



## **PARK BOARD STUDY SESSION**

10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2021

Call in: 408-418-9388

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### **Park Board members:**

Jennifer Ogden – President  
Bob Anderson – Vice President  
Garrett Jones  
Nick Sumner  
Rick Chase  
Greta Gilman  
Sally Lodato  
Gerry Sperling  
Barb Richey  
Hannah Kitz  
Kevin Brownlee  
Michael Cathcart – City Council liaison

### **Guest:**

Mark Richard, Downtown Spokane Partnership

## **Agenda**

1. **Introductions/Roll Call:** *Jennifer Ogden*
2. **Special discussion/action items:**
  - A. [Zip line project update](#) – *Jonathan Moog*
3. **Adjournment:**

*Agenda is subject to change*

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An architectural rendering of a proposed zipline experience in downtown Spokane. The view is from an elevated platform with a dark metal railing, looking down at a river and across a large stone arch bridge. The foreground shows a paved walkway and some greenery. In the background, there are modern buildings and more trees. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text 'Downtown Zipline' is overlaid in large orange letters.

# Downtown Zipline

Spokane Park Board Study Session  
January 22, 2021

Jonathan Moog, Director of Riverfront Spokane


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# Agenda

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- Purpose for Project
- Current Status
- General Concept Overview
- Private/Public Partnership Model
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Process & Next steps
- Questions & Discussion



## Purpose for Project – Why?

- Riverfront Park, Redband Park and Downtown Activation
- Appeal to teens & young adult
- Advances goals of Riverfront Park Master plan
- Build Economic strength for downtown and region
- Catalyst for hospitality and tourism industry
- Off sets cost of plaza and park maintenance

# Current Status

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**2017/2018 - City Engineering Services explored zipline as part of CSO Project but city capital funds were not available**

Concept was for City to build and hire private party to operate

Cost estimate and artist rendering came from this project



**2019/2020 – Project was re-envisioned as private/public partnership**

Private partner would provide capital, build and operate.



