

Spokane Park Board Land Committee

3:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 02, 2024

In-person: Conference Room "A"

The Hive, 2904 E. Sprague Ave. Spokane WA 99202

WebEx virtual meeting:

Call-in: 408-418-9388; Access code: 2488 912 7512 Al Vorderbrueggen – Operations Director

Committee Members:

Greta Gilman – Chair Sally Lodato Hannah Kitz Kevin Brownlee Doug Kelley

The Land Committee meeting will be held in-person in the **Spokane Public Library, The Hive, Conference Room "A", 2904 E. Sprague Ave. Spokane WA 99202** and virtually via WebEx at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 02, 2024. Committee members, staff, and presenters still have the option to participate virtually via WebEx during all meetings.

The public may listen to the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering access code **2488 912 7512**, when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than 11:30 a.m. Oct. 02 by email to: spokanecity.org or mail to: Spokane ParkBoard, 5th floor City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201. Submitted public comments will be presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

AGENDA

Call to order – Greta Gilman

Public comment – Greta Gilman

1. Fish Lake Trail (Haught and Kropp)

Action Items:

 Place Landscape Architecture Contract Amendment #2 / Meadowglen Park (\$100,000 nontaxable service)

– Berry Ellison

Discussion Items:

- 1. Access easement request @ 44th Avenue / Fish Lake Trail Aaron Nolting & Nick Hamad
- Access easement request @ 3317 N Wellington Place / Park Boulevard Andrew Rich & Nick Hamad

Unfinished Business Items:

Standing Report Items:

Adjournment

Agenda Subject to Change

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Hamad, Nicholas

Subject:

FW: Easement request over fish lake trail Oct. 2

From: Lunell Haught

Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 10:36 AM

To: Hamad, Nicholas

Cc: traildan

Subject: Re: Easement request over fish lake trail Oct. 2

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Hi Nick

I left you a message and hopefully you can phone me so I can get my facts straight

The parcel number on scout indicates it is owned by the City of Spokane https://cp.spokanecounty.org/SCOUT/Map/?PID=24021.0109

24011.0205 View more parcel information This property is scheduled for inspection between October 2028 and May of 2029			Site Address and	Address City,	Unassigned Address Spokane, WA
	-		Owner Info	State	Spokarie, WA
Owner	SPOKANE, CITY OF				
	Excise Number	No recent sale			
Most-Recent	Sale Date				
Sale	Sale Price				
	Transfer Type				
	Property Use	Vacant Land			
Property Info	Tax Code Area	1880			

This doesn't look exactly like what the request describes.

Land Size (Acres) 2.06

The opinion I ask you to share with the land committee is that the access for more families is unpersuasive and this increases the potential for vehicular access to the trail, which is already a problem (I live between mile 4 and 5). Getting an easement from the neighbor with the existing easement should be sufficient. The city is responsible for the trail until it connects over the RR tracks between Scribner/Queen Lucas Lake and Fish Lake, at which time it will be under the jurisdiction of the State. I don't know how the state parks people feel about additional easements to the trail authorized by the city, who is the custodian.

I am seriously wondering how someone could own landlocked land without an easement arrangement. For example there is landlocked property next to the FLT but they have access through the neighboring property at Marshall Road.

Thanks for your help with this.

Lunell

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Hi Lunell,

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In my review of the request, the requestor could access the parcel desired through existing R.O.W. without utilize park land. That would require a large amount of grading and tree removal, but is legally an option without any action from park board. I will refrain from commenting on whether or not entertaining the request is in the best interest of the trail or park land, as that is a question the park board land committee. One I'm certain they will talk through Wednesday.

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Hope all is well,

-nick

From: Lunell Haught

Sent: Monday, September 30, 2024 2:14 PM To: Hamad, Nicholas Hamad, Nicholas

Cc: traildan Paul Kropp; Friends

Centennial Trail

Subject: Easement request over fish lake trail Oct. 2

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From: Paul Kropp

To: Spokane Parks and Recreation

Cc:

Subject: Fish Lake Trail 44th Ave easement request **Date:** Tuesday, October 01, 2024 1:30:59 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

This is for the attention of Land Committee members and staff pertaining to this item on their October 2nd agenda.

