that early valuing of parks is seen throughout the 2015 Comprehensive Plan in the frequency with which parks, green open spaces, and natural systems are called for and supported.



## RACE AND ETHNICITY<sup>1</sup>



- American Indian + AK Native, %
- Asian/Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 6.2%
- Black or African American, 5.9%
- Latinx, 7.1%
- Two or more races, 7.2%
- White, 74.8%



A photo of the Browne's Addition Neighborhood 'Welcome' sign

# Browne's Addition

## Who Are We?

## POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

2,959

Total Population<sup>1</sup>

1,977

Total Households<sup>1</sup>

11.2%

Households with Children<sup>3</sup>

## BROWNE'S<sup>1</sup> CITYWIDE<sup>2</sup>

Renter households	86.4%	45.3%
People age 19 and under	8.8%	21.9%
People age 65 and over	11.8%	14.5%

## NATIONAL ORIGIN OF NEIGHBORS<sup>3</sup>

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# Browne's Addition

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Persons of color <sup>3</sup>	17.1%	15.1%
Median household income	\$28,760	\$44,768
High school diploma (only)	13.5%	24.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	41.8%	29.5%
Unemployed	8.2%	6.5%

## NATIONAL ORIGIN OF NEIGHBORS<sup>3</sup>

- 94.4% of neighbors born in the USA/US Territories
- 0.4% of neighbors born as US Citizens in foreign country
- 2.3% of neighbors born in foreign country, naturalized
- 3.0% of neighbors born in a foreign country

## Top Foreign Born Countries<sup>4</sup>

- Japan, 27.8%
- Ethiopia, 23.8%
- Vietnam, 11.5%
- Norway, 7.9%



"Summer 2015"

# Coeur d'Alene Park

## MASTER PLAN

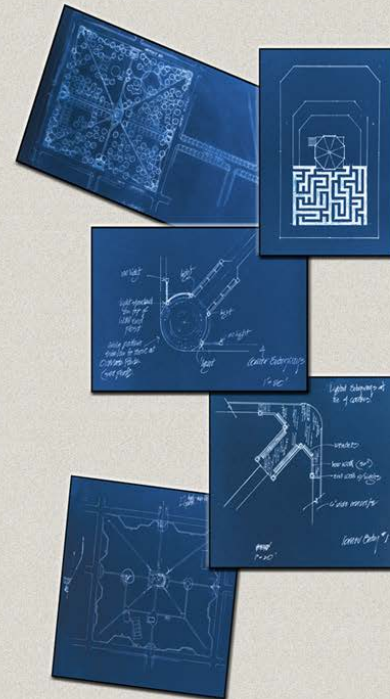
Valuing  
the Past



Living  
in the Present



Planning  
for the Future



Prepared with assistance from:

*"Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park & Browne's Addition Neighborhood Association"*

# Comprehensive Master Plan

- Browne's Addition Community established this plan through an inclusive process with the neighborhood residents between 2013-2015
- The Plan was approved by the Spokane City Park Board **October 8, 2015**

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/bcc/boards/spokane-park-board/minutes/2015/10/spb-minutes-2015-10-08.pdf>

# Master Plan Concepts

Extend and enhance the community's sense of place and the neighborhood's self-image

A gathering place that invites people to become involved with and provides access to nature

Provide greater access into and movement through the park; better defined primary and secondary entryways, paved, well-lit pathways

Separation of passive and active areas of recreation as experienced in more defined naturalistic and architectural settings, respectively

Enhance the park as both a destination and pass through, a place to go for physical and social activities or traverse as a pass-through to more urban parts of the city or more natural surrounding open space systems

Enhance the park's two primary forms of relaxation: a more naturalistic environment, east to west across the northern portion of the park, and a complex of inclusive, active play and recreational activities east to west across the southern portion of the park

Strengthen the Olmsted's goal of providing access to a green environment that contributes to the health and welfare of the general public

Expand the park's integration into and beyond the neighborhood

Strengthen portions of park environment to welcome and support socially entertaining and personally introspective opportunities

Meet or exceed requirements for Americans Disabilities Act;




# Phased Master Plan 2015

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## Appendix B: Action Plan & Cost Estimated Worksheet

This page can be used to relate potential costs to available funding. This Action Plan's phasing sequence and costs may vary with changing technology, social and economic pressures, and local and regional politics. Prepared by City of Spokane Park Operations Division, 10.23.2015.