**Current Effort Seeks to:**

Evaluate challenges of constructability and permits

Confirm location of departure and landing sites and their constraints

Evaluate interest of private partners

Evaluate level of support by community/stakeholders/users

Complete general research and define approach/process

Collect information to guide potential RFP requirements





Redband Park

CSO 26 Plaza

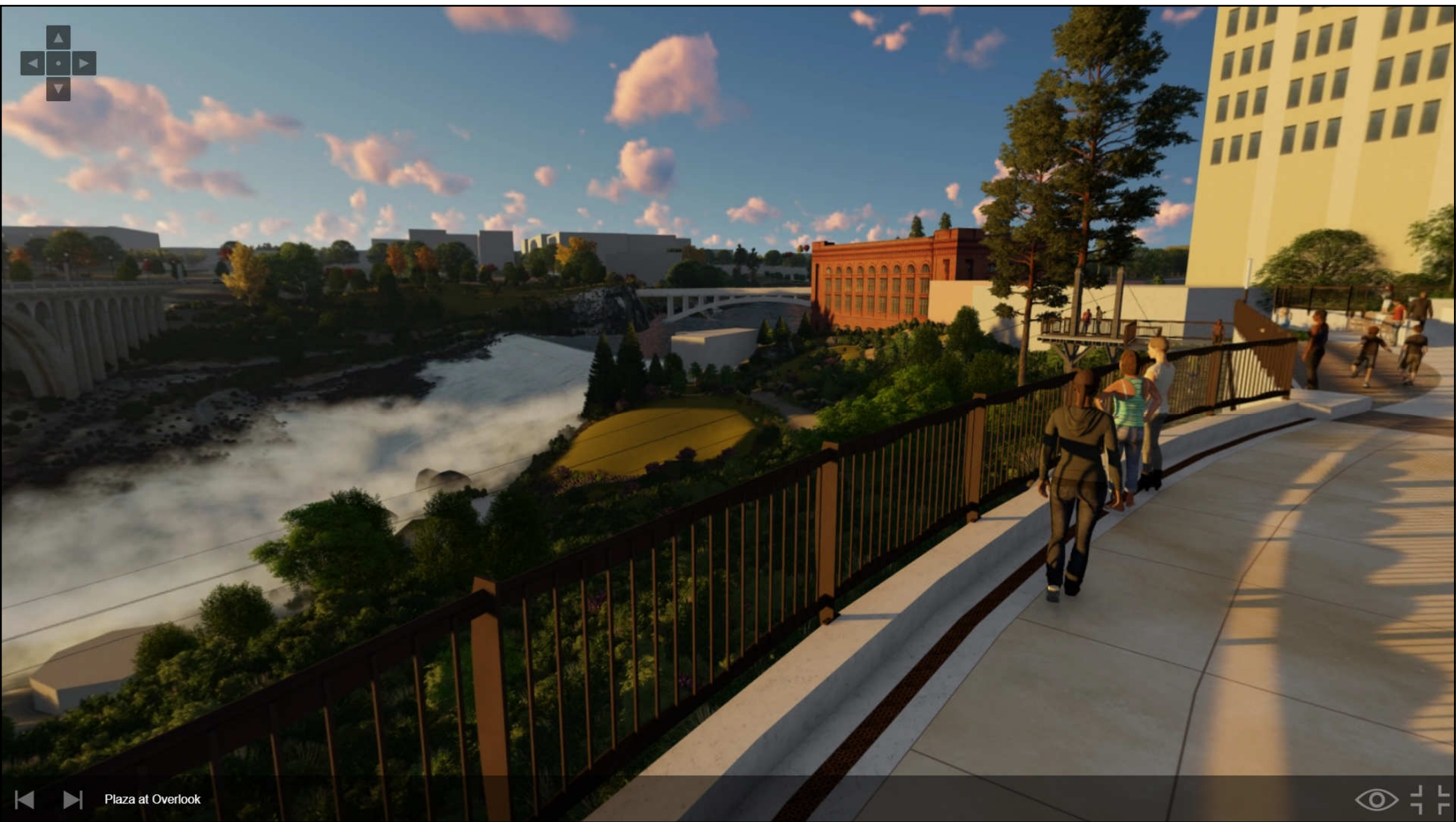
# Overview



◀ ▶ Northeast View of Zipline and Overlook











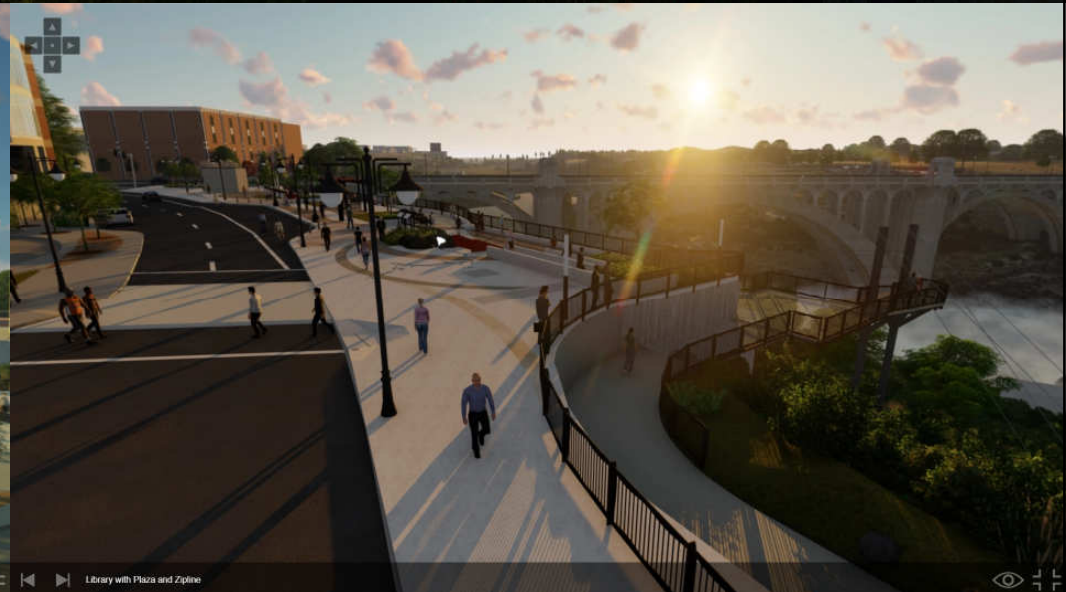
View From Monroe Street Bridge's Center of First Arch



