1. **Roll Call:**

Park Board Members Present: Randy Cameron, President; Jim Quigley, Vice President; Leroy Eadie, Park Board Secretary/Parks Director; Andy Dunau; Ross Kelley (3:19 p.m.); Jim Santorsola; Sam Selinger; Susan Traver; Ken VanVoorhis; Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter; Chris Wright; Mike Allen, Council Liaison

Staff Present: Angel Spell; Mike Aho, Craig Butz; Debby Dodson; Nancy Goodspeed; Al Vorderbrueggen; Jacki Faught; Carl Strong; Tony Madunich; Rebecca Madany; Garrett Jones; Taylor Bressler

2. **Motion No. 1:** Jim Quigley moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Regular Park Board meeting.
   Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter seconded.
   Motion carried.

   **Motion No. 2:** Jim Quigley moved to approve the notes from the May 10, 2012 Study Session.
   Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter seconded.
   Motion carried.

   **Motion No. 3:** Jim Quigley moved to approve the notes from the May 15 Park Board Retreat.
   Ken Van Voorhis seconded.
   Motion carried.

3. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:** None

4. **Monthly Highlights** – *Randy Cameron, President*

   A. Aquatic Centers Open Monday at 12:00 noon.
   B. The Summer Program Activity Guide is now available online.
   C. The Cliff Cannon Neighborhood is having a ribbon cutting for the new Cliff Park improvements.
   D. The Gaiser Conservatory Centennial Celebration is Saturday, June 16, 2012, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Manito Park.
   E. Riverfront Park attractions will be open daily beginning tomorrow.
   F. First Tee Online Registration is now open. [www.thefirstteeinlandnw.org](http://www.thefirstteeinlandnw.org)
   G. Manito Park Bench Café summer music series runs Friday nights June 1 – August 31, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
   H. The Park Board will be holding three public budget meetings in June, one in each council district. The schedule is on the Parks and Recreation website.
   I. All four golf courses are in great condition.

5. **VISITORS**

   J. Spokane Youth and Senior Centers Association Update – Kim Ferraro, Executive Director, West Central Community Center & Bonnie McDade, Executive Director, Southside Senior
Community Center provided an update on the youth and senior centers. Four percent of the Parks and Recreation budget is allocated to the senior, youth and community centers serving thousands of seniors and youth. The centers very much appreciate the funding. Youth centers positively impact the lives of many young people creating a safe positive place for at risk youth. The West Central Neighborhood is one of the neighborhoods that benefit most from the recreational funding provided by Parks and Recreation. In the West Central Neighborhood the median household income is $16,250 annually; 17% of adults report they did not graduate high school; 5.2% report of achieving an educational level of less than 9th grade; Washington State Department of Corrections estimates that more than 700 youth in the neighborhood have a parent currently involved in the criminal justice system and that 500 of those youth will be involved in the criminal justice system themselves; 62% of mothers are unwed compared to 32% in Spokane County; and maternal smoking is at 44%. Positive role modeling, preventative education, and lots of recreational activities are changing lives daily in our neighborhoods.

SYSCA was organized less than a year ago in response to the Board’s proposal to cut 100% of center funding for 2012, cuts that would have caused center closures. Over the past 11 months the Board and the centers have come to know more about each other. The Board is better to able to make an informed decision this year. SYSCA truly appreciates the Board’s effort, time and commitment to becoming more informed and believes the Board reciprocates the feeling for SYSCA’s effort, time and commitment to the same. SYSCA members have raised rates, worked independently, communicate with each other more, and work together more than they did before. SYSCA knows that there is an $80K cut proposed for 2013 and would like to urge the Board to look somewhere else in the budget to make the cut.

6. **Motion No. 4:** Andy Dunau moved to accept claims for the month of May 2012 in the amount of $1,187,579.60.  
Mike Allen seconded.  
Motion carried.

7. **Financial Report – Rebecca Madany**  
A. Park Fund is at 83% of year to date revenue and 91% in expenditures. Revenue is about $300K short, expenditures are about $700 short, leaving a positive variance of about $400K.  
B. Golf Fund is at 108% of year to date revenue and 91% in expenditures. Due to last year’s shortfall they are at about $290K in the hole and hope to make it up in the busy season.

