

# Spokane Park Board Riverfront Park Committee

4 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022 WebEx virtual meeting Dial in: 408-418-9388

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Jonathan Moog – Riverfront Park Director

## **Committee members:**

Nick Sumner – Chair Gerry Sperling Hannah Kitz Kevin Brownlee

The Riverfront Park Committee meeting will be held virtually via WebEx teleconferencing at 4 p.m. Monday, April 11. The public will be able to listen to the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering the access code 2496 129 0675, when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than noon April 11 by email to spokaneparks@spokanecity.org or mail to: Spokane Park Board, 5th floor City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201. Submitted public comments will be presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

## **Agenda**

Call to order

Public comment

#### **Action items**

A. None

#### Informational items

A. Riverfront dog park update – Berry Ellison

### Standing report items

A. March 2022 operations report – Jonathan Moog

## **Agenda Subject to Change**

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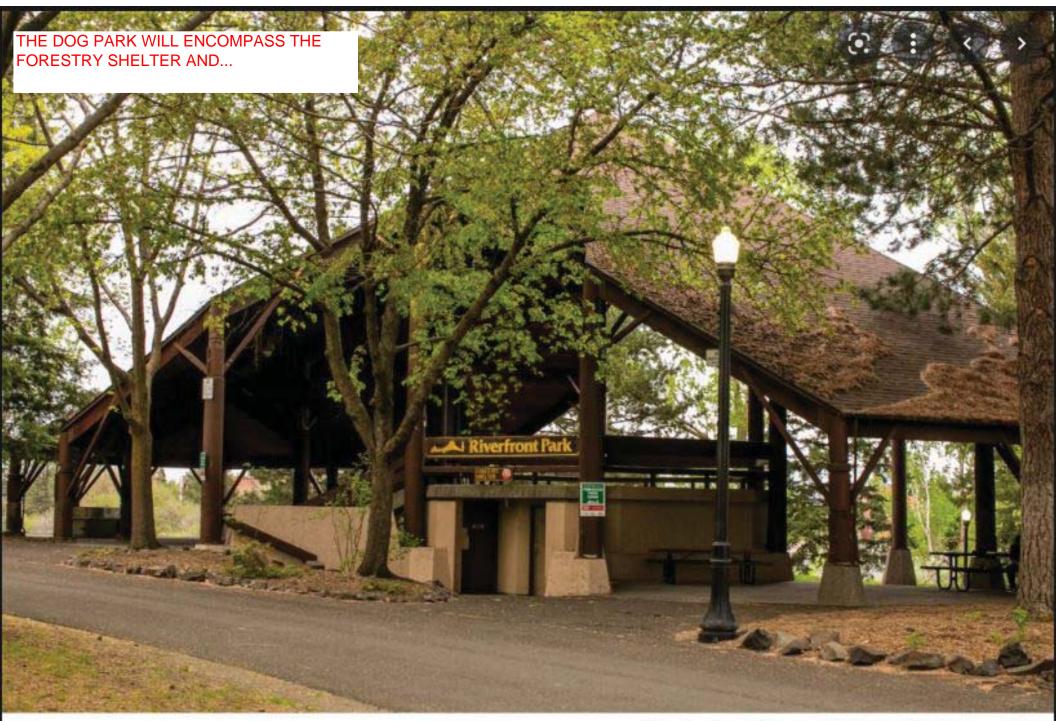


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# Spokane Humane Society Donates \$250,000 Toward Riverfront Dog Park

Fundraising to Complete Dog Park is Ongoing

Parks & Recreation: 311 or 509.755.2489

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:13 a.m.

SPOKANE – The <u>Spokane Humane Society</u> (SHS) donated \$250,000 towards construction of a dog park in the heart of Riverfront Park at the Forestry Shelter. The gift comes in celebration of the Humane Society's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and legacy of work in animal welfare.

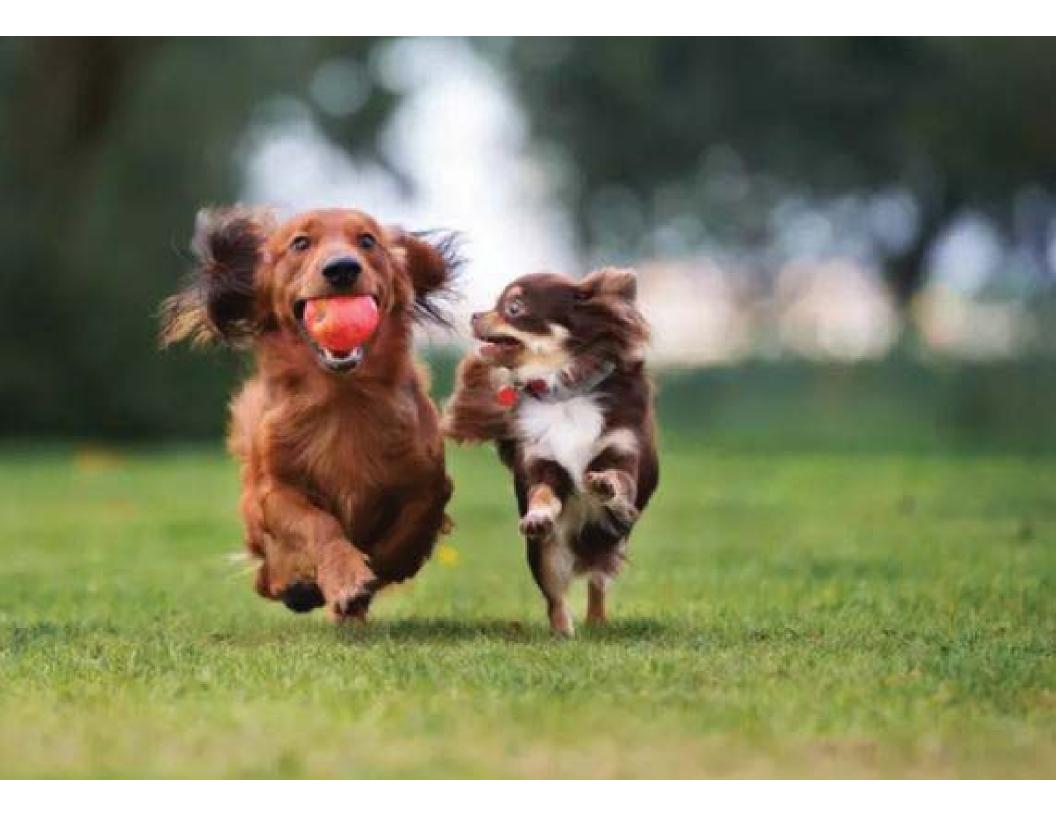
"To commensurate the Spokane Humane Society's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to renew our presence on the banks of the Spokane River near our original location, we are honored to partner with the Spokane Parks Foundation on the new urban dog park," said Kim Reasoner-Morin, executive director of the Spokane Humane Society. "Our goal is to support their vision of providing a pet-friendly space for all to enjoy in the heart of Riverfront Park. Proper exercise and socialization improve overall health not only for our four-legged friends, but also for their humans who love and care for them."

