Dutch Jake's Park Master Plan









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Clockwise from the bottom left:
Kids make good use of the basketball
court during the April meeting.
Emily Adams and Emily Neder set up
for the community meeting
Student Bear Braich presents his findings during a meeting.
Neighborhood residents draw out their
vision for Dutch Jake's Park.

I. Introduction



Dutch Jake's Park should be a neighborhood magnet for recreational activities and community programing, bringing all members of the community together.

To address the gorwing concerns about the park the West Central Neighborhood Council, in partnership with the City of Spokane Pars and Recreatio Department, and the City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services and Code Enforcement contracted with the Eastern Washington University Urban and Regional Planning Program to prepare a master pan to guide future use and development of Dutch Jake's Park. Thirteen undergraduate students majoring in urban and regional planning answered the call to prepare this master plan a their senior capstone project for 2016.

Following some initial data gathering, the Eastern Washington University students met with Larry Schwartz and Jeremy Stebbins from the West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee to tour the park. The students then assessed the existing conditions and conducted further research. After this, students facilitated a public event within the park on April 20th to gain public input and feedback on what changes and improvements the community wanted to see within the park. The students then used the public input and research to develop a series of alternatives ranked by the amount of change (minimum, moderate, and significant). This research conducted by students also led to the planning for future improvements along Chestnut Street and Broadway Avenue, east of the park.

On May 10th, 2016, students met with Jeremy Stebbins and Jose Barajas to preview the alternatives before presenting the alternatives to the West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee on May 18th. A follow up workshop was conducted on May 24th to outline a preferred alternative for further review.

The project continued on with Erin "Bear" Braich and Emily Adams working throughout the summer to refine the preferred alternative with the committee and finalize the plan. The final plan was delivered to the committee at their September meeting along with a list of grants to consider as possible funding sources.

II. History

Neighborhood

West Central Spokane was platted in 1887 and had several additions including Ide's, Muzzy's and Nettleton's. Homes were largely constructed over a short period of time between 1889 and 1912 because of booming land development. West Central's economic fortunes mirrored the rest of Spokane and there was a general decline after this period with less home construction thereafter. This short burst of home building has given the neighborhood a very distinct appearance with mostly two-storey bungalows in the Craftsman and Queen Anne design - many designed and built by the same firm, the Chamberlin Real Estate Company.

Connected to downtown Spokane by the Monroe Street Bridge and served by a flourishing trolley system, West Central was a mainly residential and working class neighborhood that was also home to the famous Natatorium Park. The 'Nat', as it was affectionately known, held year round fair rides and also hosted carnivals from across the United States. It began operating in 1903 and eventually closed in the early 1960s. The Looff carousel, now housed at Riverfront Park, originally resided at the Natatorium. In the early part of the twentieth century, people flocked to the area to start small businesses, buy homes, and visit the scenic park and the fairground rides.

Dutch Jake

Several famous men and women lived in this neighborhood, including 'Dutch' Jake Goetz and his partner Harry Baer. The German-born mining tycoon Jacob Goetz, better known in Spokane as Dutch Jake, was part of this West Central neighborhood from its beginning. His role in discovering the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mines in Idaho made him his fortune, but his fame came from his generosity and sense of fun. When he opened the Spokane Hotel downtown, he was known to fire a cannon from the rooftop playground during celebrations, and his famous birthday celebrations could last for days. After his death in 1927, former Spokane mayor W. J. Hindley said that Goetz's "capacity for friendship and his charity" had made him "known from one end of this country to the other."

If that doesn't earn him a place in the city's memory, then maybe this mini-park on an extended lot in West Central will. Neighbors of the park insisted that the city council name it in Goetz's honor, refusing to even submit a list of alternative names. So with that agreed on, construction of Dutch Jake's Place began in April of 1976. The city put a community development grant towards the construction, but members of the community also donated more than \$17,000 in labor and materials. The park was dedicated in July of 1976, in a ceremony attended by Goetz's daughter, Helen Goetz Edmunds. Though it's one of the city's smaller parks, it features a basketball court, a playground, and a picnic area. The playground originally included a rocking burro, in homage to Goetz's burro, which he said was the "real" discoverer of the Bunker Hill mine.