8. **SPECIAL DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS** – None

9. **FOUNDATION REPORT – Marilyn Thordarson, Interim Executive Director**  
A. The Foundation is currently recruiting for an executive director for someone with experience in fund development.  
B. Due to budget constraints the Foundation will have only one person in the office as an executive director.  
C. Although the Foundation struggles raising funds for the endowment fund it receives good public response for projects.  
D. Make a Splash brings in about $50K per year for passes and scholarships both city and county wide with about 1,000 passes already distributed this year.  
E. Save Our Summers distributed 2,000 swimsuits throughout the county. They just received
a donation of approximately 200 more from Speedo.
F. A $5K grant from the Dave and Dorothy Pierce Fund Trust for swim lessons and passes for the Boys and Girls Club.
G. $36,300 in project grants and scholarships were awarded this year county wide.
H. New Foundation Board members include Craig Crowley, Thomas Schussler and Doug Kelley.
I. Sam Selinger inquired about partnering on a list of needs with Leroy Eadie suggesting capital projects that we cannot easily afford.
J. The Foundation is working with staff on getting small designated accounts off the books.
K. Marilyn suggested holding off on the next joint meeting until September when the new executive director is in place.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Park Board Action Items

FINANCE COMMITTEE – June 12, 2012 – Andy Dunau
A. The committee received and reviewed the Financial Report.
B. The committee received and reviewed the 2013 Budget Summary and public budget meeting plans. A budget survey will be placed on the website for members of the public that are unable to attend the meetings.
C. 2012 Budget Savings report was reviewed by the committee.
D. The Capital Plan report was provided and reviewed by the committee.
E. A Finance subcommittee for Revenue Enhancements was created. Members include Andy Dunau, Ross Kelley, Randy Cameron and Mike Allen as chairperson. Naming rights of the Rotary Fountain building will be their first task with other opportunities expected.

GOLF COMMITTEE – May 16, 2012 – Ken Van Voorhis
A. Steve Conner gave a brief introduction regarding the history of Downriver Golf Course.
B. There was discussion regarding a combined City/County Golf Member Card.
C. There was discussion on 2012 Budget Check In.
D. There was discussion the Golf Strategic (Master) Plan.
E. There was a Financial Update.
F. There was a brief Revenue Enhancement/Advertising Update. The Senior Member Discount Pass is up from last year. Discussion was had on restructuring the Unlimited Play Pass. There was discussion on the new Sunset Tate. There was discussion on pursuing new clients for the Corporate Pass.
G. The courses are in fantastic condition.

LAND COMMITTEE – June 6, 2012 – Jim Santorsola
A. Motion No. 5: Ken Van Voorhis moved to recommend staff draft an agreement with Stanek's Nursery / Thornton Murphy Park Easement Agreement for $14,858 annually, with a five year agreement, and a re-appraisal at the end of the first five years, and an additional option to extend for second five years.
Jim Quigley seconded.
Speaking to the motion:
It was clarified that the option to extend is the Board’s option and not Stanek’s option. Square footage costs are based on appraisal by Larry Hitchcock, E.H. Appraisal Services with square footage costs at $7 per square feet, for a total of $178,400. This is the higher range in the appraisal.
Valuation of the right of first refusal was not included in the appraisal. Payment would be made in one yearly annual payment. 

Leroy Eadie indicated that his understanding of what he has heard from the Board is that they stands firm on this offer and would not accept counteroffers as this offer was a stretch for what some members were willing to do. 

Ken Van Voorhis indicated that he just wants this resolved and for the Board to move on. Any counteroffers should be reviewed by Land Committee. 

Chris Wright expressed concerns about the arrangement and the issue of Right of first refusal and will not vote for the motion because he thinks the property should be brought back to the Park Board as soon as possible. He is comfortable with Leroy negotiating and coming back to the Board so long as it is acknowledged that Board members have opposition to the lease. 

Mike Allen noted that the Mayor is evaluating the property in its possession and. 