"For 125 years, the Spokane Humane Society has served as the first refuge for animals in our area," said Melissa Williams, president of the Board of Directors for the Spokane Humane Society. "Not only do we have historical and humble roots near this very location, but also new beginnings. Our satellite adoption center, BARK, A Rescue Pub, opened in 2020 and has helped more than 700 pets find forever homes. The new SHS Riverfront dog park will be located just across the street. This opportunity promotes the human-animal bond while furthering our vision to enrich the lives of companion animals through support, education, advocacy & love. We are honored to be a part of this endeavor and are thrilled to be able to provide this for our beloved, animal-loving community."









## Riverfront Dog Park Design Community Survey





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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **NEWS RELEASE**

April 5, 2022

Media contact:

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Survey Open for Community Input on Riverfront Dog Park Design

Fundraising to Complete Dog Park is Ongoing

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SPOKANE – The community is invited to share their thoughts on what a future dog park in Riverfront Park could look like, through an online survey open through Friday, April 15.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QB39JTD

The survey asks for feedback around desired design features, amenities, and uses. Survey respondents can choose to answer all or only some questions. All feedback from the community is important in shaping the future look and feel of the space.

Local design firms NAC and AHBL have partnered to create the design.

The <u>Riverfront Dog Park</u> is a fundraising project of the Spokane Parks Foundation's Campaign for Riverfront Spokane. The <u>Spokane Humane Society</u> is a participant in the construction of the urban dog park in the heart of Riverfront Park at the historic forestry shelter. The Spokane Humane Society is excited to be a partaker of the Riverfront Dog Park as they also celebrate their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of animal welfare in our community.

The urban dog park will cost approximately \$750,000 to construct. Construction timelines will depend on when the Campaign for Riverfront Spokane can raise the remaining \$500,000. Interested community members can build on the momentum of the initial contribution by making a donation to the dog park on the Spokane Parks Foundation website.

A reveal ceremony is to take place in Riverfront Park on June 18th, in conjunction with the Spokane Humane Society's annual Parade of Paws. A design

# **Riverfront Dog Park Survey**

# Overview of the Dog Park Site

The location designated for development of the Dog Park in Riverfront Park is on Havermale Island north of the Lilac Bowl and east of the Pavilion where the existing Expo '74 Forestry Pavilion is located. The Forestry Pavilion will remain, but could be enhanced. Public parking is located to the north near the Ice Age Playground west of Washington Street and to the south along Spokane Falls Boulevard. There are restrooms in the Forestry Pavilion that don't meet current accessibility codes. The nearest restrooms that do meet accessibility codes are located to the west at the Pavilion.

Questions 12 and 13 require an answer. All other questions are optional, please feel free to skip as you'd like.

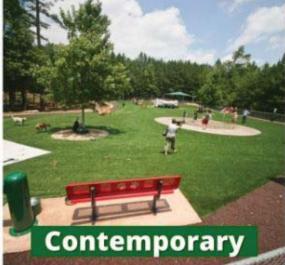




5. How often do you anticipate visiting the Riverfront Park Dog Park location?
Most days of the week
A couple times a week, during weekdays
O During weekends
A couple times a month or less
O I do not anticipate visiting
6. What time of day would you most likely visit the Dog Park?
O Mornings before 8:00 am

## Dog Park Vision Reference Photos for Question 11







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11. In priority order, what is the ideal feel of the new Dog Park given the existing site conditions previously mentioned?

- Keep the Dog Park as natural as possible
- ( Leave the Forestry Pavilion with as few modifications as possible



15. What primary ground surface material would you prefer for the fenced dog areas?

## Dog Equipment Reference Photo for Question 16



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# 16. For dog equipment, I would prefer:

- Organic features such as boulders, logs and mounds
- Manufactured items specifically designed for dogs, such as bridges, tunnels, and jumps
- O An even blend of both types of features





Outreach Plan

Riverfront Dog Park Updated: March 9, 2022

## Timeline:

- April 5 April 15: Public survey open for Phase I, prioritizing design amenities
- April 15 May 6: Concept development, cost estimating
- May 9 20: Public meeting/workshop & survey open for Phase II, sharing 75% design concept for feedback
- May 23 –June 3: Refine and produce final drawings and renderings
- June 6: Materials complete for fundraising and marketing
- June 18: Parade of Paws design unveiling

