



CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017, 8:05 A.M.
City Council Briefing Center, lower level City Hall
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201
Riverfront Park Director Jon Moog

Committee Members:

Ted McGregor – Chair
Ross Kelley
Susan Traver
Greta Gilman
Rick Chase (absent/excused)
Steve Salvatori

Additional

Park Board members:

Chris Wright

Parks Staff:

Leroy Eadie
Jonathan Moog
Berry Ellison
Fianna Dickson
Sandra Burwell
Jo-Lynn Brown
Garrett Jones

Guests:

Hal McGlathery
Danielle Arnold
Steve Corker
Ron Rector
Mary Ann Bosky
Jennifer Leinberger

Summary

- The committee approved the Park-Wide standards as presented.
- The committee approved the Historic Preservation Plan as presented.
- The committee approved the contract amendment with Berger Partnership to develop a wayfinding plan not to exceed \$52,000.
- The committee approved a contract amendment with CH2M on the Howard Street South Channel Bridge project not to exceed \$157,003.
- The committee approved the amusement ride surplus resolution with the provision that staff identify up to three rides and the Tour Train to keep, subject to Park Board approval.
- The committee deferred action on the Concession Supply value blanket order to the May 9 Finance Committee.

The next regularly scheduled Riverfront Park Committee meeting will be at 8:05 a.m. June 5, 2017, City Council Briefing Center, lower level City Hall.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by Committee Chair Ted McGregor.

Action Items:

1. Park-Wide Standards – *Berry Ellison* presented the proposed Park-Wide standards for Riverfront Park. Mr. Ellison presented images of the proposed Howard Street Promenade benches, Park-Wide benches, tables and chairs, bike racks, litter bins bollards and lighting fixtures. The standards are established to achieve continuity, and architectural and mechanical consistency throughout the park as part of the redevelopment project.

Motion #1: Ted McGregor moved to recommend the Park Board approve the Park-Wide standards as presented for continuity throughout the park with final items and approval by staff.

Ross Kelley seconded.

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

2. Historic Preservation Plan – *Berry Ellison* provided an overview of the Historic Preservation Plan. This plan provides a framework for incorporating historic preservation planning into the future management and development of Riverfront Park. Foundation of the plan is rooted in the city of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan and the 2014 Riverfront Park Master Plan. Mr. Ellison explained the plan is a guide for distinguishing assets, and offers direction on the planning and development of historic structures in the park. There are 22 items outlined in the plan. This plan must be filed with Department of Historical and Archaeological Preservation in order to satisfy stipulations of the Memorandum of Understanding with US Army Corps of Engineers. Staff was directed to supply all Park Board members a copy of full Historic Preservation Plan prior to the May 11 board meeting.

Motion #2: Ted McGregor moved to recommend the Park Board approve the Historic Preservation Plan as presented pending Park Board receiving the full Historic Preservation Plan for review.

Steve Salvatori seconded.

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

3. Wayfinding and signage plan/Berger Partnership contract amendment (\$52,000) – *Berry Ellison* presented a proposed contract amendment with Berger Partnership to develop a wayfinding plan within the park. The wayfinding and signage plan will include cost estimates, conceptual details and locations of elements within the project areas. These areas include: Howard Street Promenade, North Bank, Loeff Carrousel site, South Gateway, Havermale Promenade, Centennial Trail and West Havermale Island. The contract does not include the branding or graphic templates on how the information is to be displayed.

Motion #3: Ted McGregor moved to recommend the Park Board approve the contract amendment with Berger Partnership to develop a wayfinding and signage plan, and details, not to exceed \$52,000 with a caveat addition for consideration of historical interpretation signs and building signage.

Susan Traver seconded.

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Howard Street South Channel Bridge contract amendment/CH2M (\$157,003) – *Berry Ellison*

provided an overview of the Howard Street South Channel Bridge contract amendment with CH2M not to exceed \$157,003. Mr. Ellison explained additional construction duration requires more engineering services to observe and inspect construction of the bridge. Proposed funding will come from the following: 1) Bridge and program level construction contingency - \$146,421; and 2) Historic Preservation Plan - \$10,582.

Motion #4: Ted McGregor moved to recommend the Park Board approve a contract amendment with CH2M to cover the additional time and services required to observe and inspect construction of the Howard Street South Channel Bridge not to exceed \$157,003.

Steve Salvatori seconded.

The motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Riverfront Park amusement ride surplus resolution – *Jonathan Moog* presented a proposed resolution which declares the immediate surplus of the park's seasonal rides. Proceeds will be held for the future purchases of a ride(s) or other recreational amenity at Riverfront Park. The rides identified to be surplus are only the seasonal rides. The Loeff Carrousel and SkyRide Over the Falls are not included and will remain part of the park's showcased attractions. The resolution notes the option of a summer rides festival, where rides are provided and managed by an outside contractor. If the resolution is adopted by the Park Board, staff will be directed to make arrangements to sell the seasonal rides through a public bidding process. Members of Save Affordable Family Entertainment in Riverfront Park (SAFER) shared their opinions with the committee. Hal McGlathery urged the Park Board to delay action on the resolution until an assessment may be conducted on the feasibility of relocating the city-owned rides to the "Great Lawn" on the North Bank. SAFER members also feel additional time would be beneficial for the six Park Board members who have been appointed to the board within the past year. This time would provide the opportunity to review the history and data on the rides. Former Park Board member and marketing/public relations professional Steve Corker addressed various aspects of marketing as it relates to Riverfront Park. Mr. Corker explained the importance of providing activities for lower income citizens and for youths, ages 12 and under. He urged the Park Board to commit to an entrepreneurial spirit and make Riverfront Park an activity park with sustained revenues. SAFER board member Mary Ann Bosky stressed the importance of the rides to the season pass program, and explained the rides serve as a major attraction for families and children. Mr. Moog explained other factors to be considered, include: 1) aging infrastructure of the rides; 2) cost to upgrade and recent revenue declines; and 3) the Master Plan recommends removing the rides from the park. Committee members discussed the option of saving some of the seasonal rides, and looking into future opportunities to upgrade and improve a rides program.

Motion #5: Ted McGregor moved to recommend the Park Board approve the Riverfront Park amusement ride surplus resolution with the provision that staff identify up to three rides and the Tour Train to keep, subject to Park Board approval.

Steve Salvatori seconded.

The motion passed with a 4-to-1 vote.

6. Value blanket order/Concession Supply (\$35,000) – In consideration of time, the value blanket order with Concession Supply was deferred to the May 9 Finance Committee meeting.

Information Items:

1. Promenades 60% design review/Berger Partnership – *No presentation given due to time constraints.*

Standing Report Items:

1. Operations report and November Financials – *No presentation given due to time constraints.*
2. Riverfront Park Redevelopment Update – *No presentation given due to time constraints.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Next meeting will be at 8:05 a.m. June 5, 2017, City Hall Council Briefing Center, lower level, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington.