



Spokane Park Board

NOVEMBER 12, 2015 – 1:30 p.m.

City Hall, City Council Briefing Center

808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd, Spokane, Washington

Park Board Members:

- X Chris Wright – President
- X Susan Traver – Vice President
- X Eadie, Leroy
- X Kelley, Ross
- X Van Voorhis, Ken
- Dunau, Andy (Absent/Excused)
- X Selinger, Sam
- X Potratz, Preston
- X Pendergraft, Lauren
- X Sumner, Nick
- X McGregor, Ted
- X Councilman Allen, Mike

Parks Staff:

- Jason Conley
- Tony Madunich
- Garrett Jones
- Al Vorderbrueggen
- Angel Spell
- Jeff Bailey
- Sam Song
- Sari Luciano
- Monique Cotton
- Berry Ellison
- Katie Freeman
- Kara Heatherly

Guests:

- Jerry Unruh
- Eberhard Schmidt
- Steve Prugh
- Eric Sawyer

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call:** *Pamela Clarke*
See above.
2. **Motion No. 1:** Ken Van Voohris motioned to approve the October 8, 2015, Regular Park Board Meeting Minutes and Study Session Notes.

Preston Potratz seconded
Motion carried unanimously
3. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**
None
4. **Monthly Highlights:**
None
5. **Special Guests:**
 - A. SYSCA Update - *Jerry Unruh*, Hillyard Senior Center executive director, provided a presentation on the 2015 fall quarter noting there were more than 128,000 recreation participant hours in senior and youth programming for the last quarter. Another portion of the operations involved a variety of successful fundraisers.
 - B. Friends of Manito Park presentation – *Eberhard Schmidt*, Friends of Manito Park president, provided a presentation on The Friends of Manito activities, products, project, membership and communications during 2015. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the organization. Mr. Schmidt reported on a variety of projects, including Mirror Pond, Rose Hill

Gazebo, Iris Garden and Shade Garden. Mr. Schmidt also reported the group enjoyed a substantial increase in membership this year.

C. Friends of Indian Canyon – *Steve Prugh*, Friends of Indian Canyon board member, and *Eric Sawyer*, Spokane Sports Commission president/CEO, made a request of the Park Board on behalf of the FOIC. Mr. Prugh requested the Board commit to renovate Indian Canyon and establish a goal of attracting a national event, such as the Champion's Tour, LPGA Tour and Web.com Golf Tour, to the renovated venue. Mr. Prugh proposed the Park Board provide \$4 million targeted to infrastructure improvements at Indian Canyon. In turn, the FOIC would commit to raise \$2 million for the renovation project. He added this renovation should generate more than \$1.3 million in annual revenue at Indian Canyon alone. Mr. Sawyer elaborated explaining these improvements not only mean the potential of hosting national and international golf events, it brings the golf course back to the way it was, as a destination for tourists. Mr. Prugh explained the request is a barebones proposal. FOIC is looking for feedback from the City and FOIC determined the first step is to ask the Park Board for their support. Ken Van Voorhis and Preston Potratz commended FOIC for their vision and look forward to future discussions regarding the project.

6. **Motion No. 2:** Susan Traver motioned to approve claims for the month of October 2015 in the amount of \$1,898,750.24.

Ross Kelley seconded
Motion carried unanimously

7. **Financial Report & Budget Update:** – *Sari Luciano* provided the October Financial Report & Budget Update. Parks and Recreation Fund revenue is tracking at 94% of the projected budget. Parks and Recreation expenditures are tracking at 94% of the projected budget. The Golf Fund revenue is tracking at 101% of the projected budget. The Golf Fund expenditures are tracking at 104% of the projected budget.

8. **Special Discussion/Action Items:**
None

9. **Committee Reports – Action Items:**
Golf Committee: November 10, 2015, *Preston Potratz*

A. No action items
B. Mr. Potratz reported the Downriver #10 Tee project is well ahead of restoration expectations. He anticipates it will be ready for spring play. He also noted the Indian Canyon Golf Pro RFP is on the streets and candidates are currently touring the course. The RFP deadline is November 23.
C. The next scheduled meeting is December 8, 2015, at 8:05 a.m. in the City Council Briefing Center.