I am representing the view of officers of the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition. As you know, the INTC has served for many years in advocacy and stewardship of the Fish Lake Trail.

Having examined the Land Committee's advance agenda and the accompanying mapping and documentation for the request for an "access easement" across park land at approximately W 44th Avenue and the Fish Lake Trail, it is our opinion that granting an easement such as is requested is:

- (A) Inconsistent with the goals and policies of the city's parks 2022 Master Plan, in particular Land Goal C "Preserve our Wild" Objective 5 "Enhance Our Natural Lands," because
- (B) It would provide no benefit to the public whatsoever, and
- (C) Resulting vehicular traffic in the long run could jeopardize the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians using park land thereby adversely affecting the operation and use of an important regional trail facility.

For Jeff Lambert, INTC President, and Lunell Haught, Secretary, who are on the Cc: list for this message.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

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Paul Kropp pkropp[at]fastmail[dot]fm Spokane, WA

INTC Treasurer

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Spokane Park Board Briefing Paper



Committee	Land		Comm	ittee meeting da	te : Oct 2, 20)24
Requester	Berry Ellison			Phone numb	er : 509 293-	6743
Type of agenda item	Consent	Discussion		○ Information		Action
Type of contract/agreement	New Rer	newal/ext. OL	_ease	Amendment/c	hange order	Other
City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)	OPR 2024-0238	3				
Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy	Goal A, Obj. 1		Mast	er Plan Priority T	ier: First	
(Click HERE for link to the adopted plan)	-		(pg. 17	71-175)		
Item title: (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Place Landscap (\$100,000 non-t			ct Amendment #2 /	Meadowgler	n Park
Begin/end dates	Begins: 10/10/2	024	Ends:	12/31/2025	O	6/01/2525
Background/history: Developing Meadowglen Park was identified in the adopted 2022 Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan as one of the highest community park improvement priorities citywide. After securing (2) large Washington State recreation grants, which partially fund construction, park staff request authorization of additional design work for this project. City Staff previously reviewed proposals from ten design firms and selected Place Landscape Architecture as the firm best suited for this work. Task 1 work was previously completed, and this amendment authorizes the consultant to proceed with Task 2 work as outlined in the initial consultant proposal. Product generated by Task 2 will be of a 30% set of construction documents.						
Motion wording: Motion to approve Meadowglen Park Design Contract Amendment #2 in the amount \$100,000 non-taxable service Approvals/signatures outside Parks: Yes No				ice		
If so, who/what department, agency or c		•				
Name: Joshua Tripp	Email address	: josh@place-la	a.com	Pn	one: 509 29:	3-6743
Distribution:				anecity.org		
Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrich Requester: bellison@spokanecity.org Grant Management Department/Name:		jkconley	@spok	anecity.org		
Fiscal impact: • Expenditure	Revenue					
Amount: \$100,000.00 non-taxable service		Budget code: 1950-5492-94	000-56	6522-48205		
Vendor:	New vendo	☐ W-9 (f		contractors/consulta		
✓ Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - C ✓ UBI: 603-603-875 Business license exc		Z5 ✓ ACH F		or new contractors/c		



CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION

CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 2

Title: LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN
AND CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR
MEADOWGLEN PARK, PHASE ONE

This Contract Amendment is made and entered into by and between the CITY OF SPO-KANE PARKS AND RECREATION as ("City"), a Washington municipal corporation, and PLACE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC, whose address is 1325 W. First Avenue, Suite 204, Spo-kane, Washington 99201 as ("Consultant"), individually hereafter referenced as a "party", and together as the "parties".

WHEREAS, the parties entered into a Contract wherein the Consultant agreed to provide project feasibility and conceptual design of public park improvements of Meadowglen Park; and

WHEREAS, additional money is needed for Task 2, thus, the original Contract needs to be formally Amended by this written document; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of these terms, the parties mutually agree as follows:

1. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

The Contract, dated March 27, 2024, any previous amendments, addendums and / or extensions / renewals thereto, are incorporated by reference into this document as though written in full and shall remain in full force and effect except as provided herein.

2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Contract Amendment shall become effective on October 10, 2024, and shall run through December 31, 2025.