The block spanning Chestnut St from College Ave to Broadway Ave, is where Goetz's lifelong friend and business partner Harry F. Baer built his home in 1888. The home where Goetz himself raised his family is still standing, a few blocks to the north on Gardner Ave. So, we know that the two spent plenty of time here in the 1910s and 1920s. But Baer's house fell into disrepair after his death; the home was officially condemned in 1973 and a fire destroyed the garage in 1975. When the park was created, it returned this lot to its preferred role: a gathering place for the neighborhood, and a celebration of its most famous citizens.

III. Neighborhood Context

Demographics



Figure 3.1 Image retrieved from Demographicsnow, 2015 Population

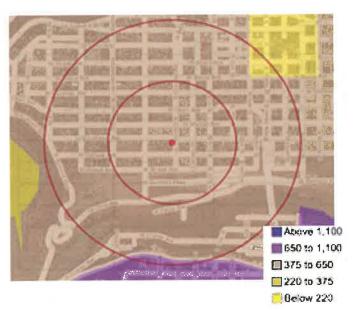


Figure 3.2 Image retrieved from Demographicsnow, 2015 Total households

West Central is changing. The neighborhood has seen imense growth in the last few years with the addition of Kendall Yards along the southern border of the neighborhood. This growth- the residents and housing types that have been added to the neighborhood influence the neighborhood as a whole.

To gain a better understanding of the surroundings of Dutch Jakes Park data was collected that only includes households within a half mile radius of the park. As a neighborhood mini-park Dutch Jakes Park was developed to serve a concentrated group of people so those with in a half-mile are the ones most effected by the park.

The 2015 census count of half a mile radius of Dutch Jake's Park is 4,776 residents. In 2010 the same area was comprised of 4,562 residents. This indicates a positive growth rate in the area from 2010 to 2015 of 5%, a reversal from the 2000 to 2010 negative growth of -4.5%.

The area surrounding half a mile radius of Dutch Jake's Park is 50.1% male and 49.8% female, and the median age is 34.3 years. The racial make up of the same area is 80.6% White, 6.8 % Hispanic, 4.5% American Indian or Alaska Native, and 4.1% African American.

There are 2,038 households within a half mile radius of Dutch Jake's Park. In 2015 the median annual household income for the West Central neighborhood was \$21,090.

These indicators can guide development to ensure that the park is meeting the needs and wants of the surrounding residents.

Crime Statistics

Multiple community members who use the park, or know of the park, spoke about the issue of crime, with many indicating the area as one that is associated with drugs. A perception, or actual problem of crime in the area must be addressed in order to make the park more appealing to users. To understand this issue crime data was obtained through the City of Spokane's GIS mapping data for crime statistics. An 8 year period from 2007-2015 within the borders of North Nettleton to the west, North Canon to the east, West Broadway to the north and West Bridge to the south, was looked at as the general area of influence on the park's perception.

The data has been represented in Table 3.1 and Figure 3.3, and can be visually seen in Figure 3.4. There were a total of 656 reported incidents in the 8 year time period. Out of that the bulk of the incidents within the area were theft (23% of the total incidents), assault (22%), and malicious mischief (20%), which together comprised more than half of all the incidents.

This data was taken into consideration when creating goals and policies for the park, as well as the overall recommendations seen in chapter 7. Being aware of this data and the current perception of crime held by residents led to policies such as using the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design to be included (as listed in the following chapter).

Crime Statstics Dutch Jake Park 2007 - 2015

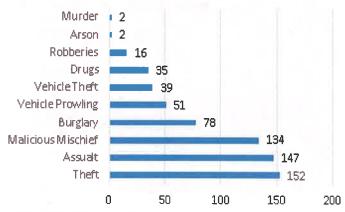


Figure 3.3 Crime Statistics Dutch Jake's Park

| Crime | Count | Percentage |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Theft | 152 | 23.17% |
| Assault | 147 | 22.41% |
| Malicious Mischeif | 134 | 20.43% |
| Burglary | 78 | 11.89% |
| Vehicle Prowling | 51 | 7.77% |
| Vehicle Theft | 39 | 5.95% |
| Drugs | 35 | 5.34% |
| Robberies | 16 | 2.44% |
| Arson | 2 | 0.30% |
| Murder | 2 | 0.30% |
| Total | 656 | 100.00% |

Table 3.1 Crime Count by Type



Figure 3.4 Crime Data Map

ASSAULT 2ND ASSAULT 3RD

VEH-PROWL VEH-THEFT

THEFT-FROM BUILDING

THEFT

DRUGS-DELIVER DRUGS-OTHER

BURGLARY-COMMERCIAL BURGLARY-FENCED AREA

IV. Vision, Goals and Policies

"We envision Dutch Jake's Park as a safe, accessible space that provides opportunities to meet, socialize, and recreate."