Land Committee: November 4, 2015, *Ken Van Voorhis*

A. No action items
B. Mr. Van Voorhis reported the committee deferred action to the December meeting on the Heath Park Agreement with St. Aloysius. Mr. Van Voorhis also announced Manito Park and Manito Boulevard have been placed on the State Historic Register, and both will be nominated for placement on the National Register. The decision is expected soon.

- C. The next scheduled meeting is December 2, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 3B.

Recreation Committee: *Sam Selinger*

- A. No action items. The November meeting was cancelled.
- B. Ryan Griffith presented the video "Get Outdoors with Spokane Parks and Rec!" which is available on YouTube and features Spokane Parks and Recreation outdoor programs and activities.
- C. The next scheduled meeting is December 3, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room 2B.

Riverfront Park Committee: November 9, 2015, *Susan Traver* in Andy Dunau's absence

- A. No action items
- B. Ms. Traver reported the committee approved the Stantec Contract which has been scaled down from the initial comprehensive scope. The approved contract is more of an initial consultant agreement. The contract involves design services for the Recreation Rink and SkyRide facility project.
- C. Ms. Traver announced the committee approved the Collins Group Contract be presented to the Finance Committee.
- D. An update was provided on the MOU with the Spokane Parks Foundation. The committee had a few questions and determined some minor changes were needed. The agreement has been pushed back to the Foundation who will have their legal review the MOU.
- E. A brief update was provided on the Park Redevelopment Project.
- F. Ms. Traver reported on Jeff Bailey and Sam Song's recent fact-finding trip to Canal Park ice rink in Washington, D.C. This ice ribbon design is similar to the one proposed at Riverfront Park.
- G. Chris Wright reported on a recent meeting with the Joint Arts Committee to discuss opportunities to incorporate art into the Riverfront Park Redevelopment Project.
- H. The next schedule meeting is December 7, 2015, at 8:05 a.m. in the City Council Briefing Center, Lower Level.

Finance Committee: November 10, 2015, *Susan Traver*

Action item: Collins Group Contract – Financing from the Parks Fund Balance not to exceed the amount of \$63,138

Ms. Traver introduced the Collins Group contract which was presented to the committee by Monique Cotton. The scope of work involves the Collins Group assisting Parks in managing and conducting a Capital Fund Drive Feasibility Study for the Riverfront Park Redevelopment Project. Key elements involve in-person meetings, a full written report and a debrief for the Park Board. The feasibility study is designed to understand timelines, develop budget goals and provide insight to creating a successful fund drive. She added the financing must come from the Parks Fund Balance as the Park Board is not allowed to take these funds out of the Park Bond. Leroy Eadie explained the funds would be coming from an excess fund balance which means Parks is in a good financial position to purchase this feasibility study. Ross Kelley explained the study results could be used in other areas by the Parks Department, such as other sponsorships, donations and fundraising activities.

Motion No. 3: Ms. Traver motioned to pass the Collins Group Contract financing from the Park Fund Balance not to exceed the amount of \$63,138.

Dr. Sam Selinger seconded
Motion passed unanimously

Action item: EBO – 4640 Golf Debt Service Fund consolidation to 4600 (Golf Fund) as part of the 2005A LTGO Refinancing and Debt Restructure

Ms. Traver introduced the EBO to consolidate the Golf Debt Service Fund to the Golf Fund. Sari Luciano expounded on the EBO and explained with 2005A LTGO refinancing, the Debt Service Fund is no longer necessary. For this reason, the fund is being moved to the Golf Fund and the Debt Service Fund will be closed.

Motion No. 4: Ms. Traver motioned to approve the EBO 4640 Golf Debt Service Fund consolidation to 4600 (Golf Fund) as part of the 2005A LTGO Refinancing and Debt Restructure

Ken Van Voorhis seconded
Motion passed unanimously

- A. The October Financials were reviewed. Ms. Traver noted, while there are certain anomalies primarily due to utilities costs, there are good cost controls in place to level the financials.
- B. A review of Jason Conley's report on information technology project plans was provided. Plans include new golf software, Capital Program Software and a replacement system for Class Software.
- C. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 8, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 3B.

