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Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Clarke, Pamela <pclarke@spokanecity.org>; Jan Oliver <oliverj08@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Hamblen Park

Hi Jan,

I have reached out to the City Historic Preservation Officer for information regarding both:

- whether or not Hamblen Park is eligible to be listed as an historic site, and
- what the process of registering the site entails.

I will relay to you the response I receive from the historic preservation officer regarding Hamblen Park's eligibility & registration details.

If the site were indeed eligible for registration or designation as historic, having worked with the park board and the City Historic Preservation Officer in the past, I can say that this process is fairly extensive and would require approval of the both the park board and historic landmark commission to achieve. The Hamblen Park water tank proposal is tentatively planned to come before the park board for a vote of approval/rejection in December of 2020, and the process for historic registration is likely no less than 4-6 months – far longer than would be necessary to be effective before a Hamblen Park Vote.

I certainly to not want to discourage you from pursuing this idea of historic preservation, though if opposing the proposed Hamblen Park water tank is your intent I request you to attend the park board land committee and park board meetings to voice that opposition. As you are likely aware, the park board oversees all development proposals within parks (including Hamblen) and those meetings include open forum as designated opportunities for citizen participation to voice your concerns directly regarding the tank proposal.

I will follow up soon regarding whether or not Hamblen is eligible to be designated as historic.

-nick

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Good morning, Jan,

I'm forwarding this email to our Parks planner Nick Hamad who may be able to provide some information and/or direction relating to your questions about Hamblen Park.

In the meantime, please note the following:

- The park was donated to the city in 1946.
- The 16-acre property was acquired for development as a community playfield.
- In 1953-1954, a portion of the property was acquired by the school district and a playfield was constructed on that south end of the property.
- At this time, there are no deed restrictions on the land which means there could be some limited development on the property.
- It is listed in the Parks' classification as a conservation area which is typically used for outdoor recreation and sanitary facilities.

Thank you and please let me know if there's any additional we may provide for you at this time.

Best regards.

Pamela
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From: Jan Oliver
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 8:14 AM
To: Clarke, Pamela
Subject: Hamblen Park

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Hello Pamela,
I have been trying to register Hamblen Park as a historic place in order to block the water tank from going up, but am not having any luck finding information about it specifically. The only info I was able to find was the parcel number.

I know that Herbert and Laurence Hamblen played a big part in the parks creation around Spokane and that this park was designated as a "conservation land park" .

I cannot find any dates but know that it is at least 65 years old. Can you help me with this? Direct me to finding information.

I have often wondered why this is the only park in Spokane that does not have one of the wood signs that has the name of the park and when it was founded.
Thank you

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With Calmpassion,
jan