	Low Estimate	High Estimate
Phase 1: Primary Entryway 	\$ 55,000	\$ 75,000
Phase 2: Perimeter Walk and Exercise Stations	\$ 37,000	\$ 50,000
Phase 3: Secondary Entryways	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 4: Thinning of Ponderosa Pines	\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000
Phase 5: Allée	\$ 37,000	\$ 50,000
Phase 5a: Third Avenue Boulevard Planting	\$ 23,000	\$ 31,000
Phase 6. Gazebo/Bandstand Hardscape	\$ 185,000	\$ 250,000
Phase 7: Adult, Youth, and Youngster Play Areas	\$ 185,000	\$ 250,000
Public Restroom Upgrades	\$ 30,000	\$ 40,000
Phase 7a: Park Furniture	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 8: Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter	\$ 120,000	\$ 163,000
Phase 9: Bus Stop- West Fourth Avenue & South Hemlock Street	\$ 14,000	\$ 19,000
Phase 10: Park Furniture	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,000
Phase 11: Overlook Park	\$ 55,000	\$ 75,000
Phase 12: Irrigation	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 550,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,686,000	\$ 3,384,000



# PHASE 1

- Playground Equipment
- Adult Exercise Equipment
- Paved Trails on the perimeter of the park, and paved trails from each of the entrances (currently there are 4) to the Gazebo
- Install a new Portland Loo Model Restroom adjacent to the play and recreation area.

*Cost per 2015: \$401,000    Current 2023 cost: \$957,900*



# Phase 1: Playground Equipment

- Paved Pathway Improvements for accessibility and walkability
- Playground Improvement is developmentally appropriate & accessible



## Phase 1: Restrooms

- Restrooms Addition for a safe, clean and ADA Accessible restroom



# City of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan

**66% of those surveyed favored a focus on renovating, enhancing existing parks and nature trails**

- **Top Tier Recommendations:**
  - Restrooms
  - Playgrounds
  - Soft Trails and Trailheads

**70% of respondents site a lack of functioning restrooms, trash bins, and lighting was an issue**



# City of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan

- **GOAL A. SERVING THE UNDER-RESOURCED**

*We focus on creating prosperity with equitable park development and targeted outcomes that uplift people. We cherish our special landscape with a strong environmental ethic.*

- **GOAL B. INLAND NORTHWEST LIVING**

*At the heart of this plan are two guiding principles that reflect the values of the residents of Spokane: preserve and play. A nod to both the region's historic conservation efforts and contemporary desire to mitigate the effects of climate change, preservation is woven into each theme, goal, and strategy.*

- ✓ **GOAL G. PARKS FOR ALL**

- **GOAL K. MAINTAIN AND CARE GOAL**

- **GOAL L. FUNDING FUTURES**

# Current Status of the Park



# Current Condition of Trails





## CONDITIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS

Sleeping bags, blankets, trash in park and in  
the neighborhood

People sleeping in the park



# Restroom Assessment

- Undesirable to general public
- Toilets and basins not in proper condition, unsanitary
- Layout contributes for potential for unhoused people camping
- Drug paraphernalia is present
- The structure does not lend itself to proper cleaning by park staff.