Urban Forestry Tree Committee: November 3, 2015, *Lauren Pendergraft*

- A. No action items
- B. Ms. Pendergraft reported, in lieu of a meeting, the committee went on a field trip with the Citizen Advisory Committee to Comstock Park.
- C. The next scheduled meeting is December 1, 2015, at 8:05 a.m. at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 3B.

By-Laws Committee: *Ross Kelley*

- A. The By-Laws Committee did not meet and there was no report.

10. **Reports:**

Park Board President: *Chris Wright*

- 1. There was no report.

Liaison Reports:

- 1. Conservation Futures Liaison – *Ken Van Voorhis* reported there will be a meeting next week. The group is awaiting the commissioners' decision on the guidelines to open up Conservation Futures nominations.
- 2. Parks Foundation Liaison – *Susan Traver* reported the Foundation did not meet last month and the next meeting is Nov. 16.
- 3. Council Liaison – *Councilman Mike Allen* reported everything in the budget appears will be adopted by City Council by the end of November.

Director's Report: Leroy Eadie

1. Leroy Eadie explained there may be potential Charter changes required down the road relating to Riverfront Park. One item has to do with language in the Charter which restricts long-term leases in the park and the second involves a paragraph addressing alcohol in the park. Mr. Eadie also provided an overview of the American Society of Landscape Architects Conference which he attended last week in Chicago. In addition to the conference, Mr. Eadie had the opportunity to tour and meet with staff at Millennium, Grant and Maggie Daley parks. Mr. Eadie cited some examples of how Chicago utilizes their parks to revitalize neighborhoods.

11. **Correspondence:**

A. Letters: None

B. Newsletters:

Corbin Senior Activity Center

Sinto Senior Activity Center

Southside Senior & Community Center

12. **Public Comments:** None.

13. **Executive Session:** None.

14. **Adjournment:** 3:03 p.m.

A. **Next Committee meeting dates:**

Golf Committee: December 8, 2015, 8:05 a.m., City Council Briefing Center

Land Committee: December 2, 2015, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 3B

Recreation Committee: December 3, 2015, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 2B

Riverfront Park Committee: December 7, 2015, at 8:05 a.m. in the City Council Briefing Center, Lower Level

Finance Committee: December 8, 2015, 3:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room 3B

Urban Forestry Committee: December 1, 2015, at Finch Arboretum, Woodland Center.

B. Park Board meeting date: December 10, 2015, 1:30 p.m., City Council Chambers

C. Joint City Council/Park Board Study Session: December 10, 2015, 3:30 p.m., City Council Briefing Center



Indian Canyon G.C.

TwoFourSix=2020



COMMITMENT. The FOIC asks the Park Board to commit to renovating Indian Canyon with a goal to bring a professional golf tournament to the course by 2020. We ask that it provide \$4 million for infrastructure improvements at the course including a modern irrigation system. The FOIC commits to raise \$2 million targeted to improving Indian Canyon golf course to return it to its status as one of the premier golf experiences in the United States.



VISION:CHAMBERS BAY. "Several years back, Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg looked at an abandoned sand and gravel pit, and instead of a hole in the ground, he saw economic development via golf. He dreamed of the United States Open. Ladenburg managed to talk his dubious county commissioners into buying this hole in the ground, then approached the USGA, promising to do everything they wanted for a venue worthy of a U.S. Open." - *courtesy Bob Herold, The Inlander*

The economic impact of this tournament on the Seattle/Tacoma was staggering. Estimated in excess of \$140 million with a \$1.1 million net profit to Pierce County, the tournament established Chambers Bay as an international destination resort. A LPGA, Champions, or web.com event would bring significant economic impact to the greater Spokane area, and provide week long national television/media exposure.

