



**CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD
RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE**

4 p.m. Monday, April 11, 2022
WebEx teleconferencing meeting
Jonathan Moog – Riverfront Park Director

Committee Members:

- X Nick Sumner – Chair
- X Kevin Brownlee
- X Hannah Kitz
- Gerry Sperling (Absent/Excused)

Park Board:

Jennifer Ogden

Guests:

Kelly Brown

Parks Staff:

Pamela Clarke
Fianna Dickson
Berry Ellison
Garrett Jones
Rhett McCall
Jonathan Moog

Summary

- There were no action items presented.
- The following were presented as informational items:
 - [Riverfront dog park update](#)
- The March 2022 operations report was presented.

The next regularly scheduled Riverfront Park Committee meeting is set for 4 p.m. Monday, May 9, 2022.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by committee chair Nick Sumner.

Public comment: None

Action Items: None

Informational items:

- A. Riverfront dog park update – *Berry Ellison* presented. The Humane Society has donated \$250,000 to create a dog park in Riverfront Park in celebration of their 125th anniversary. Berry shared that the Forestry Shelter and Marmot Meadow are part of the proposed location. Fianna has organized a community survey regarding the proposed dog park and has already received over 1,300 responses from the public. Questions on the survey gauged the public's estimated frequency of use, preferred landscape design and preferred equipment types among other things. Once the survey results are compiled design concepts can be developed and presented. It is estimated that a 75% design will be available by early May at a public meeting/workshop. Final drawings and renderings will be completed by the first week of June and fundraising materials will be completed at that time. There will be a design unveiling at the Parade of Paws on June 18.

Standing report items:

- A. March 2022 operations report – *Jonathan Moog* presented. Highlights included: 1) 10 concerts are anticipated this year, included the announced Phoebe Bridgers and Zach Bryan concerts with more being announced soon; 2) Pedal Kart rentals have returned to the park and are a big hit; 3) the Pavilion light blades are experiencing difficulties again and a long-term solution is being sought; 4) the annual L&I inspection of the SkyRide and Carrousel have been completed; 5) annual tower maintenance on the SkyRide is underway and should be completed by April 21; 6) the north suspension bridge is open to the public; 7) special causes for the lighting of the Pavilion in March were highlighted; 8) Andrew Willis has accepted the permanent role as Park Ranger Supervisor after acting in an interim role for the past 8 months; 9) Riverfront won several Inlander Best of awards recently; 10) anticipated spring maintenance will be performed on the Red Wagon and surrounding pathway, a gate will be installed in the Washington Lot, and the electronic message board will be replaced; and 11) upcoming events include the Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch, the Riverfront Spring Market, and Riverfront Story Walk.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

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THE DOG PARK AT
RIVERFRONT SPOKANE

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A GIFT FROM THE SPOKANE HUMANE SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE THEIR 125th ANNIVERSARY



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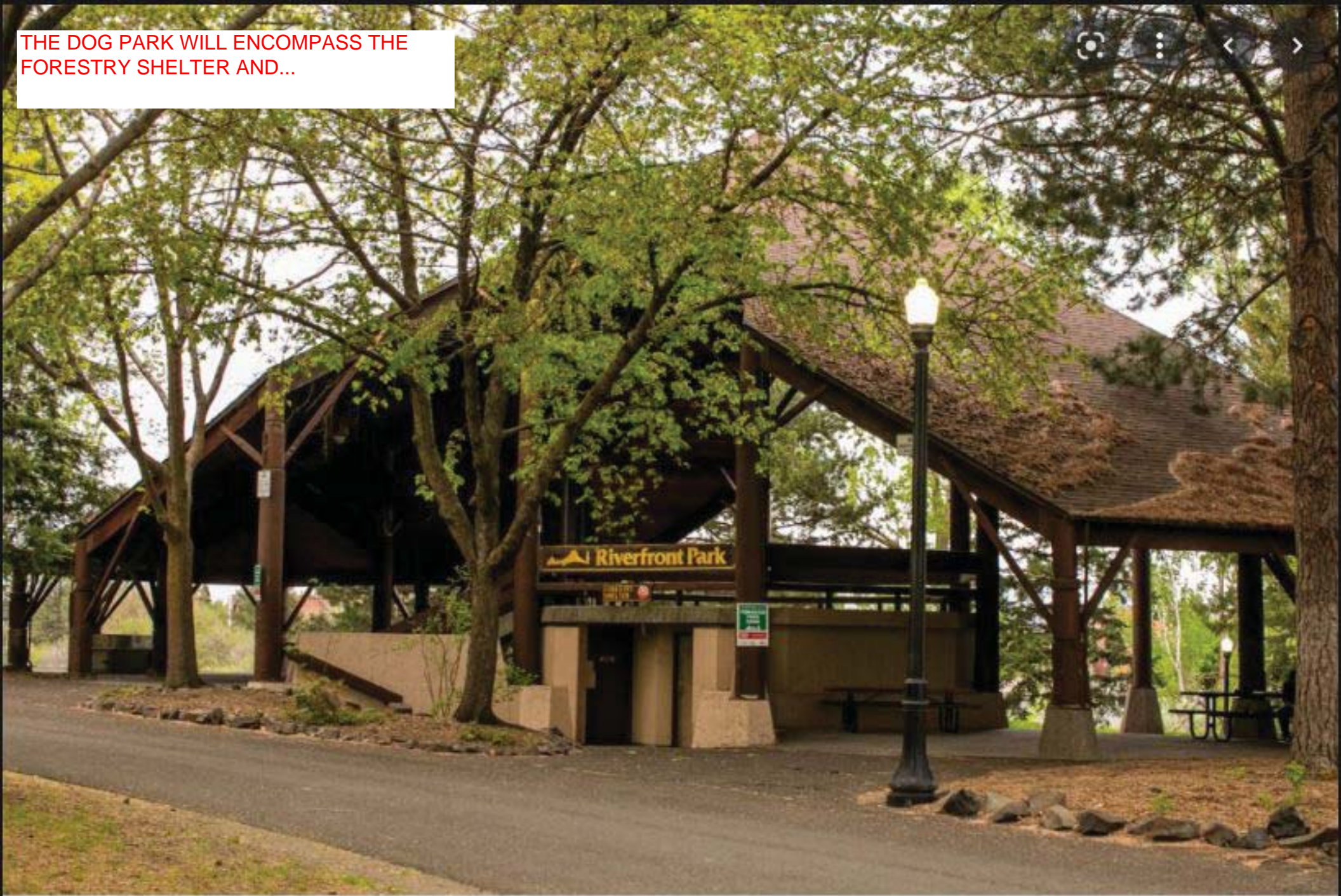


