



**City of Spokane Park Board
Joint Arts Committee Meeting
2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019
Conference Room 2B, 2nd floor City Hall
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201**

Joint Arts Committee members

- X Garret Daggett, Spokane Arts
- Dean Davis, Spokane Arts (alternate)
- Ginger Ewing, Spokane Arts
- X Jim Kolva, Spokane Arts
- X Ted McGregor, Park Board (Arrived: 2:49 p.m.)
- X Jennifer Ogden, Park Board
- Jamie SiJohn, Park Board

Staff

- X Garrett Jones, Parks (Arrived: 2:49 p.m.)
- X Berry Ellison, Parks
- X Fianna Dickson, Parks (Arrived: 2:49 p.m.)
- X Jo-Lynn Brown, Parks
- X Pamela Clarke, Parks
- X Melissa Huggins, Spokane Arts
- X Karen Mobley, Spokane Arts

Minutes

A. **Roll call/sign in** – See above

B. Action/Discussion items

1. Art budget – *Berry Ellison* provided an overview of the Riverfront Park bond art budget. There is \$450,000 allocated for the fabrication and installation of Stepwell art piece and \$50,000 has been set aside for contingency for that project. This leaves \$100,000 in the art budget which needs to be encumbered by Dec. 31, 2019.
 - a. Options for remaining art budget – There have been a number of considerations discussed for the remaining dollars in the art budget, including new art, art markers, moveable art pedestals featuring a rotation of artworks and an artistic reader board.
 - b. Art markers – The committee discussed the hope that if some, or all, of the \$50,000 contingency earmarked for the Stepwell project is not used then those funds may be utilized for the park's art markers. *Melissa Huggins* reported the original bid for the markers was \$30,000. The group also discussed options for reducing the production cost of the current marker design. *Jim Kolva* suggested markers could also be sponsored in order to cover some of the cost. Another option to cover marker costs for any new art piece(s) would be to include the cost of the marker in the artist's contract.

Garrett Jones, Ted McGregor and Fianna Dickson arrive.

2. New art – The group reviewed the options and determined a new piece of art would be the optimal choice for the remaining art budget.
 - a. Spokane Arts – The project could be contracted out to Spokane Arts to manage and administer the project. By contracting with Spokane Arts at this time, it allows Parks to meet the Dec. 31 deadline to encumber all redevelopment bond funds. Ms. Huggins explained Spokane Arts would manage the project in coordination with the JAC and the Park Board. The goal is to present this recommendation to the Riverfront Park Committee Nov. 11. If approved by the RFP Committee, the contract would come before the Park Board Nov. 14 for final approval.
 - b. Local artists – The group agreed they would like to limit the call to artists to individuals specifically from the Inland Empire or Spokane County.
 - c. Budget – The proposed budget for the new art includes: 1) \$72,000 – artist budget, which includes design, fabrication, artist fee and contingency; 2) \$15,000 – Spokane Arts administrative fee; 3) \$7,000 – maintenance (10% of art budget); and 4) \$6,000 – taxes.
 - d. Siting – Mr. Ellison reviewed some site options for the new art, including areas west and south of the Pavilion. *Garret Daggett* suggested the site may be dependent on the art piece. Ms. Huggins said the site could be specified in the call for artists and be part of the selection criteria.
 - e. Installation – The stated goal is to have the new art piece installed by fall 2020 in conjunction with the other Riverfront Park redevelopment projects.

Motion No. 1: Jennifer Ogden moved to recommend the Riverfront Park Committee approve to commission Spokane Arts to manage and administer the new art project in Riverfront Park in the amount of \$100,000 which includes a call for artists from the Inland Empire region.

Garret Daggett seconded,
The motion carried with unanimous consent (4-0 vote).

C. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.