## 2-5 year Old Play Area



- Inaccessible – lack of ramps and appropriate equipment for small or disabled children, or care takers
- Graffiti present
- Wood in poor condition
- Some equipment failed or missing per assessment by City
- Little to no developmentally appropriate or modern play equipment

# Playground Equipment 5-12 years

- Wood containing splinters and sharp points
- Wood borders filled with wood chips- not accessible to disabled
- Lacking inclusive play features- for auditory, visual, physical, and creative play- the coolest or most desirable thing not accessible to all children



5-12 Year Old Play Area





# Playground Condition Summary

Beyond repair by staff maintenance and not  
inaccessible to all

Worn, poor and outdated lacking activities that  
promote developmental needs of the children

Surfaces beneath equipment are inaccessible to  
those with disabilities. Tripping hazards on  
perimeters

Graffiti present



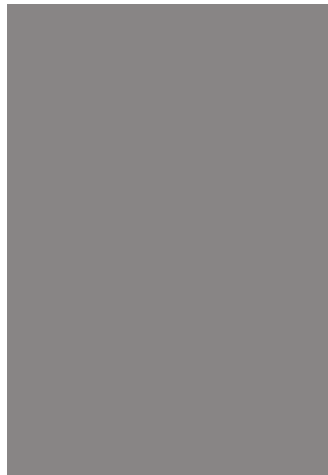
Our Plans for  
Improving  
Accessibility,  
Safety and  
Promoting Health

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**Construct a safe,  
accessible play  
area for children  
2-5 years of age.**







Construct a safe, accessible play area for children 5-12 years of age.



Residents surveyed want to use walking and hiking trails





# A “Yard” for All Residents to Enjoy & Healthy Physical and Mental Health

- **People who have more access to green environments, such as parks and trails, tend to walk and be more physically active than those with limited access.**
- **The closer people live to a park and the safer they feel in the park, the more likely they are to walk or bike to those places and use the park for physical activity.**
- **Parks and trails that are well-designed offer many benefits.** They provide a place where people can be physically active to reduce stress, improve mental health and provide a place where neighbors can meet.
- **Offers inclusive programs based that addresses barriers, physical limitations of users, safety concerns, and cultural preferences.**



**Add Exercise  
Equipment  
for Adult  
Health and  
Recreation**

# Adult Exercise Equipment

- 86% of our residents are renters, many of whom have limited incomes (per Office of Neighborhood Services Feb. 2020).
- CDC reports: The physical activity you get from walking and biking to parks can have both environmental and personal health benefits.
- Physical activity can help:
  - ✓ control your weight
  - ✓ reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease
  - ✓ reduce your risk for type 2 diabetes
  - ✓ reduce your risk for some cancers
  - ✓ strengthen your bones and muscles
  - ✓ improve your mental health and mood
  - ✓ improve your ability to do daily activities and prevent falls, if you're an older adult
  - ✓ increase your chances of living longer



# Accessible Areas for Adults

## **AMERICAN DISABILITY COMPLIANT:**

The park's walkways, not currently compliant with the American Disability Act,



# Unique Restroom Solution Portland Loo

- No access for shelter
- No overhangs for garbage to be left
- Prevents unsafe materials being left and using the restroom for overnight sleeping.
- Accessible for people with disabilities





### ***A Case for Green Space***

Frances Kuo of the University of Illinois conducted a study of 28 identical high-rise public housing projects. She found that people living near green spaces:

- Boasted a stronger sense of community
- Coped better with everyday stress and hardship
- Were less aggressive and less violent
- Performed better on tests of concentration
- Managed problems more effectively

# Funding Solution Estimates

## Phase 1

- Playground Equipment, Pathways, Restrooms, Adult Exercise Equipment

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Parks Funding</u>	<u>Public/Private Fundraising</u>	<u>Fundraising Events</u>
\$957,900.00	\$475,000	\$450,000	\$32,900

*Cost per 2015: \$340,000*

*Delays cost!*

# Cost Estimate: Phase 1

## Playground Equipment 2-5 and 5-12 years

- \$300,000

## Adult Exercise Equipment

- \$30,000

## Restrooms

- Portland Loo
- \$297,000

## Pathways

- 1,450lf path @ 6' wide: +/- \$265,000
- 1,450lf path @ 8' wide: +/- \$356,000



# PHASE 2

- Thinning of Ponderosa Pines
- Gazebo Hardscape (upgrade electrical)
- Park Furniture- benches, tables and garbage and recycling bins
- Planting Deciduous trees