West End Path Overlook

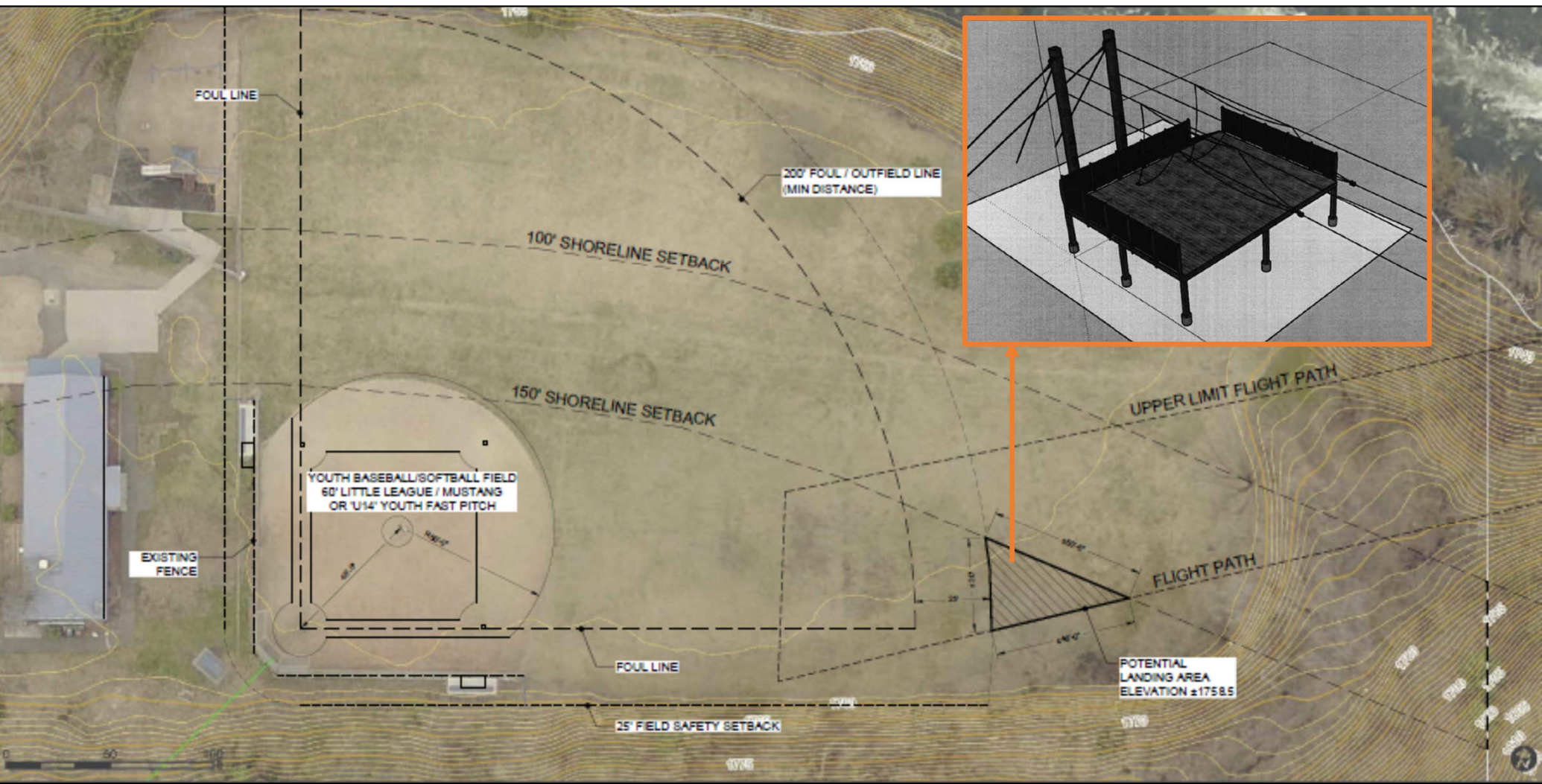


View 2nd Floor Downtown Library



Library with Plaza and Zipline





# Private / Public Partnership

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## **Selected Partner Requirements:**

- Responsible for Operations
- ACCT accredited
- Invest Capital to design and build Zip Line
- Licensed and insured. Carries the risk
- Markets and advertise program
- Free tickets to Spokane programs, charitable organizations, low income and underserved youth
- Interpretive signage for Spokane history, conservation, cultural heritage

## **Side topics:**

- Interested parties
- Concept for an “orientation” zipline on Avista Property within Riverfront
- Key operational details will be coordinated in and through RFP process.

## **City of Spokane**

- Minimum 10 year contract
- Provides City owned property
- Receives portion of gross revenue share to be negotiated (est. \$40-\$65K)
- Provide utilities and some infrastructure (briefing rooms, on site sales)
- No support facilities will be allowed on the CSO plaza



# Stakeholder Feedback

## Completed Stakeholder Meetings:

- Mayor Woodward
- Park Board
- Spokane City Council
- Spokane Tribe of Indians
- Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council
- Riverside Neighborhood Council
- Visit Spokane
- Downtown Spokane Partnership
- Spokane Youth Baseball / Spokane Indians Baseball club
- River Forum
- Avista Utilities
- Internal Parks & Recreation Staff members
- Various Permitting Authorities (DOE, ACOE, DFW, City Planning)

## Topics of Interest from Stakeholders:

- Desire to be part of process
- Liability of operations
- Safety (rider & spectator)
- View sheds from plaza
- Redband Parking
- Redband Park Activation
- Operational questions
- Plaza congestion
- South gorge trail extension
- Porta porty over use
- Maintenance of Zipline
- Allocation potential revenue
- Operator goes out of business
- Noise of attraction

# Process & Next Steps

	Time Allotment	Estimated Completion
Initial stakeholder Outreach - Authorities having Jurisdiction, City Council, Park Board, Public outreach	4 months	Jan 2020
Request for Proposal	3 months	April 2021
Council / Park Board Approval	1 month	May 2021
Design Build validation – conceptual scope, second community outreach, schematic designs	3 months	Aug 2021
Permitting with Authorities Having Jurisdiction	6 months	Feb 2022
Construction Drawings	3 months	May 2022
Construction	3 months	Aug 2022

## **Next Steps:**

- Letter of Support from Park Board
- Follow- up with neighborhood councils
- Seek City Council Support to continue
- Develop RFP working Group



# Questions & Discussion

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