This vision will be accomplished through the following goals (what we want to achieve) and policies (how we are going to achieve it):

Goal 1: Create a park that is accessible by all.

- Policy 1.1: Encourage mixed use areas and features.
- Policy 1.2: Encourage uses and features that can be used by all ages and physical abilities.
- Policy 1.3: Encourage family activities such as movie nights, concerts, neighborhood barbeques, yard sales, and youth athletics.
- Policy 1.4: Provide a range of social and recreational opportunities including: sitting, conversing, and more active forms of recreation.

Goal 2: Recognize and honor the history of the West Central neighborhood.

- Policy 2.1: Look for opportunities to incorporate Dutch Jake's personality and history into the park.
- Policy 2.2: Establish and maintain a walking tour of historical sites.

Goal 3: Promote local artists.

- Policy 3.1: Commission works of art for the park.
- Policy 3.2: Incorporate artistic features into the design of the playground equipment, lighting and other features.
- Policy 3.3: Encourage the establishment of an art walk tour in the West Central neighborhood.

Goal 4: Maintain Dutch Jake's Park as a safe place at all hours of the day.

- Policy 4.1: Utilize the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.
- Policy 4.2: Improve and maintain the lighting around and within the park.
- Policy 4.3: Maintain clear sight lines through the park.
- Policy 4.4: Encourage bicycle and pedestrian activities in and around the park.
- Policy 4.5: Increase eyes on the park.
- Policy 4.6: Provide density bonuses to orient new buildings toward the park.
- Policy 4.7: Work with the police to increase opportunities for observation.
- Policy 4.8: Utilize features to promote safety, especially the playground.

Goal 5: Connect Dutch Jake's Park with other parks and significant destinations in the neighbohood.

- Policy 5.1: Install wayfinding signs to and from Dutch Jake's Park.
- Policy 5.2: Encourage bike and pedestrian access in the neighborhood.
- Policy 5.3: Develop Chestnut St. as a bike and pedestrian corridor.
- Policy 5.4: Minimize or eliminate vehicle travel on Chestnut St where feasible.
- Policy 5.5: Actively involve neighborhood and community-based organizations in the ongoing management of the park.
- Policy 5.6: Work with the Parks Department and Office of Neighborhood services to promote activities and programming in the park.
- Policy 5.7: Establish and maintain a website to highlight the park and programmed activities in the park.
- Policy 5.8: Generate opportunities for donations and gifts to support the use and development of the park.
- Policy 5.9: Establish a non-profit Friends of Dutch Jake's Park organization.

V. Current Conditions

Before brainstorming alternatives and possible improvements to the park, the current conditions of the park were assesed. As a group, the EWU students visited the park multiple times to take pictures of the park's condtions. The major features and amenities in the park including the basketball court, playground, treeslighting, benches, picninc tables, sidewalks, covered area, fences, signs, water fountain, and the BBQ pit were then listed and rated as 'Good', "Fair', or "Poor'. The following rating system was used to assess the current conditions of those features:

Good- In good working condition, no attention is necessary.

Fair: - In working condition, attention isn't needed immediately but improvements could be made.

Poor- In need of immediate attention, currently a hazard or completely non-functional.

| Feature | Condition | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------|------|--|
| | Poor | Fair | Good | |
| Basketball Court | | | | |
| Playground | | | | |
| Paths | | | | |
| Covered Area | | | :0 | |
| Trees | | | | |
| Lighting | | | | |
| Picnic Tables | | | | |
| Water Fountain | | | | |
| Signs | | | | |
| Seating | | | | |
| BBQ's | | | | |
| Fencing | | | U. | |

Based on the findings a list was compiled below, containing current and future issues of Dutch Jake's Park.