3. COMPENSATION.

The City shall pay an additional amount not to exceed **ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND HUNDRED AND NO/100 DOLLARS** (\$100,000.00), and applicable sales tax, for everything furnished and done under this Contract Amendment in accordance with Consultant's September 9, 2024 Proposal. This is the maximum amount to be paid under this Amendment and shall not be exceeded without the prior written authorization of the City, memorialized with the same formality as the original Contract and this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, in consideration of the terms, conditions and covenants contained, or attached and incorporated and made a part, the parties have executed this Contract Amendment by having legally-binding representatives affix their signatures below.

PLACE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LLC		CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION		
Ву		Ву		
Signature	Date	Signature	Date	
Type or Print Name		Type or Print Name		
Title		Title		
Attest:		Approved as to form:		
City Clerk		Assistant City Attorney		
Attachments that are part	of this Agreement:			
Attachment A – September	9, 2024 Proposal			
24-182				



Mr. Berry Ellison Project Manager / landscape Architect City of Spokane Parks & Recreation 808 W Spokane Falls Blvd #5 Spokane, WA 99201 509-625-6276 bellison@spokanecity.org

RE: Landscape Architectural Design and Consultation Services for Meadowglen Park, Task 2

Dear Mr. Ellison:

Per our meeting last Thursday (09/06/2024), please find the following scope of work for landscape architectural design and consultation for Meadowglen Park, Task 2. Unless otherwise stated, the work contained in the Scope of Services will be the responsibility of PLACE LA and our sub-consultant team.

PLACE LA fees are estimated at approximately 10% of the maximum construction costs. A base project cost of sm is assumed, with potential increase in the range of 3m to 5m, for an all-inclusive MACC of 10m. Final construction costs are determined by the City, as a result of Grant funding and Voter approval.

PLACE LA Anticipates the following delivery timelines (by Major Task)

Task Name/Description	Begin	Target Completion
Task 2 – Design & Engineering (30% DD)	Sep 09, 2024	Dec 18, 2024
Task 2 – Design & Engineering (60% CD)	tbd	tbd
Task 2 – Design & Engineering (90% CD)	tbd	tbd
Task 2 – Design & Engineering (100% CD)	tbd	Nov 14, 2025

As you requested, PLACE Landscape Architecture is very pleased to offer you the following services for the project:

SERVICES

Tasks 2 – Design & Engineering

<u>30% Design Development</u>. develop schematic design utilizing the data and program elements gleaned in the previous task. 30% to include, but is not limited to:

- Refinement of right-of-way improvements, including curb, gutter, and sidewalk; driveway approaches & at-grade pedestrian crossings across N Indian Trail Rd,
- Refinement of vehicular & pedestrian circulation design for parking areas and trails, including preliminary drainage/infiltration swale locations and approximates sizing,
- Refinement of horizontal layout with spot elevations and prepare typical section(s) for improvements requiring retainage of slopes,
- Refinement of layout of playground boundary and proposed play elements,
- Refinement of layout & location for restroom, shelter(s), and other above grade improvements,
- Refinement of location and style, including typeset/format of interpretive panels & kiosks,
- Refinement of limits of construction activity, including clearing, grubbing & tree removal, etc.,
- Refinement of civil & electrical improvements, identifying water, sewer, power sources, and new service location(s),
- Preliminary cut/fill volume estimates.
- Prepare Geotechnical analysis of subsurface conditions limited to the area of proposed improvement. Locations of geotechnical explorations & analysis include proposed infiltration swales, mass excavation, and footings,

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- Prepare a detailed itemized project budget with estimated costs for all proposed improvements, including tax, permit fees, and contingency. Submit to City staff for review, comment, and incorporate revisions as necessary to adequately estimate cost of the base bid and alternate(s) for bidding and construction.
- Include recommended updates / alternatives to concept plans,
- Prepare rendered site plan graphics and presentation materials for community engagement meetings and / or electronic sharing (via web and email),
- Attend one (1) community engagement meeting to present updated plans and gather community feedback. Prepare meeting minutes after completion of meeting,
- 30% plans will be considered complete when initial validation / schematic drawings, renderings, & supporting documents, and community engagement meeting minutes are submitted and approved in writing by the City.

