

SPOKANE PARK BOARD
March 13, 2014 Regular Monthly Meeting
1:30 P.M., City Council Chambers
Minutes

1. **Roll Call:** *Leroy Eadie*

Park Board Members Present: Randy Cameron, President; Chris Wright, Vice President; Leroy Eadie; Jim Santorsola; Sam Selinger; Susan Traver; Ken Van Voorhis; Preston Potratz; Kristine Meyer; Councilman Mike Allen (1:36)

Park Board Members Absent Excused: Andy Dunau

Staff Present: Nancy Goodspeed, Carl Strong, Garrett Jones, Tony Madunich, Rebecca Madany, Al Vorderbrueggen, Angel Spell and Debbie Dodson

2. **Motion No. 1:** Susan Traver motioned to approve the February 13, 2014 Regular Park Board Meeting Minutes and Study Session Notes.

Ken Van Voorhis seconded.

Motion carried.

3. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:** Added Monthly Highlights.

4. **Monthly Highlights:**

- A. The brand new Spring Recreation Activity Guide has just arrived and we encourage you to check out all the new programs as well as seasonal favorites. Don't forget – the easiest and fastest way to register is to go on-line and register using the interactive guide.
- B. Spring Break classes at the Corbin Art Center begin in early April and offer fun-filled days with arts and crafts classes for young children.
- C. It's never too early to register for the Beyond Pink Barbie Party. This is the 16th Annual Barbie event put on by the Northeast Youth Center and it always sells out early. The party is geared for girls ages 3 – 10, and the fee includes a CD and t-shirt.
- D. You know summer has arrived when kids and adults alike start planning for camping and swimming. Recreation Day Camps begin June 16th and include Corbin Kids Spring Break Camps, Youth Outdoor Adventure Camps, and much, much more!
- E. It's never too soon to start talking about swimming either! Pools open June 16th and lesson packages are available right now, starting at \$48.
- F. This year we're celebrating the 40th Anniversary of EXPO '74 with special Summer Season Pass pricing now thru April 13. This Early Bird Discount Sale offers the best price of the season with unlimited admission to the Carrousel and Amusement rides including the Ferris Wheel, Tilt A Whirl, Tour Train, Dragon Coaster and much, much more! Season passes also include discounts on IMAX shows.
- G. And speaking of the IMAX, the Theatre is now open for the 2014 season and this month is showing two new features - *Hidden Universe*, and *Kenya - Animal Kingdom*. See the website for show times.
- H. The historic 1909 Loeff Carrousel is also back from its annual planned maintenance hiatus and is beginning limited hours of operation. The Carrousel will begin full-time, 7 days a week operation May 2. Check the website for current weekend and daily hours of operation.

- I. Planning a wedding this year and need a venue? Riverfront Park features five outstanding locations for a wedding ceremony and reception, both outdoor and in.
- J. Riverfront Park also features special personalized birthday party packages.
- K. And the Corbin Arts Center features fun-themed parties for ages 3 -13. Face painting and scavenger hunts are optional for a fee.
- L. So, as you can see we've got a fun-filled summer jam packed with lots of activities. Browse through our Activity Guide and then register early to get the classes you want. And don't forget, registering on-line is the quickest way to sign up for any of our classes.

5. **Special Guests:**

A. None.

6. **Motion No. 2:** Chris Wright motioned to approve claims for the month of February 2014 in the amount of \$722,079.86.
Jim Santorsola seconded.
Motion carried.

7. **Financial Report & Budget Update:** None.

8. **Special Discussion/Action Items:**

A. Committee Chair Assignments:

Approval of Committee Chair Assignments – *Randy Cameron*

Randy Cameron shared that the Committee Chair Assignments shall remain the same, with the caveat that Urban Forestry and the Land Committees will be on the same day.

Motion No. 3: Sam Selinger moved to approve the Committee Chair Assignments as presented.

Chris Wright seconded.

Motion carried.

9. **Riverfront Park Master Plan:** – *Juliet Sinisterra*

Juliet Sinisterra gave a "Goals & Concept Overview" presentation of the recommendations of the Citizen Advisory Committee regarding the Riverfront Park Master Plan. The overview included: the process; the Master Plan Vision; and the recommendations for the South end, Havermale Island, Canada Island, and the North Bank. The presentation also addressed the eight goals in Riverfront Park: (1) becoming the central gathering place; (2) celebrating the community excellence; (3) providing greater accessibility; (4) optimizing safety; (5) creating a balance between active & passive uses; (6) creating a catalyst for the Regional economy; (7) offering affordability to all; and (8) protecting the natural resources.

