



**Spokane Park Board  
Development and Volunteer  
Committee meeting**

3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021

WebEx virtual meeting

Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

**Committee members**

- X Bob Anderson – Chair/Park Board
- X Jennifer Ogden – Park Board
- Rick Chase – Park Board (Absent)
- X Gerry Sperling – Park Board
- X Kelly Brown – CAC representative (interim)
- X Christina VerHeul – Community representative

**Staff members**

Garrett Jones  
Fianna Dickson  
Jason Conley  
Jonathan Moog  
Pamela Clarke

**Guest**

Paul Kropp

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. by committee chair Bob Anderson. See list above for meeting attendance.
2. **Public comment**
  - A. None
3. **Action/discussion items**
  - A. DVC Citizen Advisory Committee informational kickoff event – Kelly Brown provided an overview of the event which was held at the Loeff Carrousel party room Oct. 28. During the kickoff, Garrett Jones shared highlights of the Parks Master Plan process. Kelly provided an overview of the structure and purpose of the DVC and DVCAC. Also in attendance was Lindsey Shaw from the Logan Neighborhood Council who expressed an interest in joining the DVCAC. Ted McGregor, publisher of The Inlander and former Park Board member, talked about the timing being just right for the creation and fostering of Parks friends groups. Loreen McFaul, Friends of the Centennial Trail executive director, explained their organization is a citizen advocate group for the Centennial Trail spanning from Liberty Lake to west of Spokane. She enthusiastically supports the idea of the DVC and DVCAC. She indicated a willingness to possibly serve on the DVCAC, if provided with a job description. Paul Kropp, from the Community Assembly (CA), is in charge of finding individuals from CA to fill openings on the DVC and DVCAC. Two eligible CA candidates to fill these positions include Lindsey Shaw and Julie Biggerstaff. Councilmember Cathcart suggested if neighborhood watch groups are formed near a park, those groups could segue into Park friends groups.

- B. Next DVCAC kickoff event date – Kelly Brown and Christina VerHeul reported the next DVCAC meeting is expected to take place mid-January.
  - C. Community Assembly representatives on DVC and DVC CAC – Paul Kropp requested clarification on the membership structure of the DVC and CAC.
    - a. DVC membership structure – In August, the Park Board approved the following structure for the DVC: 1) four Park Board members; 2) one representative from the DVC CAC; and 3) three members from the business/community at large.
    - b. DVCAC membership structure – The Park Board also approved the following structure for the DVCAC: 1) up to 12 members, including: 1) five representatives from friends groups; 2) one from Community Assembly, 3) two from volunteer focus groups; 4) two business leaders; and 5) two members from partner organizations. The committee discussed the option of making adjustments to the structure to accommodate those citizens who have voiced interest in serving on the DVCAC.
    - c. Proposed DVCAC membership – Following an in-depth conversation, the committee and staff filled in the vacant positions as noted on [this draft membership outline](#). The group looked for opportunities to have representation from currently underrepresented areas of Spokane. Rick Chase suggested reaching out to Councilmembers Betsy Wilkerson and Michael Cathcart to see if they are aware of citizens in their districts who might have an interest in serving on the DVCAC. DVC members were assigned the various citizens noted on the proposed DVCAC list to confirm if they have an interest in serving on the citizen advisory group. If individuals have an interest in serving on the they are asked to submit a letter of interest to Garrett for consideration and official appointment.
    - d. Christina VerHeul and Kelly Brown DVC appointments – Garrett confirmed that he officially approved Christina and Kelly's DVC appointments in August. The committee clarified the details of Kelly's interim status on the DVCAC. The reason for noting her as interim is due to the fact her appointment was made prior to the official formation of the DVCAC. The committee agreed the interim term will be one year.
  - D. Riverfront Winter Market booth – Christina and Kelly reviewed dates in December when help is needed to help staff the information booth at the Riverfront Winter Market.
- 4. **Next meeting** – No date was announced. The DVC determined they will not meet in December. A meeting poll will be emailed to the group for the January meeting time.
  - 5. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

## DVCAC MEMBERSHIP – maximum 12 representatives

Possible names in green

### **Friends groups** (six representatives)

1. Kelly Brown – Friends of Manito
2. Friends of Moore Turner Heritage Garden (Fianna)
3. Friends of Palisades (Fianna)
4. Friends of the Bluff (Fianna)
5. Friends of Sky Prairie (Fianna)
6. Friends of Coeur d'Alene (Fianna)

### **Community Assembly** (one representative)

1. Scheduled to be selected in December

### **Volunteer focus groups** (two representatives)

1. Friends of Spokane Skate Parks (Jennifer)
2. Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance East Chapter (Garrett)

### **Business leaders** (two representatives)

1. Mr. and Mrs. Fulmer (Garrett)
2. East Central – Freda Gandy or Michael Brown (Garrett)

### **Partner organizations** (one representative)

1. Friends of Centennial Trail – Loreen McFaul (Jennifer)