*Cost per 2015: \$401,000*

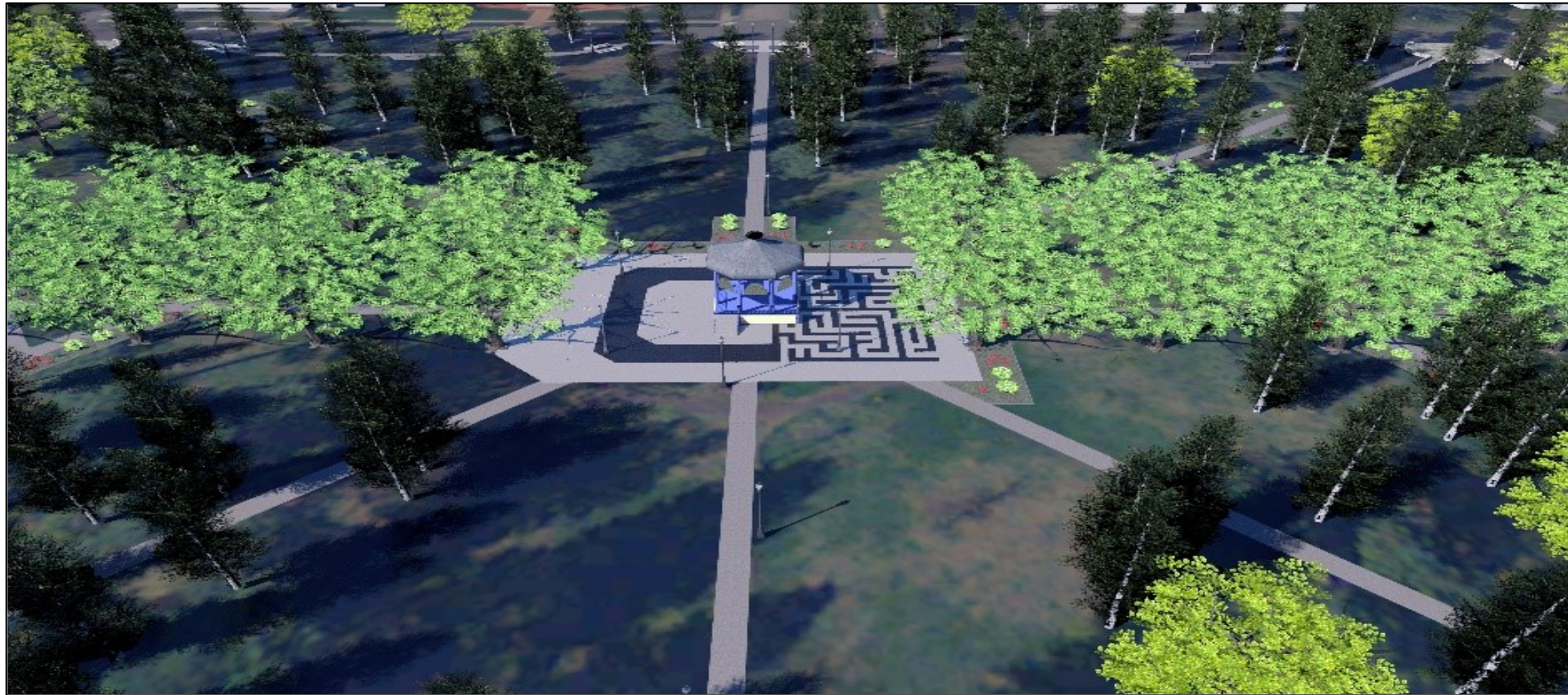
*Cost per 2023- not yet updated*

# Thinning Ponderosa Pines





Current Gazebo Hardscape



# Planned Gazebo Hardscape



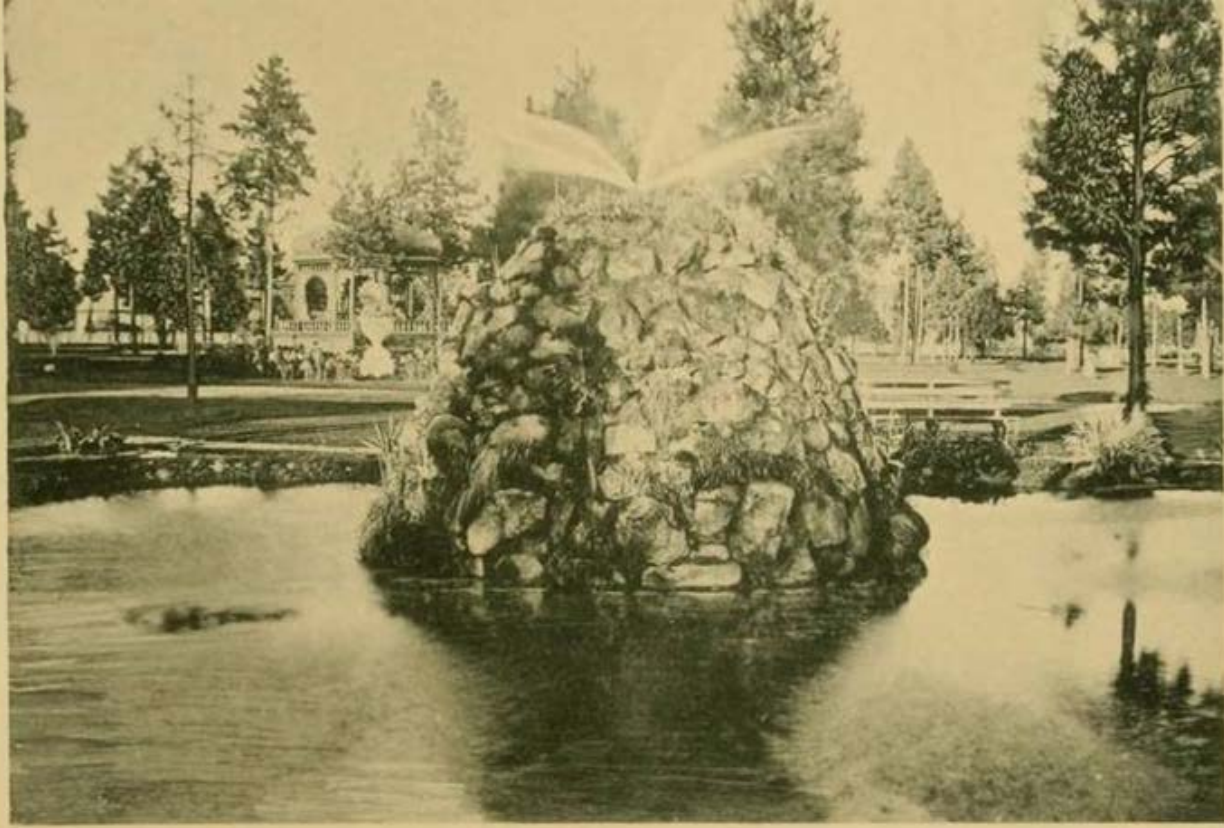
Current Park Furniture



Upgrade Park Furniture

# Planting Deciduous trees





View Corner of Lake Park



# Open Spaces



# PHASE 3

- Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter
  - Completion of Upgrade of East and West Entrances to the Park
  - Upgrade to relocate tennis/ adding pickleball to court and basketball court creating recreational area
- *Cost per 2015: \$239,000 Cost per 2023- not yet updated*