10. **Foundation Report:** *Susan Traver for Heather Beebe-Stevens, Executive Director*

A. Susan Traver shared that the Grant committee has been meeting and will notify the grant applicants the results after March 24, 2014.

B. Expo celebration tickets for the gala event will go on sale on March 24th. There is a capacity limit of 750 – 1000 and the ticket price is \$74.

C. Make-A-Splash will begin public distribution of the passes on June 7th using a new punch card system.

11. **Committee Reports – Action Items:**

Golf Committee: February 19, 2014, *Leroy Eadie*

- A. Did not meet, however, two of the four courses are opening today, Downriver and Esmeralda. The Creek at Qualchan should open this weekend with Indian Canyon's opening in a couple weeks. Golf lessons are now accepting registrations, set to begin in April.
- B. Next meeting will be on March 19, 2014 at 8 am in City Hall Conference Room 5A.

Land Committee: March 2, 2014, *Ken Van Voorhis*

- A. Ken Van Voorhis provided background information on the State Department of Ecology grant for Mirror Pond.
Motion No. 4: Ken Van Voorhis moved to accept the \$47,500 State Department of Ecology grant for Mirror Pond.
Ross Kelley seconded.
Motion carried.
- B. Browne's Addition Neighborhood Park Planning Goals - Julie Biggerstaff, Friends of Coeur d'Alene Park Committee Chairperson, and Rick Biggerstaff, Browne's Addition Neighborhood Council Chairperson, provided a slide presentation and reviewed: the Committee history, membership, mission, and planning goals; Spokane Parks Foundation sponsorship; funding; and park history. Staff reviewed: the relationship between Parks and the Friends group; Planning Department support for a Park Master Plan, available funds, and an MOU; other potential funding sources; Neighborhood and volunteer involvement with improvements; and overall benefits. Discussion included: funding; neighborhood support; things about the park the neighborhood doesn't like; historical attributes and research; priorities; Planning Department funds and related restrictions; benefits; Board support, though no action is needed at this time; and encouragement for continued communication.
- C. Centennial Trail Interagency Cooperative Agreement - A copy of the updated document was provided to the Land Committee. The incorporated change, and significant differences between this and earlier agreement versions were briefly reviewed. Additional edit comments were requested. Committee Members were directed to review the document and bring suggested changes to the March Committee meeting, where the agreement will be presented again.
- D. Kendall Yards / Centennial Trail / Veterans Court – Staff reports that they are working on the lighting and some additional improvements.
- E. Capital Projects – A written list was provided and briefly reviewed by staff.
- F. Operations Division Financial Report – No report was made.
- G. Ben Burr Trail - Engineering Services Staff has scheduled an informational walk-through of the full length of the trail with various City representatives, and parties both supporting and opposing the project. The resulting report will be presented at a future Committee meeting. Discussion included: Staff participating in the walk-through; previous Board consensus; neighborhood opposition to the project; compromise opportunities; the existing resolution; talking points; final design approval; and the need for early communication between City Departments for joint projects.
- H. The next scheduled meeting is April 2, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 5A, Fifth Floor of Spokane City Hall.

Recreation Committee: March 6, 2014, *Susan Traver*

- A. Susan Traver provided background regarding the 2014 Concession Supply Value blanket.
Motion No. 5: Susan Traver moved to approve the 2014 Concession Supply Value blanket.

Ross Kelley seconded.

Motion carried.

- B. There was a “meet and greet” by the Recreation Staff.
- C. There was a discussion on the Aquatic Center Age Rule.
- D. There was no Financial Report.
- E. There was a Field Allocation Update.
- F. There was an Aquatics Strategic Plan Update. Staff is looking intently at attendance numbers.
- G. There was no Recreation Program Status Report.
- H. The next Recreation Committee meeting will be on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A.

Riverfront Park Committee: March 10, 2014, *Chris Wright*

- A. The Quinn Group provided a Riverfront Park Marketing Update.
- B. There was a Powerpoint Presentation of the February 2014 Riverfront Park Operations Report.
- C. Chris Wright provided background on the no cost extension for the April 27, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding with the Sister Cities Association for Spokane for a garden in Riverfront Park.