VISION AND COMMITMENT:EXPO '74/ARENA. In the midst of the Great Depression in 1930, the City of Spokane Park Board committed to building what 85 years later is the nationally recognized treasure that is Indian Canyon G.C. "The Canyon" has hosted P.G.A. tour events that drew golf icons like Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, and Byron Nelson to its grounds and Spokane. Three times the U.S.G.A. selected it to hold its national championships. Today, the course must be significantly renovated to bring it back to its original prestige. We ask the Park Board to recall the vision of its 1930 counterpart, the determination of this City 41 years ago in holding Expo '74, and the citizen efforts in 1995 to replace the "Boone Street Barn" with our nationally renown Veterans Memorial Arena. Each project created millions of dollars of positive economic impact to this area, and demonstrated the vision and commitment of this city to invest in its future by recalling in its past.





Eberhard Schmidt
November, 2015

2015 in Review



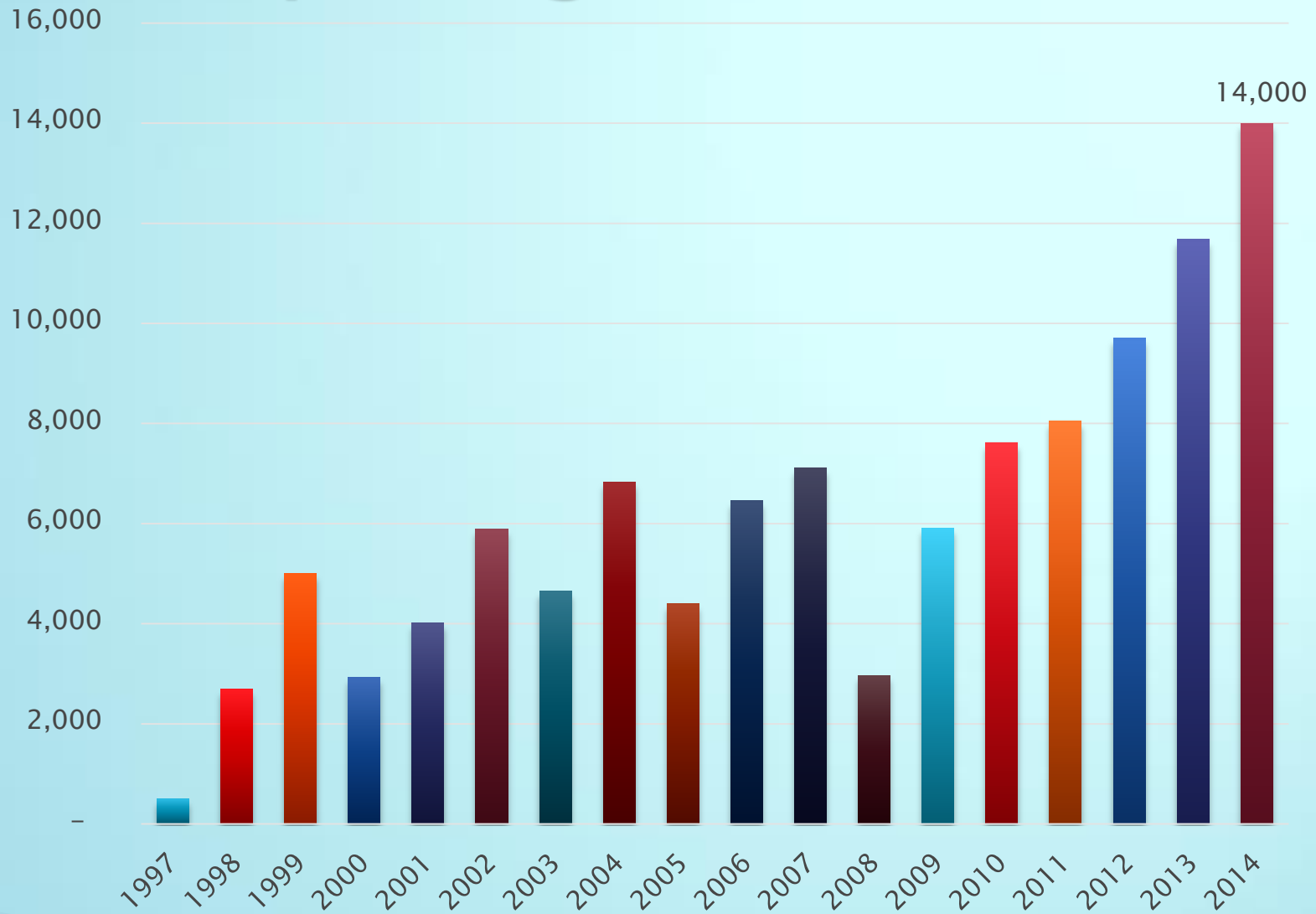
- ▶ Activities
- ▶ Products
- ▶ Projects
- ▶ Membership
- ▶ Communication