Permits anticipated for this project include:

SEPA checklist, application & review,

Restroom building permit,

Parking lot site permit / grading permit,

Firms shall include studies and application support as required to apply for and secure all required permits.

FEES, SHEETS OR DRAWINGS, AND ESTIMATED HOURS

We would propose lump sum fees for the work as follows, payable upon presentation of a monthly statement as design and construction progresses:

Proposed Total Fee for Task 2. \$100,000.00

Our monthly statements would reflect the percentages of completion indicated in Task 2 above. We usually send out invoices on or about the first of each month and would request payment within 30 days. Please note that we reserve the right to assign, factor, or otherwise collect accounts that are 90 days or more overdue.

If these terms are agreeable to you, please sign a copy of this letter and send it back to us via email or US mail. We will be pleased to begin work promptly upon receipt of our signed copy.

We look forward to working with you, The City of Spokane Parks Recreation Department, and rest of the design team in the

Design Fee Worksheet

months to come.

With Gratitude, **PLACE Landscape Architecture**

Joshua Tripp, PLA, ASLA Principal Landscape Architect

City's current budget

Const Budget Design % Design Fee Remaining 5,000,000.00 Validation Phase 10.00% \$ 50,000.00 \$ 450,000.00 0.76% \$ 3.800.00 \$ 446.200.00 Amd 1 Phase II-30% 20.00% \$100,000.00 \$ 346,200.00 Phase II-30-100% 65.00% \$325,000.00 \$ 21,200.00 **Bidding Assist** 1.00% \$ 5,000.00 \$ 16,200,00 3.00% \$ 15,000.00 \$ 1,200.00 99.76% \$498,800.00 \$

09/10/2024

This proposal is covered by our General Liability and Professional Practice Insurance Program.

Acceptance of Proposal: I have read the above prices, scope of work, and Exhibit "A"; it is satisfactory and hereby accepted. PLACE is authorized to commence work as specified and agreed to herein. Please sign below and return to our office. We will begin work immediately upon receipt of the signed agreement and the AutoCAD files. A retainer of 0% is required to begin work; services will be billed monthly upon completion.

The undersigned accepts the above agreement.	
ACCEPTABLE:	
Signature of Authorized Agent	Date of Acceptance

Spokane Park Board Briefing Paper



Committee	Land	Committee meeting date:	: Oct 2, 2024	
Requester	Nick Hamad	Phone number:	: 509 363 5452	
Type of agenda item	Consent ODiscus	ssion OInformation	Action	
Type of contract/agreement	New Renewal/ext.	OLease OAmendment/char	nge order Other	
City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)				
Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy	N/A	Master Plan Priority Tier	∵N/A	
(Click HERE for link to the adopted plan)		(pg. 171-175)		
Item title: (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Discuss access easement request @ 44th Avenue / Fish Lake Trail			
Begin/end dates	Begins:	Ends:	06/01/2525	
Background/history: A private citizen has requested an access easement across a park land which currently hosts a portion of the fish lake trail (Parcel: 24011.0205). This easement is requested to provide an vehicula access drive to adjacent private property.			•	
The purpose of this discussion item is to determine whether the park board land committee believes the proposed request is consistent with the draft 'alternative use' of park land policy and determine if the proposed request results in an apparent 'net benefit to the city park system'.				
Motion wording: Discuss access easement request & whether or not it appears it can provide a net benefit to the city park system				
Approvals/signatures outside Parks:	Yes • No)		
If so, who/what department, agency or co		Diversi		
Name: Aaron Nolting	Email address: aaronnol	ting@dextmtb.com Phon	e:	
Distribution:	nhamad@spokanecity.org			
Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrich	Jkcc	onley@spokanecity.org		
Requester: nhamad@spokanecity.org				
Grant Management Department/Name:				
Fiscal impact: Expenditure	Revenue			
Amount:	Budget co	ode:		
Vendor: Existing vendor	New vendor			
Supporting documents:	-			
Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)		W-9 (for new contractors/consultants		
Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - C		ACH Forms (for new contractors/cons		