Leroy Eadie confirmed that Parks is engaging in the same process although not as aggressively as we are under different rules for what we can do with our property. Park’s owns property separately from the City and has completed an inventory. Today’s study session’s goal is to better understand our options on how we can dispose of property. 

Randy Cameron confirmed that Stanek’s chains the parking lot after they close for the day. He thinks that Stanek’s is in a delicate position as we talk about this lease. This is Parks property that has not been leased, is in use without regards to the development that does not serve any Parks purpose, they lock our property after business hours, and for that we are entertaining a five year lease with a five year option. He feels the Park Board has gone an awful long way in trying to be a good neighbor and still be great stewards of public property and would ask that Leroy emphasize this in the negotiations. 

Jim Santorsola feels the Board should be given the ability to negotiate and bring back to the Land Committee at the next meeting so that the Board can finally put an end to this. 

Leroy Eadie advised that this property came into Parks possession in the 1950’s with a straight across property transfer exchange. The property that the parking lot occupies now is a portion of the property received by Parks in that exchange that Parks did not have a use for at that time. There was apparently a handshake between the Parks director at the time and Stanek’s to allow them to use it as a parking lot and make improvements. Stanek’s made the improvements. Parks benefitted from those improvements because there was a grade change and the wall they built held up the ball field. Stanek’s has been using the property for more than 50 years rent free. Parks sought an opinion from City Legal and was informed that Stanek’s has no position under which it could claim ownership. 

Randy Cameron called for the question. 

Point of Order: Mike Allen confirmed that the vote was for the original motion. 

Motion carried with Chris Wright as the only dissenting vote. 

B. Motion No. 6: Jim Santorsola moved to approve the United States Department of Energy – Bonneville Power Administration for request for access easement through Meadowglen Conservation Area for access road to maintain, improve, and reconstruct power transmission lines resulting in revenue to Parks and Recreation in the sum of $1,400 with the removal of the title warranty language as amended. Ken Van Voorhis seconded. 

Speaking to the motion: 

Chris Wright requested Ken to agree to a friendly amendment asking to strike the entire fifth paragraph and not just the second half as there is still the word “warrant” in there.
This means that we are guaranteeing something and we shouldn’t warrant anything. It is up to them to decide if we have title and for $1,400 for the easement they can do that. Ken Van Voorhis agreed to the friendly amendment.  

Susan Traver asked if the entire paragraph is struck if we have to go back to Bonneville. Leroy Eadie advised that the intent is exactly the same however if there is a problem staff will let the Board know.

Ken Van Voorhis stated that if the DOE wanted to take the property outright they could do so, and in that case we should take the $1,400. 

Motion carried.

C. **Motion No. 7:** Jim Santorsola moved to approve the purchase of two Toro Rake-O-Vacs from Western Equipment in the sum of $56,181.72 inclusive of Washington State Sales Tax, pursuant to the City of Spokane’s Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with the National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (NIPA) contract #083004. 

Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter seconded. 

Speaking to the motion:  

Tony Madunich gave a description of the equipment stating that Park Operations uses it extensively in the fall and noted that the golf courses use a similar piece of equipment extensively as well. He advised that Riverfront has their own and Ken Van Voorhis asked if it is critical that we order this piece of equipment this month or if we can postpone until next month and possibly further out in order to have a balanced budget.  

Mike Allen inquired about the age and usability of the current equipment.  

Tony Madunich advised that one is 11 years old and the other is 12 years old. Staff feels that they have exceeded their useful life as both were in for extensive repairs throughout the spring. Most of Park Ops equipment has hour meters on them. These do not, however the one part that is rated for a lifespan is the engines which are rated at approximately 1,200 hours. The mechanics estimate that there are two to three times that on each piece of equipment. We have gotten a lot of use out of them and they are just a part of our planned equipment replacement so that these things don’t stack up and we end up with a lot of needs all at once. The other issue is the down time on the machines if they end up in the repair shop a lot then they are not out there doing work. Once ordered it takes about two months to get them. If they have a major breakdown in the fall the machines would be mothballed and the work would not get done, a minor breakdown would be fixed and staff would complete as much of the work as possible.  

