

**CITY OF SPOKANE PLAN COMMISSION**  
**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**REGARDING HONORARY NAMING OF THE POST STREET BRIDGE**

A recommendation of the City of Spokane Plan Commission to the City Council to recognize Friends of the Falls and approve the honorary naming of the Post Street Bridge.

**FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- A. Friends of the Falls was founded in 1997 as a civic organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the Spokane River Gorge, including Spokane Falls—one of the City’s most iconic and culturally significant natural features.
- B. Dr. John Moyer, a founding member of Friends of the Falls, played a key role in organizing the community around the shared goal of revitalizing and safeguarding the river and falls as integral to Spokane’s identity.
- C. On March 28, 2002, Friends of the Falls unveiled a conceptual plan for the Spokane River Gorge, envisioning the falls and river as the natural and cultural centerpiece of the community. This effort brought together a wide range of partners, including the Spokane Tribe, to develop and later implement a strategic master plan for the gorge, supported by the State of Washington in 2005.
- D. Since 2003, Friends of the Falls’ efforts have contributed significantly to public and environmental improvements in and around the Spokane River Gorge, enhancing livability and reinforcing the river's central role in the city’s environmental, historical, and cultural narrative.
- E. The honorary naming of the Post Street Bridge aligns with the goals of the City of Spokane’s Comprehensive Plan, particularly those aimed at strengthening downtown identity, promoting cultural recognition, and honoring those who have shaped the city’s natural and civic landscape.
- F. The City of Spokane seeks to recognize Friends of the Falls’ enduring legacy of leadership in advocating for stewardship, public access, and community pride tied to Spokane’s point of origin and primary natural resource.
- G. A public hearing was held by the Plan Commission on May 12, 2025, to consider the honorary naming proposal. By a unanimous vote of those members present, the Plan Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council supporting the honorary naming of the Post Street Bridge to “Friends of the Falls Bridge.”
- H. Notice of the proposal and hearing was provided in accordance with Spokane Municipal Code.

**CONCLUSIONS:**

- 1. The honorary naming of the Post Street Bridge in recognition of Friends of the Falls bears a substantial relation to the public welfare, civic pride, and the cultural identity of Spokane.

2. The proposal is consistent with and supports the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan, particularly those related to cultural heritage, community engagement, and downtown placemaking.
3. Interested agencies and the public were provided opportunities to participate in the process and offer comments.
4. The honorary naming advances the City's objective to acknowledge individuals and organizations whose contributions have had a lasting impact on Spokane's public spaces and natural resources.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the above findings and conclusions, the Spokane Plan Commission takes the following action:

- Recommends to the Spokane City Council the **APPROVAL** of the honorary naming of the Post Street Bridge in recognition of Friends of the Falls.



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Spokane Plan Commission

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