From: <u>Wufoo</u>

To: <u>Hamad, Nicholas</u>

Subject:Alternative Use on Park Land Form [#3]Date:Thursday, August 29, 2024 4:06:20 PM

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Name	Aaron Nolting
Email	<u>aaronnolting@dextmtb.com</u>
Address	4821 S LONG LN Greenacres, WA 99016-9769 United States
Phone Number	(509) 822-8934
Parcel number(s)	24011.0205
Approximate area of park property impacted by proposal	11,000 SQFT // 375FT Long by 40 FT W
Park Name (if applicable)	Fish lake Trail
Applicant to Attach a map of the approximate area of park property impacted by the proposal	easement_location.jpg 149.67 KB · JPG
Proposal Classification / Proposed Type of Alternative Use: Check All That Apply	Access across park land - vehicular
What is the proposed time duration for the alternative use	Perpetual
Briefly describe the proposed alternate use on park land, taking care to explain why the usage of park property is required, and the intended benefits to the applicant.	In attempt to access a 36 AC parcel we are looking find a solution with the parks and recreation. We are currently land locked and do not have feasible access to the property. Looking to improve an existing path and be granted an official easement for car access.
Is the proposed action primarily intended to benefit a private use on or near park land, or is it intended to benefit a public use on or near park land, or both? (select one)	Private use
If you selected 'private' or 'both' to the above describe the private use proposed and describe how the proposed alternative use will improve or enhance public park function.	The city will be able to maintain and use the road to address vegetation and be able to park to access the trail.

If you selected 'public' or 'both' to the above, describe the public use proposed and describe how the proposed alternative use will improve or enhance public park function.	
Please summarize how this proposal will result in a 'quantifiable net improvement' to the city's park system (note – improvement of private land adjacent to public park land is not considered net improvement to park) – provide example	A increase in usage getting more families and children to the trail.
What is the appraised value of the subject park land?	\$5,165.28 correction: \$8,970
Will this proposal displace an existing developed park use?	No
Will this proposal disturb or develop existing undeveloped or natural park land?	Yes
If you selected "Yes" to the above, please describe the restoration or compensation proposed by the applicant to ensure offset the loss of free access.	There is currently a road to access a neighboring shop within the park land. I am looking to compensate the city for access to my property using the road that is already preestablished and improving it.
Will this proposal remedy an existing problem within the park, repair a damaged or neglected portion of the park, or enhance the subject park?	Yes
If yes, please describe the specific improvement and how it will enhance public park function.	The road will be improved and the city will be able to access and park to access the trail.
Is the use of public park land required to meet the applicant's desired goal, or can a similar outcome be achieved without the use of public park land?	No, use of park land is required

note: public Right-Of-Way is available to private property adjacent park parcel. it is forested and would require significant grading to create access to the adjacent private land.



TO: AARON NOLTING

FROM: ANTHONY "TONY" P. VILLELLI – MANAGING COMMERICAL BROKER

SUBJECT: EASEMENT VALUE

Hello Aaron,

Per our prior conversation, this memo is to serve as a notice to any parties of the estimated value of the easement across the Fishlake Trail to the benefit of the land currently held by Union Pacific Railroad.

In instances such as this a value will be placed on the property based on its current market value then a percentage of encumbrance on that land to determine a final value of said easement property.

The evaluation of the land in this case is fairly ease as the neighboring property, which had formerly encompassed the property in question, is being sold at \$12,500 per acre. Therefore, it would be logical and extremely fair to value the incumbered land at the same price. An egress easement across the property would make it unsuitable for any use other than vehicle, bike and/or pedestrian traffic. However, it would still present some value to the users and owners of the trail if it were not gated-off as they would still have use of the land for egress purposes including but not limited to maintenance of the Fishlake Trail. With this in mind, it would be my professional recommendation to value the easement at 75% of the total land's value, there for \$9,375 per acre or \$0.2152 per foot.