Leroy Eadie feels that there was a good conversation at Finance Committee and there was support to dip into fund balance for $70K. Also presented was the Capital Improvement Plan where we are tracking well and well within our means for capital. The only item deferred from the 2012 Capital list is the design for the Sekani bathroom which is not a safety issue.

Sam Selinger has concerns about funds towards the end of the year and wonders if replacing only one would be better.  

Tony Madunich advised that there are only two of these one used exclusively in Riverfront Park and the other used at all the other Parks. They are used at the same time therefore a difficult thing to share.

Andy Dunau is willing to give staff the benefit of the doubt regarding budget on this item. Motion carried.

D. The committee discussed the benefits and options for upgrading utilities at Camp Sekani. Staff will continue researching and develop cost estimates.

E. Projects have been completed at Cliff, High Bridge and Stone Street Parks. Work at Kehoe
Park continues for the CXT building, and a large tree was planted per neighborhood request.

F. Stewardship Goals for Spokane Park’s Conservation Lands being developed by Urban Forestry CAC members to benefit Park’s conservation lands were reviewed by the committee. Some changes were suggested.

G. A support letter to aid the City’s Principle Engineer’s funding efforts to complete a portion of the Centennial Trail was reviewed and changes were suggested.

H. Due to the interest of the Susie Forest Coordinator to plant commemorative trees honoring parks’ 110 year anniversaries, as a park approaches this milestone Parks staff will provide the associated Neighborhood Council with information to enable them to take advantage of this interest.

RECREATION COMMITTEE – June 7, 2012 – Chris Wright

A. Bob Smick gave a presentation to the committee on the history of Project Joy and a presentation on the Southside senior Activity Center was provided by Bonnie McDade.

B. The committee discussed the 2013 Recreation Budget. Topics included the 2012 Financial Update; the Senior/Community Centers; the Outdoor/Personal Interest, Arts and TRS Programs; and Aquatics. Staff presented a proposal for a reorganization of Recreation.

C. Aquatics discussion on closing pools on Sundays or reducing hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to save costs was discussed. The decision has been made to reduce hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the potential cost savings were more than twice the savings of closing for pools completely on Sunday.

D. The committee discussed the Athletic Field Allocations and the 2013 Fee Schedule. Good feedback has been received with the field allocations process in 2012.

E. The Corbin Arts Center discussion was tabled by the committee.

RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE – June 4, 2012 – Susan Traver

A. Motion No. 8: Susan Traver moved to approve the contact with Groupon, Inc. to sell up to $125,000 of discounted attraction vouchers to Riverfront Park attractions and participate in a revenue share. Chris Wright seconded. Motion carried.

B. Motion No. 9: Susan Traver moved to approve the Value Blanket Order renewal with Concession Supply, Spokane, WA for the purchase of miscellaneous food and beverage products through April 10, 2013 with an estimated expenditure of $40,000. Andy Dunau seconded. Motion carried.

C. Motion No. 10: Susan Traver moved to approve the Pow Wow’s Committee’s request to allow camping at this year’s encampment. Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter seconded. Motion carried.

D. Integris representatives reviewed with the committee highlights of their findings in the Pavilion/Clocktower structural report for each facility. The report includes a list of short and long term recommendations with priority given to issues with high safety concern. The full report will be provided to the Board. Due to major safety issues the Haunted House by Ignite Theater will not be held in the East Pavilion this year. Staff has been working on prioritizing the issues and working on them as funds are available.

E. The committee reviewed the Finance Report through April 2012.

F. Discussion was had by the committee on the 2013 Riverfront Park Budget. The aquarium
option is not being pursued at this time. Consensus was IMAX should remain open short
term until plans for replacement attraction(s) are developed.
G. RFP Master Plan was reviewed by the committee. There has been a lot of media coverage.
Feedback has been very positive.
H. The committee received an update on the Fountain Building. A request for proposal
process for the remainder of design and built is necessary. This will impact construction
start and completion.

**URBAN FORESTRY TREE COMMITTEE – June 5, 2012 – Ken VanVoorhis**
A. The Committee discussed four Heritage Tree nominations. Three old growth Douglas Fir at
Indian Canyon Park and one Silver Maple in Browne’s addition.
B. The contract with Davey Resource Group for the Street Tree Inventory has been signed.
Work will begin in a couple of weeks.
C. The draft Street Tree List is available for review online.
D. The committee received the Citizen Advisory Committee report.
E. The committee reviewed the Urban Forestry Staff report.