Holiday in Lights (Dec 12-20)



Holiday in Lights (Dec 12-20)



Spring Kickoff Brunch



Saturday Lectures



10 Lectures in 2015
Excellent attendance



Planting Sessions



Garden Expo (May 9)



Setup



Spring Plant Sale (June 6)



Spring Plant Sale (June 6)



Garden Art Also



Some Publicity for Fall Sale



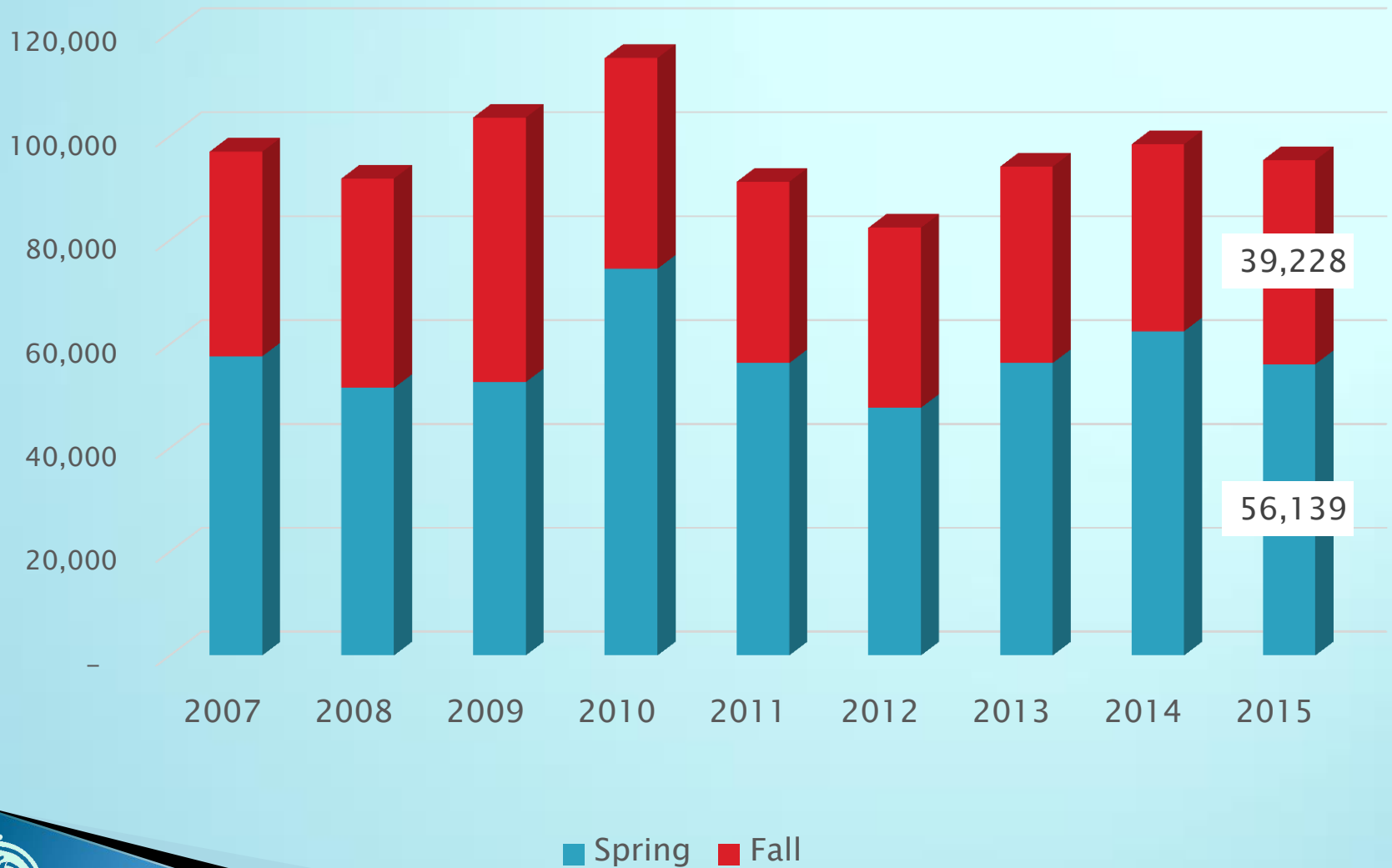
Fall Plant Sale (August 29)