- Current water fountain is not functional and needs to be repaired or replaced.
- There is minimal lighting in the park and power outlets that need to be repaired or replaced.
- The walking paths are in poor condition and need repairs.
- The basketball court is decaying and needs repaving and updated hoops.
- The current playground is outdated and the wood chips pose a potential danger to children.
- Shrubbery along the northwest end of the park poses potential area for unwanted activities.
- The fence in the middle of the park is visually obstructive.
- Damaged trees need to be removed, and overgrown trees need to be limbed.
- Covered pavilion currently is a visual obstruction at the northeast entrance of the park.
- Wayfinding to the park is only located at the northeast entrance and is partially obstructed.

VI. Public Participation

Community Meeting

On Thursday April 20th, 2016 the West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee sponsored a neighborhood BBQ at Dutch Jake's Park. This meeting was held as a way to gather input from the community regarding their thoughts and visions for the park. Students from the EWU Urban and Regional Planning program facilitated the meeting with support from Sante Restaurant and Batch bakery providing barbecue and cookies. This meeting provided several different ways for attendees to give their input into the project. These opportunities for input included face to face conversation, written surveys, and a series of blank posters set around the park, each posing a seperate question that participants could write on to provide thier opinion about the future of the park. It was a wonderful opportunity for the community to experience what it feels like when the park is utilized as it should be. Neighbors came together and socialized, children played, and ideas were flowing. To see a complete list of questions, reference the meeting summary in the Appendix A.



Parks Committee Presentation

On Wednesday May 18th, 2016 the student team went to the West Central Community Center to present to the parks committee an overview of the plan following the community meeting. The presentation covered a summary of recommended vision, goals and policies, various alternatives for the park, Chestnut St, and the vacant lot southeast of the park. The purpose of this meeting was to inform the community on the progress of the master plan and gather further feedback on the park alternatives. After the presentation was concluded everyone in attendance split into two groups integrating the community members and students to listen to likes and dislikes. After a productive session, it was agreed upon to hold a community workshop to dedicate time to produce a preffered alternative as a group.

Community Workshop

On Tuesday May 24th, 2016 the student team went back to the West Central Community Center to hold a three-hour workshop. The workshop began by splitting into two groups and each group brainstorming and starting to formulate a preferred alternative. During the second half of the workshop, a spokesman for each group presented their group's alternative to everyone. From there a list was compiled of all the similarities and differences. Differences in the plans were discussed until a choice was agreed upon by all of the participants and added to the preferred alternative sketch. Similar features were often seen but a disscussion of pros and cons of the specifics about those features (location, size etc.) was often utilized to decide how each feature shold be added into the preferred alternative. The workshop concluded with a completed preferred alternative.



VII. Recommendations

Process

Observation of the current conditions of the park, including the state the features are in and what features are most used were the first indicators used to begin crafting different design scenarios for the park. The community meeting held at the park further directed the alternatives and included features. Following the meeting, alternatives were added to and modified according to input from conversations had with community members at the park, as well as feedback from the question boards and surveys available at the meeting. The alternatives were then further refined at the presentation at the West Central Parks Committee meeting, and at a workshop that took place the following week to align with the vision of the parks committee and community.

Park Alternatives

The following alternatives are recommendations. They can be implemented as a whole, or a 'hybrid' alternative that can be created by picking and choosing desired aspects from each alternative, or creating a phased approach that implements certain features as funds become available.

The alternatives include:

- Alternative #1: Minimal Change- This alternative features only minor changes to the park that would be relatively easy and inexpensive to implement.
- Alternative #2: Moderate Change- This alternative features more significant changes to the park that are a little more difficult and expensive to implement.
- Alternative #3: Significant Change, Option A and B- Both of these alternatives feature the most dramatic changes to the park, many of which would be more time consuming and expensive to implement. The differences in the two lie in the different features, and their locations within the park.

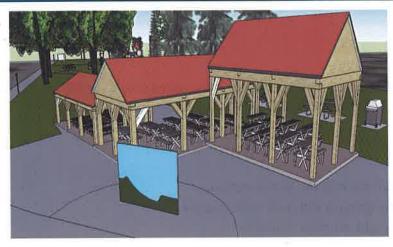
Alternative #1: Minimal Change

The minimal alternative demonstrates relatively easy, inexpensive changes that could be quickly implemented to improve the park.

- Remove shrubs from the north west corner of the park.
- Remove fence segments of the basketball court.
- Increase lighting.
- Add benches.
- Fix or remove water fountain.
- Prune trees and remove damaged trees.
- Improve signage and place additional sign on the south eastern corner.
- Introduce historical walking tour.
- Install bike rack.