11. **REPORTS**

A. Park Board President –
   1. Changing of Committee meetings to Special Meetings has allowed more
      participation of Board members and enabled more communication and
      collaboration.
   2. The May 15th all day retreat will make a difference for 2013 and beyond with
      regards to facilities and budget.
   3. All Park Board members and the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming
      public budget meetings.

B. Park Board Members –
   2. Parks Foundation Liaison – Susan Traver reported that the Foundation has been
discussing budgetary and staffing issues. The Spokane County Park Board has
assigned a new liaison to the group.
   3. Council Liaison – Councilman Mike Allen reported the Council continues to work on
budget.
   4. Parks Department Revenue & Sponsorship Subcommittee – Councilman Mike Allen
reported that this new subcommittee has been formed. Members include
Councilman Allen as chairperson, Leroy Eadie, Randy Cameron, Ross Kelley and
Andy Dunau. The purpose of this committee is to work on how we can leverage
existing expenditures with business relationships. How to find new revenue
through sponsorship with the goal not to commercialize but to find correct
partnerships to enhance our revenue streams.

C. Director’s Report -
   1. Leroy will try to get on Monday’s City Council’s agenda to give a presentation on
the Riverfront Park Master Plan.
   2. Leroy is working with James Caddy in the Mayor’s office to work on performance
measures.
   3. A thank you was given to the Riverfront Park Master Planning Team who enabled
Phase I to be completed without having to hire someone outside the department. Garrett Jones did a wonderful job on the story boards.

4. A request from the Mayor’s office with regards to the settlement in the Otto Zehm case and the naming a pavilion after Mr. Zehm.

12. **Correspondence** –
   A. Letter from Chad Cottier, General Manager, Laser Quest, regarding staff’s proposal of Laser tag in East Pavilion.

13. **Public Comments**
   A. Chad Cottier outlined the Laser Quest’s history in the community, the negative effect a City run laser tag facility would have on his business, and requested that the Board not approve the construction of such a facility in Riverfront Park.
   Susan Traver advised that the proposal was taken under consideration of the Riverfront Park Committee and chose not to take any action on it and assured Mr. Cottier that there is no longer a need for him to have concern about the City competing with his privately run business.

14. Adjourn to Executive Session – None

15. **Adjournment**: 3:53 p.m.
   A. Next Committee meeting dates:
      1. Golf Committee: June 20, 2012, 7:00 a.m., Indian Canyon Golf Course, 4304 W. West Drive
      2. Riverfront Park Committee: July 9, 2012, 8:00 a.m., City Council Briefing Center
      3. Land Committee: July 9, 2012, 3:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A
      4. Recreation Committee: July 5, 2012, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Tribal Conference Room 1
      5. Finance Committee: July 10, 2012, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A
      6. Urban Forestry Tree Committee: July 3, 2012, 2011, 4:15 p.m., Woodland Center, Finch Arboretum
   B. Next Regular Park Board meeting date: July 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers
   C. Next Park Board Study Session: July, 2012, 3:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter directly following the Regular Park Board meeting, City Hall Conference Room 5A
**SPokane Park Board**

Regular Monthly Study Session – 4:05 P.M. – June 14, 2012 – City Hall Conference Room 5A

**Notes**

1. **Roll Call:** *Jacki Faught*

   Park Board Members Present: Randy Cameron, President; Jim Quigley, Vice President; Leroy Eadie, Park Board Secretary/Parks Director; Andy Dunau; Ross Kelley (3:19 p.m.); Jim Santorsola; Sam Selinger; Susan Traver; Ken VanVoorhis; Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter; Chris Wright

   Park Board Members Absent Excused: Mike Allen, Council Liaison

   Staff Present: Craig Butz, Garrett Jones, Mike Aho, Tony Madunich, Jacki Faught, Taylor Bressler, Pat Dalton (City Legal)