- ▶ Stormy day, good crowd
- ▶ Gross: \$39K



Plant Sales



Renaissance Faire (Sept. 12)

- ▶ New leadership
- ▶ Turnout was excellent
- ▶ Beautiful weather



More Renaissance Faire



Products – Calendars

- ▶ All photos taken and arranged by Janis Saiki
- ▶ 4rd year
- ▶ Available for \$15
- ▶ Available at Rosauers on 14th and 28th and at Northwest Seed and Pet



Greeting Cards



Now \$10 for 10
cards



A scene from Manito Park
Spokane, Washington

The Friends of Manito

Office: (509) 456-8038 Email: tfm@thefriendsofmanito.org

Website: <http://www.thefriendsofmanito.org>

Like us on Facebook

Photographs by Janis Saiki

Plant Sale Manager the Friends of Manito



Mugs and Tote Bags



Wine Tour





Current Projects

- ▶ Mirror Pond
 - Master Plan – 2010
 - Emergent Plants – 2012
 - AutoFill – 2014
 - Shoreline Restoration and 1 / 3 Landscaping – 2014
 - Other 2 / 3 Landscaping 2016 covered by Grant
- ▶ Rose Hill Gazebo
- ▶ Iris Garden
- ▶ Shade Garden



Mirror Pond



Remaining Landscaping in 2016
Water Quality is Still an Issue



Rose Hill Gazebo – 25th Anniversary



Dedication is October 22, 4:00 PM



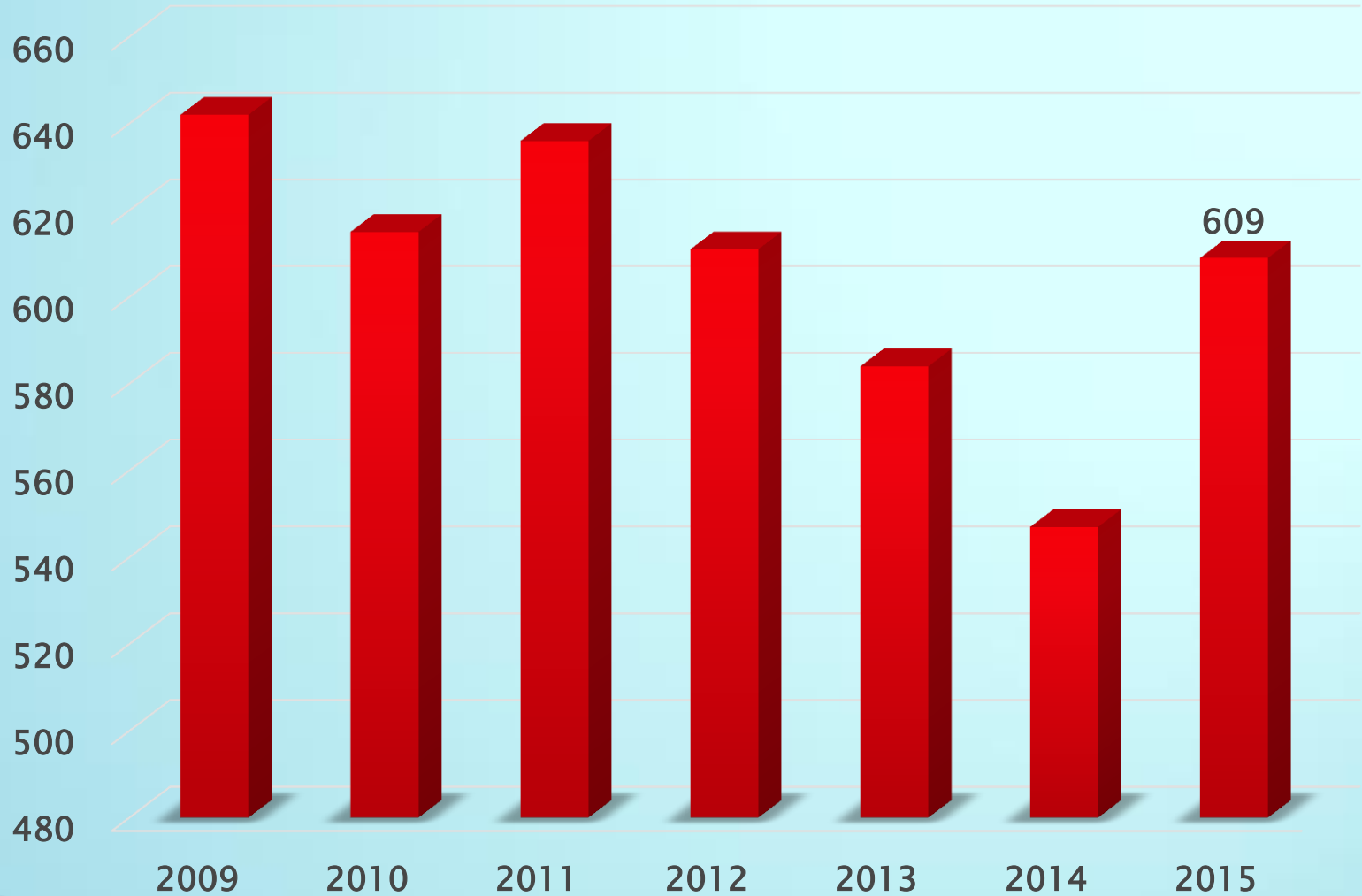


**Shade
Garden**

**Iris
Garden**



Membership





Membership

- ▶ Stakeholder in TFM
- ▶ Elect TFM Board of Directors
- ▶ Quarterly Newsletters
- ▶ Discounts at Area Merchants
- ▶ 10% discount at TFM Plant Sales