Fish Lake Trail Easement

By: Aaron Nolting

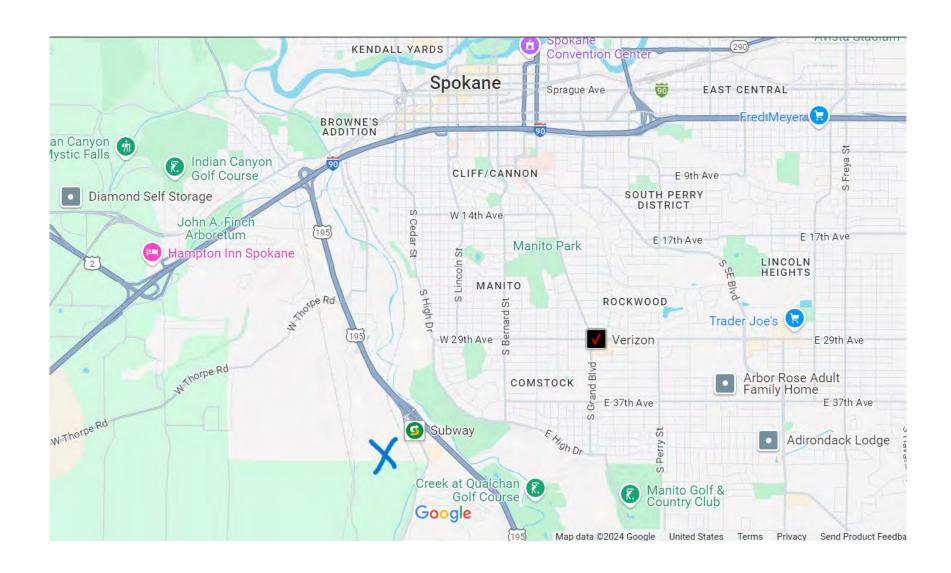
Summary

• Fish Lake Trail egress easement to access a land locked property

Purchase of easement at a professional evaluated fair market value

Applicant proposes additional possible benefits for City of Spokane

Site Location

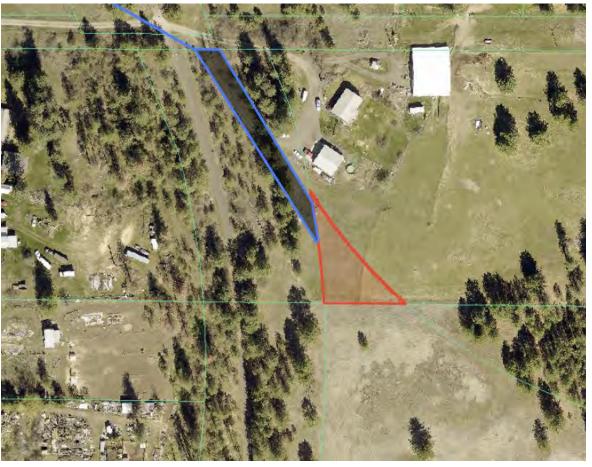






Proposed Easement





Easement

- Easement for access to be 40 ft in width and near 350 ft in length
 - Estimated 14,000 SQFT needed for access to 24011.0203
- Purchase of easement at a fair market value
 - Professionally recommended at \$9,375 per AC or around \$3,000
- Easement to serve only vehicle, bike and/or pedestrian traffic
- Easement to possibly serve as access for maintenance of the Fish Lake Trail.

Andrew & Jennifer Rich

3317 N. Wellington Place Spokane, WA 99205 (650) 270-5863 andrew.rich@gmail.com

August 7, 2024

Department of Planning and Economic Development, City of Spokane 809 W. Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99201

Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Spokane 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd Spokane, WA 99201

Dear Spokane Planning and Parks teams,

I am writing to inquire about the feasibility and process of constructing a dry-fit paver stone driveway across the Park Boulevard Parkway green space adjacent to my property at 3317 N. Wellington Place, Spokane.

As part of an upcoming project to landscape our backyard and construct a garage, we have identified the need for a driveway that would facilitate construction activities and provide access. The proposed driveway, built using environmentally friendly dry-fit paver stones, would allow water permeability, minimize disruption to the green space, and provide a sustainable solution to our access needs.

I would like to note that the alley behind our property, shown on the city street plan, was never built. If it had existed, it would have provided the necessary access to our property. The construction of this driveway would address the access issue—our backyard is effectively landlocked—without the need to revisit the unbuilt alley.

