



**Special Meeting of the Land Committee of the
Spokane Park Board**

March 6, 2019, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Room at Manito Park

Spokane, Washington

Al Vorderbrueggen – Park Operations Director

Committee Members:

Gilman, Greta – Chairperson

Lodato, Sally

Ogden, Jennifer

SiJohn, Jamie

Fagan, Mike – Council Liaison

A special meeting of the City of Spokane Park Board will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2019, in the **Manito Park Meeting Room, 2016 South Tekoa Street**, Spokane, Washington. The call-in number for this meeting is 509-242-8422. Please use only after prior arrangements have been made with the Committee Chairperson.

The meeting will be conducted in a standing committee format for the Land Committee of the City of Spokane Park Board. Because a quorum of the Park Board may be present, the standing committee meeting will be conducted as a committee of the whole board.

The meeting will be open to the public, with the possibility of moving into executive session only with the members of the Park Board and appropriate staff. Discussion will be limited to appropriate officials and staff. Public testimony may be taken at the discretion of the committee chair.

Revised Agenda

MEETING LOCATION: Manito Meeting Room

Action Items:

1. Resolution to Accept Sisters Property – Staff

Discussion Items:

1. Parks Surplus Property Policy Timeline – Jason Conley/City Legal Staff
2. Parks/Stormwater Agreement – Garrett Jones
3. Finch Arboretum Community Garden Proposal – Angel Spell
4. Trail Concept Study – The Latah Valley Hangman Creek Trail Corridor – Staff and the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition (Click [HERE](#) to access the associated attachment. Use password: Trail)

Standing Report Items:

1. Park Operations Monthly Financials (if available) – Al Vorderbrueggen
2. Parks Capital Projects Update – Garrett Jones

Agenda is subject to change

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Garden Plot Request & Project Proposal

Prepared for: Finch Arboretum Lands Committee

Prepared by: Melody J. Price, Community Garden Alliance Coordinator

January 25, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Objective

As a service project of the Woman's Club of Spokane, our intention is to create a culture of compassion through action associated with the Club, develop something that builds camaraderie between members and strength within the community while serving the needs of the public and the environment. The Community Garden Alliance (CGA) project is a volunteer driven program working to serve the needs of the community by providing access to fresh produce. This year we are excited about the addition of a weekly free (and pay what you can) produce market at the Woman's Club.

Proposed Area of Use

In order to meet the needs of the public and realize our mission we are proposing and requesting the use of a piece of land within Finch Arboretum to grow a wide variety of assorted organic produce. The area being requested is an approximate 2,400 square foot plot attached to what has been known as the 'Children's Garden', see picture above.

Mission of The Spokane Woman's Club Community Garden Alliance

The mission of the CGA is to facilitate donations of produce grown at local community gardens with transitional housing facilities for women and children coming out of homelessness. Facilitation includes the growing of produce specifically for donation purposes by Woman's Club members at designated garden beds and plots, as well as the coordination of excess produce from other community gardeners in the area. Our goals are to grow food, create access and feed the hungry.

Aligning with the Goals & Concept of Finch Arboretum

The CGA mirrors the efforts of Finch Arboretum in bringing people together, creating more beautiful spaces in the Spokane area for people to roam, find solitude and enjoy natural wonder. The garden will be accessible with pathways as well as have plant markers for visitors to identify what is growing. In order to protect and ensure the health of the land and animals within the Arboretum only organic methods of growing will be used. No use of genetically modified plants or pesticides will be permitted. All produce grown will be used solely for donation purposes. No produce will be sold for profit.

Our CGA is an action-oriented project designed to bring people together and help facilitate a healthy, confident and nurtured community. This project will not only bring together a large volunteer force, but also four separate non-profit organizations working together for a common goal. The Spokane Woman's Club who donates time and

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effort to many projects in the community, Poly Judd Community Garden who's mission is to create one of the first food forests in the Spokane area, Finch Arboretum Community Garden who has provided the local neighborhood with a spot to grow food and relationships for the past four years, and Transitions who's mission is to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane.

We hope in the coming years to incorporate more gardens and organizations to this heartfelt project. We are committed to growing a stronger community through volunteer efforts not only in food donation, but in education of healthy eating practices and garden maintenance. We envision the future of this project to include access for our at-risk community to grow food with confidence which will create a healthier environment for some of our most vulnerable within the community.

Plot Use & Garden Maintenance

The CGA will be responsible for all maintenance of the garden plot when in season (approx April 1 - October 15). This includes all management of soil amendment, planting, weeding, watering, labeling, mulching, removal of refuse, harvesting and end of season cleanup. The CGA will provide all tools and volunteers necessary to organize and manage the garden plot. Finch Arboretum will cut sod from the proposed area as well as provide access to water near the plot by the use of a water key.

The CGA will agree to any and all rules set forth by the Finch Arboretum staff and management. The CGA will sign any and all paperwork necessary including a Memorandum of Understanding.

Short Term Goals

Our short term goal is to provide weekly produce donations for the residents of Miryam's House transitional housing and provide access to fresh produce to the community at large by means of a weekly free produce market held at the Woman's Club. This is only made possible by generous land donation and cooperation of community gardens like Polly Judd Community Garden, Underhill Community Garden and Finch Arboretum. Achieving these goals will be possible through committed volunteer efforts of members, fundraising outreach by means of grant funding, community fundraisers, local donations of plants, tools and of course garden space.

Longer Term Goals

Our focus is always to continue to better our knowledge of growing food efficiently and maximizing the yield from the space that we have. We continue to create relationships and partnerships that will help us increase the amount of food we can grow and find ways to get it to those of our community that need it most. Our long term goals include a year round free market and a large centrally located garden with beds to accommodate the growing of donated produce as well as beds for the community to take advantage of.

Our goals are not only focused on the community but also the land. In the years to come we envision this project including the repair and repurposing of empty lots in our community to be a substantial part of the project goals long term.

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Project Outline & Timeline

SPRING PREPARATION

- April 1 - 8 Begin preparing soil with compost and amendments
- April 15 - 22 Plant potato and onion starts (assorted vegetable seeds to be planted later in May)

PLANTING BEGINS

- May 7 - Project Meeting - Assign planting schedule
- May 12 - 19 Plant assorted starts and seeds at Poly Judd, Underhill & Finch
- May 21 - Project Meeting - Assign watering & weeding schedule

- June 17 - First Harvest
- June 18 - First Delivery. Deliveries begin every Monday through September 24th
- June 24 & 25 Harvest and Delivery

SUMMER MAINTENANCE AND HARVESTING

- July 1 & 2 Harvest and Delivery
- July 2 - Project Meeting - Ongoing scheduling of weeding, watering and harvesting
- July 8 & 9 Harvest and Delivery
- July 15 & 16 Harvest and Delivery
- July 16 - Project Meeting - Ongoing scheduling of weeding, watering and harvesting
- July 22 & 23 Harvest and Delivery
- July 29 & 30 Harvest and Delivery
- July 30 - Project Meeting - Ongoing scheduling of volunteers

- August 5 & 6 Harvest and Delivery
- August 12 & 13 Harvest and Delivery
- August 13 - Project Meeting - Ongoing scheduling of weeding, watering and harvesting
- August 19 & 20 Harvest and Delivery
- August 26 & 27 Harvest and Delivery
- August 27 - Project Meeting - Ongoing scheduling of weeding, watering and harvesting

- September 2 & 3 Harvest and Delivery
- September 9 & 10 Harvest and Delivery
- September 16 & 17 Harvest and Delivery
- September 23 & 24th Harvest and Delivery

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- October 15-25 Plot cleanup and overwinter soil prep.