



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

9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022

WebEx virtual meeting

Fianna Dickson – Marketing & Communications

Committee members

- X Bob Anderson – Committee chair/Park Board
- X Jennifer Ogden – Park Board
- X Rick Chase – Park Board
- X Gerry Sperling – Park Board
- X Kelly Brown – DVC Citizen Advisory Committee representative
- X Christina VerHeul – Community representative
- X Julie Biggerstaff – Community Assembly representative

Staff members

Garrett Jones
Fianna Dickson
Jason Conley
Jonathan Moog
Pamela Clarke

Minutes

1. **Call to order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by committee chair Bob Anderson. See list above for attendance. The committee welcomed new DVC member Julie Biggerstaff who is serving as a representative from the Community Assembly.
2. **Public comment**
 - A. None
3. **Action/discussion items**
 - A. DVC membership update – Fianna Dickson presented an update on the DVC membership. Currently, all vacancies have been filled with the exception of one member-at-large position.
 - B. DVCAC membership update – Fianna Dickson presented an update on the DVCAC membership. Currently, all positions have been filled with the exception of the following: 1) Friends of Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens representative; 2) volunteer focus group representative; and 3) two representatives from the business community.
 - 1) Member prospects – Fianna recapped an earlier discussion when the committee suggested contacting the following about joining the DVCAC: 1) Michael Brown; 2) Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fullmer; and 3) Evergreen East Mountain Bike Alliance. Jennifer Ogden suggested contacting Jeff Crum with the Spokane Disc Golf Association, and Bonnie Quinn from the Spokane business community. Garrett Jones said recreation staff can reach out to Jeff to inquire about his interest in serving on the DVCAC. Another suggestion was contacting Ted McGregor of The Inlander. Garrett informed the committee, it would be a good idea to keep Ted involved by providing meeting invites

and minutes, but his involvement will probably be limited due to his other commitments. Staff clarified individuals are not required to reside within city limits to be eligible to serve on the DVCAC.

- C. DVCAC meeting update – DVCAC chair Kelly Brown provided an overview of the committee's second meeting which was held Jan. 12. In addition to reviewing the purpose and goals of the group, Kelly encouraged attendees interested in joining the committee to submit a letter of interest to Garrett. Once the letters are submitted, Garrett will review and have the opportunity to approve their appointments. The next DVCAC meeting is expected to take place the last week of February. Christina VerHeul explained those at the DVCAC meeting brought a broad range of interest and a strong willingness to help where needed.
- D. Next steps – Bob suggested the following steps moving forward: 1) fill the vacancies on the DVC and DVCAC; 2) continue developing the Friends of Riverfront Park; 3) seek ways to support and become involved in the Expo '74 50th anniversary celebration; and 4) continue work on the new Parks volunteer/grants and inclusion specialist position. Garrett reported the process to fill this new position is about four to six months. After the job description is created, HR will review the compensation package, Civil Service will administer the exam and establish a rank-order hiring list, and Parks can begin interviews from that hiring list.
 - 1) Project list – Jennifer explained once the DVCAC is able to provide a list of potential projects, then the DVC can begin working on fundraising ideas to fund and support those projects. Garrett explained the DVC will want to see how the proposed projects align with the Parks Master Plan and prioritize the projects in accordance with the master plan. Kelly said she looks forward to submitting the project list developed by the DVCAC. Fianna Dickson said a fundraising master plan can be created which aligns with the master plan. In addition to fundraising for capital projects, there will also be a program side for the friends groups' volunteer efforts, including clean up and beautification projects.
- 4. **Next meeting** – No date was announced. A meeting poll will be emailed to DVC members to determine the next meeting time. The meeting is scheduled to be held virtually via WebEx.
- 5. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.