2. **Discussion Items:**

   A. Legalities of Leasing and Selling Park Properties – Pat Dalton, City Legal.
   1. Although Parks property is held in the name of the City it is owned by the Board. There is some land where it is not clear if the land is Parks land. The approval of the voters is required for
   2. The Charter gives the Park Board power for Condemnation for Park Purposes. This power has not been used although discussion on changes to this part of the charter was had several years ago.
   3. Each one of the pieces of property the Park Board owns might have its unique conditions on it. For example, bought with Federal Funds and there are federal and state requirements on what can be done with the property; property with “reverter” clauses that say it may be used for park use only and if it stops being used for parks then it reverts back to the donor. If there is a particular piece of property the Board is thinking of doing something with then it must be researched individually. The research can be done through a title company and there are costs involved. Parks has looked at the inventory of City owned property and research can be focused on ones that are being considered for surplus.
   4. The definition of a “park” based on the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Webster’s Dictionary, court cases, and state statutes, was discussed. Basically whatever the Board says is a park, is a park. If you treat land as a park, if the intent is to use land as a park, then it is a park. Definitions of a park tend to be circular. Other communities have resolved the definition issue by zoning their park land as parks.
   5. Discussion was had on the north bank property and if it would be considered a park and fall under the section of the charter restricting the Board to “sell or exchange without prior approval of the electorate.” The property is not considered a part of Riverfront Park but “adjacent to” Riverfront Park. The purchase was funded by the 1999 bond for the purpose of doing what you cannot do in Riverfront Park proper.
   6. By City Charter definition some land owned by parks are not considered “parks.”
   7. The reason that the definition of a park has become a large topic of discussion is that the State has enacted a law in which if someone is caught selling drugs then the penalty for the crime is enhanced.
   8. It is Pat’s legal opinion a building is realty.
   9. The Charter reference on intoxicating liquor does not apply to anything because
there is a superseding State law that says all liquor regulations in the State of Washington shall be in that chapter and no cities may have any different ones.

10. Discussion was had on the Riverfront Park Master Plan, restrictions on different parcels in the park, which properties in the area are considered in the footprint of Riverfront Park, and naming rights for sponsorships.

11. Brief discussion was had regarding Thornton Murphy Park property and the original property exchange with the Stanek’s.

12. The change of use process with the State for the Bosch Lot property was discussed.

13. Discussion was had regarding the Corbin Art Center, including options for leasing portions of the building.

14. The portion of Cowley Park being leased to Sacred Heart was discussed.

15. If land owned by parks does not fall within one of the restrictions by definition then the limitations on sell or exchange do not apply to it. Mr. Dalton believes that the north bank property could be one of those properties as it never dedicated to park purposes. Research would need to be done on this and any other property in order to determine.

16. Exchanges of property should be interpreted the same as a sale of property by the Charter.

17. Restrictions on a property would apply to buildings and/or other improvements on the property.

18. The Board can only do a three year lease however the City Council can lease property for as long as they want to. A long term lease never becomes equal to a sale or exchange of park property and would not require approval of the electorate.

19. Mr. Dalton is unaware of restrictions on the Board for purchasing property for parks purposes. The power of condemnation granted by Charter Section 49

20. Property owned by parks outside the city limits has the same charter restrictions as park property within the city limits. State laws allow park districts and parks boards to own land outside their city limits.

21. All parks property should be in the name of the city regardless of how it was acquired.

B. Naming Rights – Randy Cameron asked the board to consider reviewing and modifying the naming rights policy in the near with the intent of allowing negotiation for those rights. This would allow the Board to take advantage of opportunities as they arise.

C. Talking Points for Riverfront Park Master Plan – Randy Cameron asked for staff to work with Susan and Andy on talking points for the plan.

D. Meeting with Mayor – Randy Cameron updated the board that he will be following up with Mayor on Monday on the requests the Board has made from City Accounting and plans on asking Mayor for support of Riverfront Park Master Plan. A stakeholder’s group will be a part of Phase 2.

3. Adjournment: 5:10 p.m.

A. Next Park Board Study Session will be: July 12, 2012, 3:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter directly following the Regular Park Board meeting, City Council Briefing Center.