- ▶ Yearly Membership Meeting
- ▶ \$25 Donation per household now qualifies



Volunteering

▶ Opportunities

- Planting Sessions
- Garden Art
- Plant Sales – Lots of Needs
- Renaissance Faire
- Board Members

- ▶ See Susan Jackson, our volunteer coordinator or www.thefriendsofmanito.org

▶ Committees

- Marketing
- Membership
- Finance
- Nominating
- Plant Sale
- Mirror Pond



Alliances



TFM Mission Statement

Enhance the beauty and functionality of
Manito Park for present and future
generations

Objectives

- Provide volunteer opportunities
- Sponsor educational events for the community
- Host fund-raising events



2015 TFM Board



Frank Burns



Sharon Conaty



Carol Cunningham



Jim Demand



Anne Franks



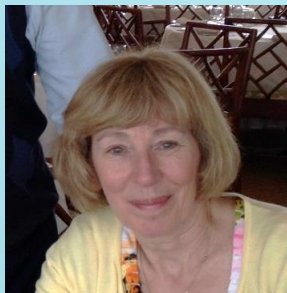
Andrew Gerhardt



Stephanie Hughes



Dave Lennstrom



Carol McKenny



Steve Nokes



Whitney Parker



Eberhard Schmidt

Finances

▶ August 31, 2015

- Revenue 132K
- Expenses 102K
- Gazebo 60K

▶ Current Assets

- TFM Accounts 214K
- Mirror Pond 72K



TFM Web Site



Conclusion

- ▶ 25 Great Years for The Friends of Manito
- ▶ New Rose Hill Gazebo
- ▶ Excellent attendance at TFM Events
- ▶ Membership numbers are up
- ▶ New member benefit of plant sale discount
- ▶ Plant sales revenue still strong



Thanks For Your Support!



Photo Credits: Janis Saki,
Dave Lennstrom, Claudia Biggs