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Spokane Humane Society Donates \$250,000 Toward Riverfront Dog Park

Fundraising to Complete Dog Park is Ongoing

Parks & Recreation: 311 or 509.755.2489

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

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Riverfront Spokane

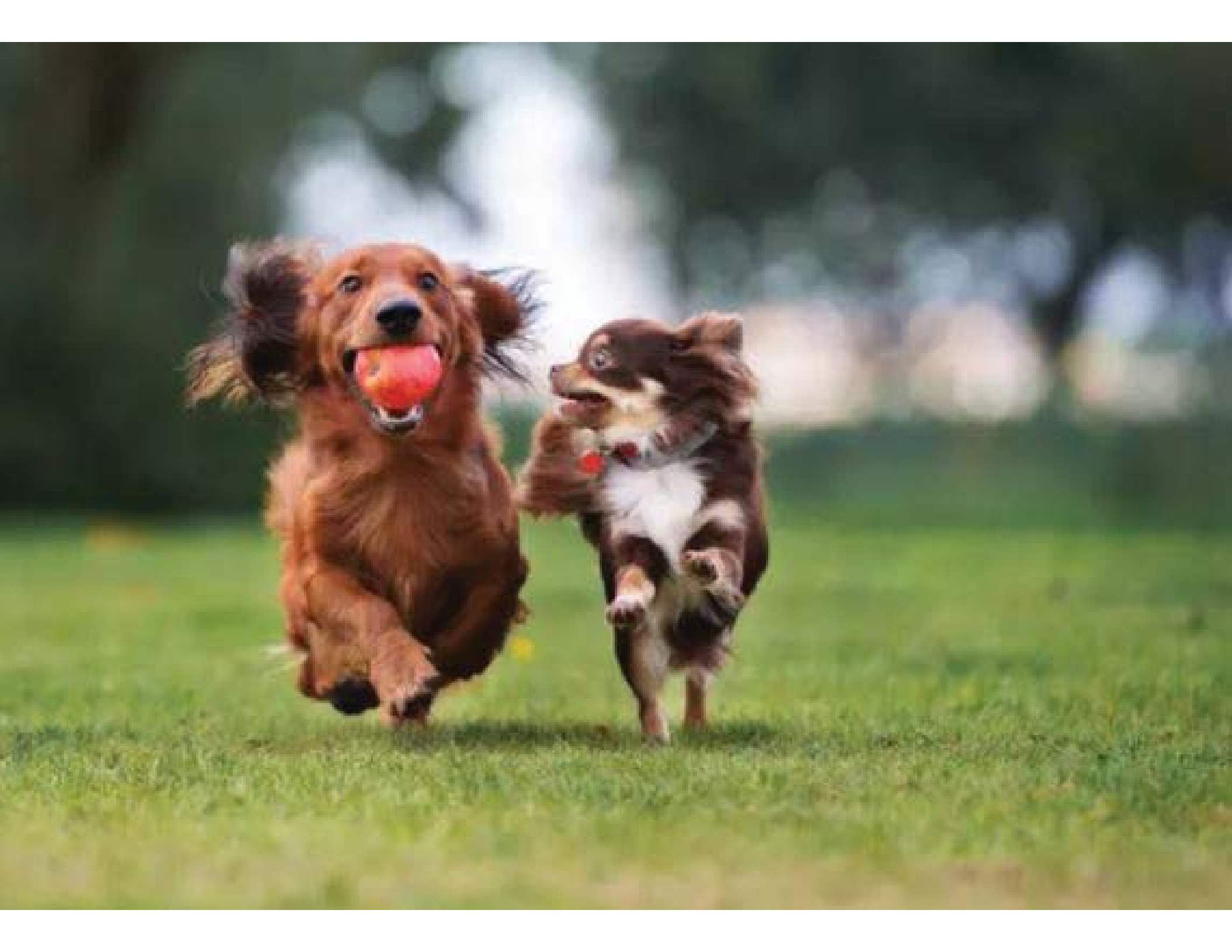
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Riverfront Dog Park Design Community Survey