I understand that modifications to public land require careful consideration and approval from relevant departments. To this end, I am seeking guidance on the following points:

- Permitting Process: What are the specific steps and requirements for obtaining permission to construct a driveway across a public green strip? Are there any particular forms or documents we need to submit?
- Environmental Impact: Are environmental assessments or studies required to evaluate the proposed driveway's impact on the green strip and surrounding areas?
- Design and Construction Standards: Do we adhere to any design or construction standards for the driveway? If so, could you provide us with the relevant guidelines or specifications?
- Coordination with Other Departments: Are there additional city departments or agencies we must coordinate with as part of this process?
- Community Input: Is public notice or input from the community required regarding this project? If so, how would this process be facilitated?

I appreciate your attention to this matter and am eager to take all necessary steps to comply with city regulations and maintain the integrity of our community's green spaces. Please let me know a convenient time for a meeting to discuss this proposal further or if you require any additional information from my side.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I deeply appreciate your expertise and the effort you will put into reviewing this proposal. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rich

From: Wufoo

To: <u>Hamad, Nicholas</u>

Subject: Alternative Use on Park Land Form [#4]

Date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 10:36:30 AM

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Address	3317 N Wellington Pl Spokane, WA 99205 United States
Phone Number	(650) 270–5863
Site Address	3101 N Park Blvd
Parcel number(s)	25024.4301
Approximate area of park property impacted by proposal	600 sq. ft (10' x 60')
Park Name (if applicable)	Park Blvd Parkway
Applicant to Attach a map of the approximate area of park property impacted by the proposal	sketch_park_boulevard_access_easement_request.pdf 7.62 MB · PDF
Proposal Classification / Proposed Type of Alternative Use: Check All That Apply	Access across park land - vehicular
What is the proposed time duration for the alternative use	Perpetual

Briefly describe the proposed alternate use on park land, taking care to explain why the usage of park property is required, and the intended benefits to the applicant.

As part of an upcoming project to landscape our backyard and construct a garage, we have identified the need for a driveway that would facilitate construction activities and provide access. The proposed driveway, built using environmentally friendly dry-fit paver stones, would allow water permeability, minimize disruption to the green space, and offer a sustainable solution to our access needs.

I would like to note that the alley behind our property, shown on the city street plan, was never built. It would have provided the necessary access to our property if it had existed. The construction of this driveway would address the access issue-our backyard is effectively landlocked-without the need to revisit the unbuilt alley.

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intended to benefit a private use on or near park land, or is it intended to benefit a public use on or near park land, or both? (select one)

If you selected 'private' or 'both' to the above describe the private use proposed and describe how the proposed alternative use will improve or enhance public park function. We only seek permission to construct a flat, dry-fit paver stone driveway to access our property. We are not requesting any barriers or restrictions that would impede public access to the parkland or the surrounding area. The proposal will not otherwise alter, disrupt, or inhibit public park function.

OR

If you selected 'public' or 'both' to the above, describe the public use proposed and describe how the proposed alternative use will improve or enhance public park function.

Please summarize how this proposal will result in a 'quantifiable net improvement' to the city's park system (note – improvement of private land adjacent to public park land is not considered net improvement to park) – provide example

To provide a quantifiable net improvement to the affected area of the park, we would consider one or more of the following:

- 1. Native Plant Installation and Maintenance: We could install and maintain native plants along both sides of the driveway, covering an area of approximately 120 sq. ft. (2 ft. wide strips on each side of the 60 ft. long driveway). This will enhance biodiversity and provide habitat for local wildlife.
- 2. Public Seating: We could fund and install a durable public bench near the driveway area for park visitors, improving the park's amenities.
- 3. Educational Signage: We could fund the design, creation, and installation of an educational sign about local flora and fauna in the Park Blvd Parkway.

We would certainly be willing to discuss alternative net improvements, as well.

Will this proposal displace an existing developed park use?	No
Will this proposal disturb or develop existing undeveloped or natural park land?	No
Will this proposal remedy an existing	No

Will this proposal remedy an existing problem within the park, repair a damaged or neglected portion of the park, or enhance the subject park?

Is the use of public park land required No, use of park land is required

to meet the applicant's desired goal, or can a similar outcome be achieved without the use of public park land?



