



Recreation Committee Meeting of the City of Spokane Park Board

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 2B, Second Floor
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington

Committee Members:

X Selinger, Samuel – Chairperson
A Dunau, Andy
X McGregor, Ted (out @ 4)
A Pendergraft, Lauren, Excused
A Potratz, Preston, Excused
A Sumner, Nick, Excused

Park Board:

Wright, Chris
Traver, Susan

Parks Staff:

Eadie, Leroy
Conley, Jason
Vorderbrueggen, Al
Luciano, Sari
Strong, Carl

Guest(s):

Beebe-Stevens, Heather

Summary

- Heather Beebe-Stevens updated the group on current Parks Foundation activities, as well as monies donated in support of them.
- Al Vorderbrueggen presented the 2016 Recreation Budget Draft, which was followed by an in-depth group discussion.
- An update on the Adaptive Ball Field Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Funding was given by Al Vorderbrueggen, with future plans for a luncheon hosted by the Mayor to kick off fund-raising necessary for the balance of the project.
- Jason Conley distributed the Grindline Report on the status of the future Wheel Park. With a few park locations confirmed, the designing phase can now begin.
- Carl Strong, with Aquatics, gave a slide presentation on Free Swim Week. Inflatables were included in the activities and show promise of being a popular addition to pools in the future.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Sam Selinger. Introductions were made.

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Parks Foundation Update – *Heather Beebe-Stevens*

Heather announced that a grant from the Empire Health Foundation for \$2500.00 has been awarded to be shared among Liberty, Cannon and Harman Parks, via sponsorship from the Spokane Police Activities League, to financially assist children with the expense of various recreational activities. Also during the week of August 17-22, the Parks Foundation is sponsoring a Free Swim Week at various pool locations. In addition, this is the first year for an incentive to draw children to our parks, called Kids in Parks. Umpqua Bank contributed \$2500.00 to assist with the start-up that included knapsacks with 'passports' to record activities available in numerous parks throughout the county. This incentive will be exploratory and, if successful, will seek out partnerships for continuance and expansion. Information on a similar program in Detroit was distributed to the group.

2. 2016 Recreation Budget Draft – *Al Vorderbrueggen*

Al presented the 2016 Budget Draft to the group, followed by a considerable discussion.

3. Adaptive Ball Field Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Funding Update – *Al Vorderbrueggen*

A kick-off luncheon hosted by the Mayor in September or October will begin efforts to raise \$100,000.00 from the community for the ball field. Half of the \$400,000.00 estimated cost has been secured by a state matching grant dependent of Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation raising the match.

4. Wheel Park Update (Grindline Report) – *Jason Conley*

Leroy and Susan expressed their appreciation to those responsible for their hard work in the closure of Under the Freeway Skatepark (UTF) and the public outreach efforts made regarding it. These efforts provided a more comfortable transition for the planned Wheel Park. Jason presented the Grindline report, including three possible locations for the wheel park; now the designing phase can begin. It's important to proceed rapidly in order to keep momentum of public support and their expectations. Funds currently available for the wheel park are \$288,000.00.

Standing Report Items:

1. Recreational Program Report – *Carl Strong*

Carl gave a slide presentation on Aquatics' Free Swim Week at Witter Pool. Inflatables were part of this event and very popular, so Carl would like to purchase a few more and mobilize them to be featured among the different pools. Currently, programming fee revenue is up \$13,000.00 from last year.

2. Recreation Financial Report – *Al Vorderbrueggen*

The Recreation Financial Report was not available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on September 3, 2015, at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 2B, Second Floor.



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LIVE THE RIVERFRONT

Thursday, June 18, 2015

June 18, 2015 [DETROIT] -The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy is now in the second of a four-year partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan on “Live the Riverfront,” which encourages employees and residents to get healthy and fit by enjoying the riverfront through several free fitness initiatives. Last year, more than 3,000 individuals participated in Live the Riverfront.

The partnership includes a 16-week program, Walk the RiverWalk Wednesdays, which kicked off during National Walk at Lunch Day on May 1. Several hundred BCBSM employees and workers from other businesses downtown participated in the launch on a sunny Friday afternoon. The program is designed to encourage individuals and corporate teams to walk



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sessions will be offered along the riverfront. Participants in these sessions will be provided with colorful glow jewelry and luminescent batons and led through a Yoga session under the stars along the Detroit River.

For more information about the Live the Riverfront initiatives, visit detroitriverfront.org/livetheriverfront

To see photos of the BCBSM Riverfront run [click here](#).