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April 5, 2022

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Survey Open for Community Input on Riverfront Dog Park Design

Fundraising to Complete Dog Park is Ongoing

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 Riverfront Dog Park is a fundraising project of the Spokane Parks Foundation’s Campaign for Riverfront Spokane. The Spokane Humane Society 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 125th 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.





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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

During weekends

A couple times a month or less

I do not anticipate visiting

6. What time of day would you most likely visit the Dog Park?

Mornings before 8:00 am

Dog Park Vision Reference Photos for Question 11

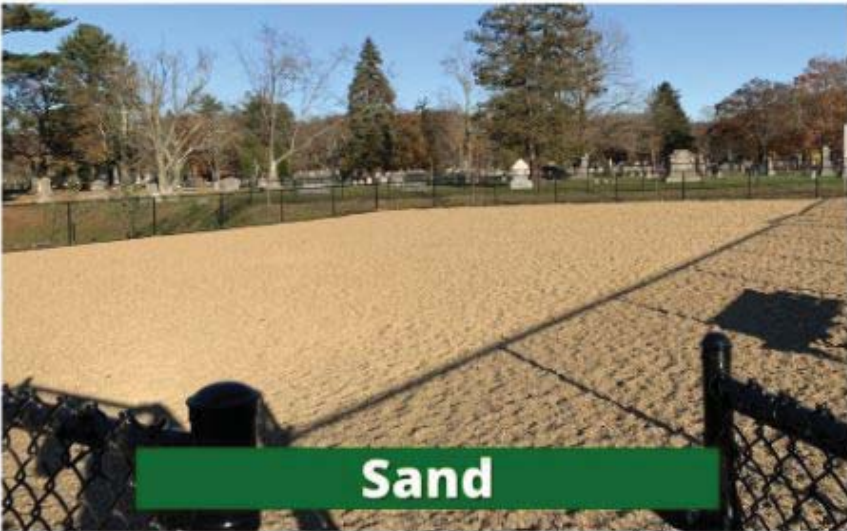


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11. In priority order, what is the ideal feel of the new Dog Park given the existing site conditions previously mentioned?

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

Ground Surface Reference Photo for Question 15



OK

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

Turf grass

Dog Equipment Reference Photo for Question 16



OK

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
- 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



Dog Park UPDATE!



Donate

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"The Spokane Humane Society's generosity will help establish a space in the heart of downtown where people and their beloved pets will gather for many years to come – it's a wonderful gift for our community," said Garrett Jones, director of City of Spokane Parks & Recreation. "We heard that dog parks are a desired amenity from our Master Plan outreach, and we are honored to work alongside the Spokane Humane Society and the Spokane Parks Foundation to fundraise for this important project."

The Spokane Humane Society's gift is part of the Campaign for Riverfront Spokane through the Spokane Parks Foundation. The [urban](#)

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on the generosity
of the people who enjoy them.



Thank you!
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If you would like to choose more than one fund, please let us know in the "Additional Comments" section at the bottom of this form. Please also utilize this section to let us know if this gift is in honor or memory of someone, and include notification information.

The minimum donation amount for Riverfront Park benches, Carousel animals, brick pavers, and fence charms is listed next to the item.

My gift is for:*

- Area of Greatest Need
- Make a Splash
- Riverfront Park Art
- Riverfront Park Bench \$5,000
- Riverfront Park Butterfly Restoration
- Riverfront Park Adopt A Carrousel Animal \$5,000
- Riverfront Park Dog Park
- Riverfront Park Future Fund
- Riverfront Park Interpretive Signage
- Riverfront Park Brick Paver \$1,000