Motion No. 6: Chris Wright moved to approve the no cost extension for the April 27, 2014 Memorandum of Understanding with the Sister Cities Association for Spokane.

Ross Kelley seconded.

Motion carried.

- D. There was a report on the Riverfront Park Master Plan Update.
- E. The next regularly scheduled Riverfront Park Committee meeting will be April 7, 2014 at 8:05 a.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A, Fifth Floor.

Finance Committee: March 11, 2014, *Chris Wright for Andy Dunau*

- A. Chris Wright provided background on the value blanket for Turf Chemicals and Fertilizers to various low bidders.

Motion No. 7: Chris Wright moved to approve the value blanket for Turf Chemicals and Fertilizers to various low bidders.

Jim Santorsola seconded.

Motion carried.

- B. There was an update on the Information Technology Project Plan Update.
- C. There was an extended discussion on the financing of the Riverfront Park Master Plan including the costs of the projects within the plan and the funding of the overall plan.
- D. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 8, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 5A

Urban Forestry Tree Committee: March 4, 2014, 2014, *Ken Van Voorhis*

- A. There was a visitor that expressed concerns about the lack of private tree ordinances.
- B. There was an update on grant projects and applications.
- C. There was discussion on the 2015 Urban Forestry budget planning strategies.
- D. There was an update by the Citizen Advisory Committee.
- E. The Urban Forestry Staff Report was reviewed.
- F. Next meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2014 at 4:15 p.m. in the Woodland Center at Finch Arboretum.

By-Laws Committee: Did not meet.

12. **Reports:**

Park Board President: *Randy Cameron*

1. Randy Cameron mentioned that the Board will be focused on the 40th year anniversary of Expo '74 and the Gala on May 3rd.
2. Randy thanked the Park Board for their hard work and the anticipated work ahead for the November bond.

Liaison Reports:

1. Conservation Futures Liaison – *Ken VanVoorhis, No report*
2. Parks Foundation Liaison – *Susan Traver, No report*
3. Council Liaison – *Councilman Mike Allen, No report*
Parks Department Revenue & Sponsorship Subcommittee – *Councilman Mike Allen, No report*

Director's Report: *Leroy Eadie*

1. Leroy Eadie reported that the dedication for the memorial benches for Dr. Jim Quigley will be on April 25th at 3:30 p.m. around the Rotary Fountain.
2. Leroy advised that 60 plus applicants came in, as well as 3 internal applicants for the Recreation Director position. The panel will interview six external applicants and three internal applicants beginning tomorrow.
3. Leroy advised that once the Riverfront Park Director position is applications are being reviewed by Human Resources.
4. Leroy thanked all that helped implementing the new Szen Corp point of sale software for Golf.
5. Leroy shared that Rachel Brown has accepted a new position outside the City and that Leesa Van Zandt will be supporting the Park Board and the Director in Rachel's departure.
6. Leroy also shared that Jerry Schmidt, co-founder of the Hoopfest organization, has been working on a holiday lights festival for Riverfront Park. More information will as it becomes available.

13. **Correspondence:**

- A. Letters: All letters were distributed via email prior to today's meeting
Michael Poulin to Chris Wright, Bearing Sculpture Project
Sheryl Ann Brown to Randy Cameron, Bearing Sculpture Project

Chris Wright spoke to the issue of naming/sponsor rights and art for the Parks. There is a mechanism in place to choose art for placement in parks by creating an Ad Hoc Joint Committee with the Art Commission.

B. Newsletters:

Southside Senior & Community Center
Corbin Senior Activity Center

14. **Public Comments:**

None.

15. **Adjournment:** 2:48 p.m.

A. Next Committee meeting dates:

Golf Committee: March 19, 2014, 8:00 a.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A

Land Committee: April 2, 2014, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A

Recreation Committee: April 3, 2014, 3:30 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 5A

Riverfront Park Committee: April 7, 2014, 8:05 a.m., City Hall Tribal Conference Room 1

Finance Committee: April 8, 2014, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A

Urban Forestry Committee: April 1, 2014, 4:15 p.m., Woodland Center

B. Next Park Board meeting date: April 10, 2014, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers

C. Next Park Board Study Session: April 10, 2014, 3:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 5A