



Spokane Park Board Special Meeting Minutes

3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016
City Council Chambers, lower level City Hall
Spokane, Washington

Park Board Members:

- ✓ Chris Wright – President
- ✓ Susan Traver – Vice President
- ✓ Eadie, Leroy
- ✓ Kelley, Ross
- ✓ Van Voorhis, Ken
- ✓ Selinger, Sam
- ✓ Pendergraft, Lauren
- ✓ Sumner, Nick (Arrived: 3:05 p.m.;
Left: 4:14)
- ✓ McGregor, Ted
- Gilman, Greta
- ✓ Mumm, Candace

Parks Staff:

Jason Conley
Garrett Jones
Al Vorderbrueggen
Ryan Griffith
Pamela Clarke

Guests:

Tony Madunich
Paul Knowles
Mr. Humes

SUMMARY

- The Park Board approved the amended Park Board committee assignments, as presented with the addition of Susan Traver appointed as the Urban Forestry Tree Committee alternate.
- The Park Board approved the Conservation Futures Acquisition of the Latah Creek property.
- The Park Board approved to support Conservation Futures in acquiring the Beacon Hill property.
- A report was provided on the Conservation Futures nominated property located off High Drive.
- A presentation was made on the Conservation Futures projects.
- The Park Board discussed the 2017 Park Planning and Park Operations budget.

MINUTES

Roll Call: *Pamela Clarke*

See above

1. **Action items:**

A. **Park Board Committee Assignments** – *Chris Wright* presented the amended 2016-2017 Park Board Committee assignments.

Motion #1: Dr. Sam Selinger moved to approve the committee assignments, as presented with the addition of Susan Traver as the Urban Forestry Tree Committee alternate.

Ken Van Voorhis seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. **Conservation Futures Property Acquisition (Latah Creek 17-16)** – *Garrett Jones* presented a report on the Latah Creek 17-16 property, which consists of three parcels. The liabilities on these parcels include the out buildings the owner has agreed to remove should this land be acquired as a Conservations Futures property. The maintained road would continue to be used by Avista. Some discussion involved the impact of potential increased use of the bridge. *Leroy Eadie* clarified it will be Park's responsibility to maintain the bridge. He also added this property added connectivity to the area's trail system. The assessed value of this property is \$92,000 and the owner estimates the projected market value at \$2.4 million. Taxes on the property are estimated at \$12,000. The property could be considered for some urban farming, if acquired by the county. *Lauren Pendergraft* encouraged Legal be consulted regarding agricultural uses.

Motion #2: Dr. Sam Selinger moved to advance the property to Conservation Futures with the understanding of no promise for any particular use.

Ken Van Voorhis seconded.

The motion passed with an 8-to-1 vote.

C. **Conservation Futures Property Acquisition (Beacon Hill 4-16)** – *Al Vorderbrueggen* provided background on the Beacon Hill property. If approved, Conservation Futures would remove old structures and the homestead foundation. Questions ensued regarding the removal of possible sewer lines and who is responsible for the removal. The property is outside the City of Spokane city limits and further investigation is needed to determine if the property is located within the City of Spokane Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries. The property was noted as a key piece of property to what has become a premier mountain biking trail system in the region. *Ken Van Voorhis* reviewed a Park Board policy that the board would not purchase property outside city limits unless the property has a significant value that the Park Board has agreed upon. Additional concerns were voiced that the county should acquire the Camp Sekani property, as opposed to the City of Spokane. *Ross Kelley* suggested the option of annexing Camp Sekani. Annexing the property involves City Council approval and could prove to be a lengthy process and the county needs the Park Board's direction at this time.

Motion #3: Dr. Sam Selinger moved to table the item and direct the Land Committee to bring it before the Park Board for action in two months.

Candace Mumm seconded.
The motion failed with a 4-to-3 vote.

Motion #4: Lauren Pendergraft moved to indorse the Beacon Hill property acquisition with the understanding that City of Spokane Parks and Recreation will accept the ownership of the property.

Ross Kelley seconded.
The motion failed with a 2-to-5 vote.

Motion #5: Lauren Pendergraft moved to support Conservation Futures to acquire the property.

Dr. Sam Selinger seconded.
The motion passed unanimously.


2. Discussion Items:

A. Conservation Futures projects – *Garrett Jones* provided background on the High Drive 15-16 Conservation Futures property acquisition. *Candace Mumm* noted public interest in the Indian Trail acquisition application and advocated a motion of support for that property. Ms. Mumm withdrew her motion. It was added that this item may be considered at a later date at Land Committee. Mr. Jones provided information and background on the Three Island acquisition along the Spokane River.

B. 2017 Budget – Leroy Eadie cited minor changes made to the budget at the Finance Committee. The most significant changes involve consolidating all capital outlay into administration. To comply with City ordinance, no more than two exempt positions are within each department.

3. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Minutes approved by:



Leroy Eadie, Director of Parks and Recreation