# Picnic Area and Picnic Shelter





Current East & West Entrances



# Entrances Reimagined



# Recreation Area



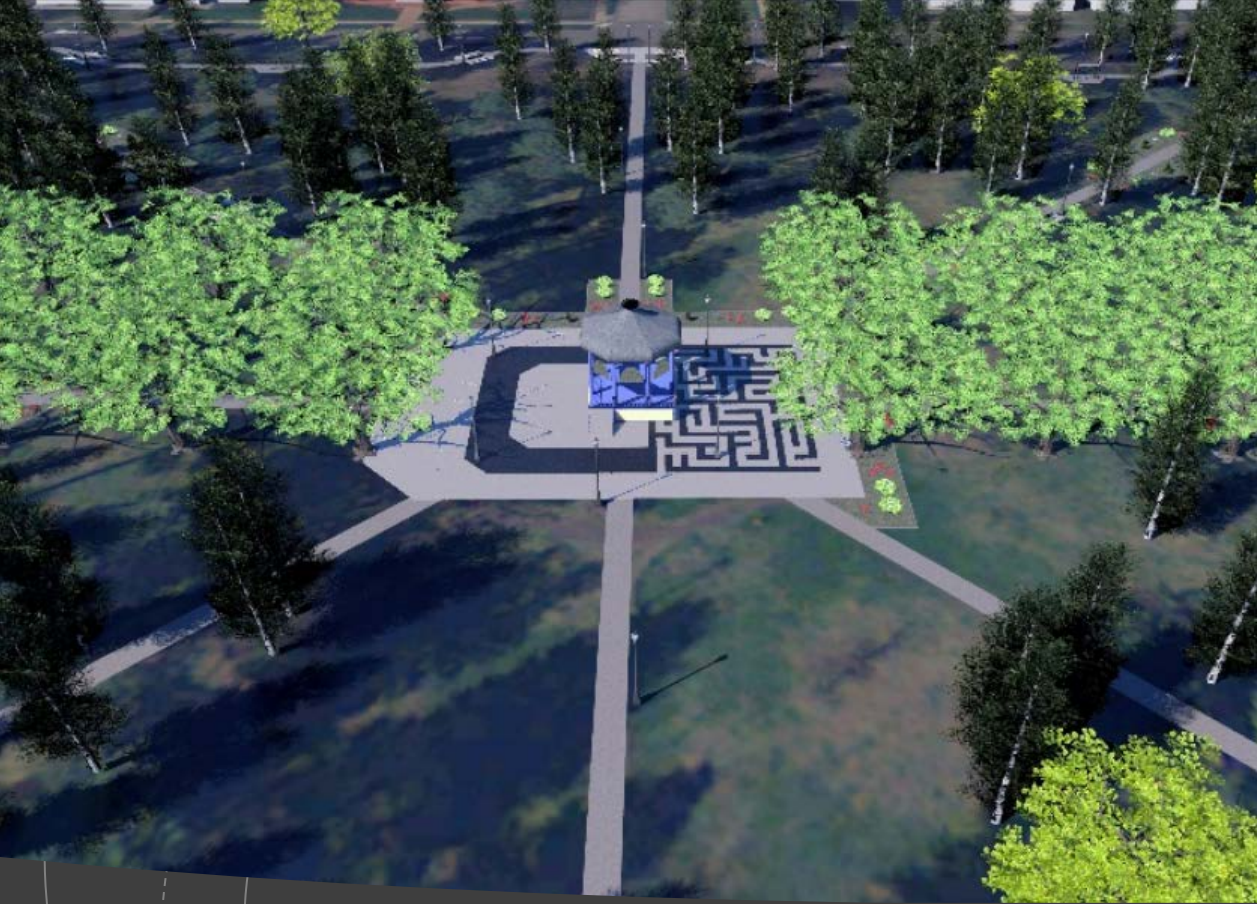
# PHASE 4

## Overlook Park

- Completion of trail to Latah Creek
- Plantings to prevent further erosion of the trail and discourage bike use
- Allee' of deciduous trees leading from Coeur d' Alene Park to Overlook Park

*Cost per 2015: \$75,000*

*Cost per 2023- not yet updated*



Alle'e on Third  
Boulevard

# Overlook Park

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# Phase 1 Timeline

- ❖ Start Fall of 2023
- ❖ Complete by July 2024

*Schedule contingent on  
funding*

# Investment

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- Aligns with the City of Spokane Parks Master Plan
- Provides investment in the health of adults and children in a high need neighborhood
- Preserves Spokane's first historic park
- Assists in recruiting and supporting business



# Our Request



- Collaborations with the City of Spokane Parks and the Spokane Community to realize our vision of a high quality, safe park for our neighbors and community.
- Join in the vision for the park which aligns with the City Parks Master Plan
- Funding to realize the vision- planned timelines for completion

Trees are marvels of nature. They invest any landscape with a sense of permanence and character

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Larry Lederman