Alternative #1: Minimal Change

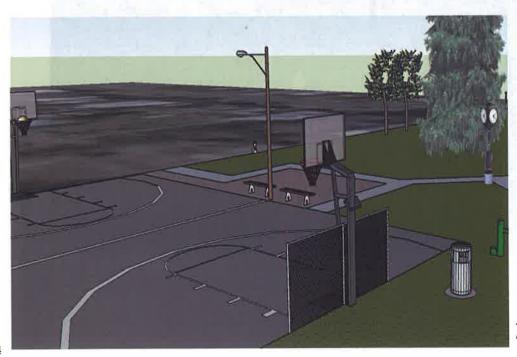




Alternative #1: Minimal Change, looking south



Alternative #1: Minimal Change, looking north



Alternative #1: Minimal Change, looking north-west

Alternative #2: Moderate Change

The moderate alternative includes builds on the foundation of the minimal alternative is slightly more intensive but represents a middle ground between the minimal and significant alternatives.

- Remove the pavilion.
- Reorient pathways.
- Repave and improve basketball court in the same location.
- Replace wood chips in the playground with new safety feature.
- Replace water fountain with multi-purpose fountain.
- Chess tables.
- Table tennis.
- Art in the entrances.
- Place historic clock in the center of the park.
- Place a community garden in the south east vacant lot.



Alternative #2: Moderate Change, looking east

Alternative #2: Moderate Change





Alternative #2: Moderate Change, looking south



Alternative #2: Moderate Change, looking north

Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option A

This significant alternative builds on the minimal and moderate alternatives with a new location of the basket-ball court and new orientation of the paths leading to a central covered area. The major way this option differs from significant change - option B by moving the basketball all the way to the south end and keeping a complete playground.

- Install new covered area in new location.
- Rebuild and relocate basketball court.
- Re-design pathways.
- Circular pathway around park.
- Relocate and upgrade playground.
- Enhanced water feature.
- Enhanced art in the park.
- Features added in minimal and moderate alternatives.

Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option A





Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option A, aerial



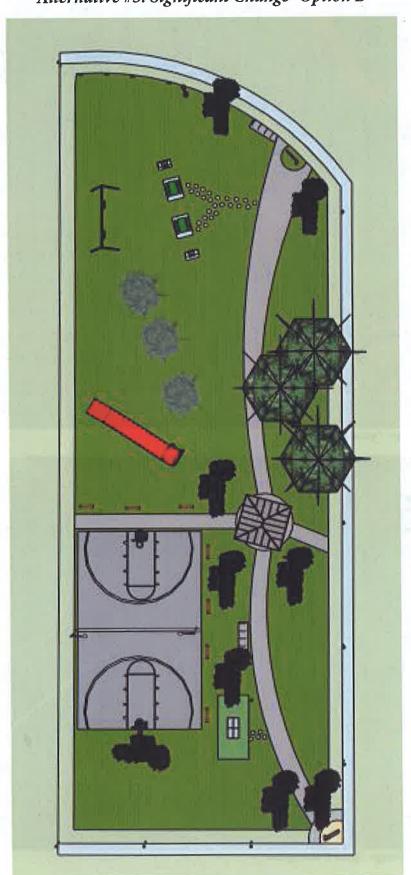
Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option A, looking north

Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option B

This significant alternative builds on the minimal and moderate alternatives including similar elements of the first significant alternative and the major change including removal of the playground and rotation of the basketball court. Option B mainly differs from option A by leaving the basketball court central to the court and rotating it, and getting rid of the traditional playground and replacing it with a few key play features.

- Install new covered area in a new location.
- Re-design pathways.
- Circular walk around park.
- Rebuild and relocate basketball court.
- Remove playground.
- Install swing set in north end of park.
- Install large slide.
- Enhanced water feature.
- Enhanced art in the park.
- Features added in minimal and moderate alternatives.

Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option B





Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option B, looking north



23 Alternative #3: Significant Change- Option B, looking east

Park Features

The following are features that are currently, or could potentially, be located in the park. Each feature is briefly discussed and described for each alternative. Cost estimates that are included are for planning purposes only, as they may not include the costs of shipping, permits, construction, installation, maintenance or other associated costs.

