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Selinger, Samuel X  
Traver, Susan X  
Van Voorhis, Ken X  
Wright, Chris X  
Allen, Mike E  
Staff present:

Foundation Staff & Board Members: Co-President Phyllis Holmes, Co-President Kit Querna,  
Josie Dix, Doug Kelley, Tracy McGlathery, Erik Puthoff,  
Foundation Director Heather Beebe-Stevens

**Special Meeting of the Spokane Park Board**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2013, 4:35 p.m.**  
**City Council Briefing Center, Lower Level, City Hall**  
**808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane Washington**

**Minutes**

**1. Discussion Items:**

- A. Make A Splash Passes: More people in need know about the Foundation than in past years. The Foundation first took requests from their non-profit partners for passes for the people they serve and then set aside 210 for the public pass handout last Saturday, 20 more passes than were handed out last year. Currently there are 1378 kids on the waiting list. They have done a mailing, a press conference and personal phone calls bringing the need for more funds to the public's attention. They have an order in with Parks and Recreation for 200 more passes and will do an accounting on Monday to see how many more they are able to order. Discussion was had on the tracking mechanism for pass use. Concern was expressed that passes from the public pass handout may not be being used given the fact that the Foundation does not fund adult use for parents, additionally the tendency can be that when something is offered for free people may take it because it was free without the real desire to use it. The goal of the Foundation, City Parks and Park Board is to get people into the pools. The county has a different tracking mechanism than the City and estimates that only 1/3 of their punch card passes issued are used. The City has considerably more need than the County and had a similar system to the County in the early years that did not work as well for accounting and audit purposes and moved to a season pass sold to the Foundation at a highly discounted bulk rate. The average number of passes each family received was 2-3. Families within the City tended to be conscientious with some two child families taking only one pass stating they could afford a pass for one of their children. A very few families received up to 7 or 8 passes. Discussion was had on how improvements may be made to how City passes are issued, tracked and distributed. Suggestion was made to consider a family pass or discounted adult pass in future years. The Foundation and Parks and Recreation will continue this discussion and work together to improve the system for next year.

- B. Spokane Parks Foundation/City of Spokane Parks and Recreation MOU: Parks and Recreation would love to have an MOU with all of our partner and friends organizations and have been working on this the past couple of years. We have been working together on a draft MOU that will be brought to Park Board in the near future.
  - C. 40<sup>th</sup> Riverfront Park Gala: The Department's goal is to create a good relationship with the Foundation with regards to the Riverfront Park Master Plan. Heather presented a fundraising idea for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Riverfront Park that would also promote the image of the Foundation and bring to the taxpayers attention that their tax dollars are not enough to fully support the parks. She met with Juliet and Leroy and discussed doing a gala in April or May on the Blue Bridge and then a mini-EXPO in October sometime. They are working ideas like an auction or other fundraising activities. It was noted that a 501c3 is limited on its legislative activities and will limit the amount of support that the Foundation will be allowed to provide. It was noted that the City must be hands off on anything supporting the Bond Campaign though they would like to collaborate on the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - D. Lincoln Park Property: In going through the Foundation's files it was discovered that the Foundation owns several pieces of property that they would be willing to sell to Parks and Recreation for the tax value, one along Pettit Drive, one adjacent to Underhill Park and one adjacent to Lincoln Park that looks like it is already considered a part of the park. It was noted that in several instances there have been mistakes in the Assessor's Office with regards to property ownership that stemmed from the Parks Foundation and the Parks Department both being located on the same floor of City Hall. The Foundation will work with staff to clarify who owns the properties and what should be done with them.
  - E. Dr. Quigley Memorial Fund: Sam Selinger worked with the Foundation on the memorial fund for Dr. Quigley, a current Park Board member who recently passed away. A fund has been established with the intent of the funds to be used to replace the 6 plastic benches in Riverfront Park around the Rotary Fountain with iron benches in memory of Dr. Quigley. This would mark an area to the entryway into Riverfront Park and the new Fountain Café. The anticipated cost is \$8,000. \$7,500 has already been raised.
2. Adjournment: 5:22 p.m.