Lighting

Neighborhood residents identified light improvements as a top priority for Dutch Jake's Park. There are safety concerns connected to areas in the park with poor lighting and shading from trees. Adding lighting to key locations of the park can create a safer environment by encouraging foot traffic into the park, helping to reduce crime and fear of the park, and help enhance the landscape and paths within the park. According to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, consistent use of colors or materials -such as light fixtures can help create an identity of an area. Lighting also improves the ability to observe activity and identify individuals. Dutch Jake's Park currently has one tall light post in poor condition located in the center of the park. The light post is approximately 20ft. and lights sections of the basketball court and alleys connected to the park. The existing lighting located on Broadway Ave (left) is an opportunity to connect the Broadway corridor to Dutch Jake's Park and simultaneously use the design of the light post to exhibit consistency and as way-finders to the park. Or new lighting (right) that coincides with the 1920's feel of other features could be selected.

Minimal Alternative:

The minimum alternative for lighting would include improving the current light post in the park.

Moderate Alternative:

The moderate alternative for lighting would include placing light posts along Broadway Ave, Chestnut St. and College St.

Significant Alternatives:

The significant alternative would include the moderate alternatives plus additional light posts along the middle of the park.

Current lighting:



Potential Lighting:





Landscaping

The current landscaping of the park consists of trees placed throughout the park and shrubbery located in the northwest corner. According to the City forester there are nine types of trees within the park, and a total of 37 trees. After meeting with the forester it was indicated that a # of trees should be removed due to damaged, and that others should be limbed to improve the health of the tree and visibility into the park. The shrubbery in the corner was indicated by community members as a concern since it provides cover for illicit/ illegal activities- and for that reason a majority of people would like to see it removed.

Minimal alternative:

Remove shrubs and bushes in northwest corner of lot to improve safety. Limb trees to increase visibility into park.

Moderate alternative:

Remove plants in northwest corner, limb trees, and remove damaged trees from park. This improves visibility, safety, and the natural health of the park.

Significant alternatives:

Remove plants in northwest corner, limb trees, and remove damaged trees from park. Plant new trees within the park to replace those that have been removed and bring new life into the park.

Cost estimate: TBD

There is an opportunity here to have community involvement by those who may wish to gift a tree to the park. Trees are an item that can be included in a gift catalogue for individuals or organizations interested in making a donatinon or honoring a family member.

Basketball Court

The basketball court is well used-bringing people of all ages into the park. As it is now, it is in need of repair. The painting is faded, there are cracks throughout the blacktop and various depressions. Holes currently present in the asphalt present a tripping hazard. The backboards and hoops are also in disrepair and need to be upgraded. These needed improvements present an opprotunity to potentially reorient the basketball court which would enable other improvements to be made.

Minimal alternative:

Remove fence segments on north and east sides of basketball court- this eliminates visual clutter and makes the court more accessible.

Moderate alternative:

Remove fences, and repave the court and install new backboards and hoops. This improves the visuals and safety of the court.

Significant alternative, option A:

Remove north and east fences, repave the court, install new backboards and hoops, and rotate the court 90 degrees and move to the south west corner of the park. The rotation allows for the playground to be located above it, and the new location puts it near a non-busy street in case the ball rolls off the court, and allows for easy visual of the court from College Ave.

Significant alternative, option B:

Remove the north and east fences by the court, repave it, install new backboards and hoops, and rotate the court 90 degrees so that it runs north/south. This eliminates the visual barriers, and makes it so the court no longer appears cut in half by the court.

Current basketball court:



Example of new basketball court:



Cost estimate: \$70,000

There is an opportunity here to have outside help in upgrading the basketball court, such as through Hoopfest.

Playground

The playground currently resides in the southern portion of the park and is maintained on a weekly routine by the City Parks Department. The play equipment consists of a two plastic slides, metal monkey bars and a small covered castle structure. Wood chips are currently beneath the play structure for increased safety measures. Currently the playground has minimal shade and seating, making it an unlikely destination for long periods of time. The planning team has discussed play structure alternatives, the physical relocation of the playground and the blending of dual purpose art. Potential future changes to the playground could be the type of material used for the play structure as well as the materials beneath, upgraded playing features (i.e.: swings) and rotating the playground to a more desired location.

Minimal alternative:

Repaint playground equipment.

Moderate alternative:

Replace wood chips with new safety feature, and repaint equipment to update it and make it safer for children to play on.

Significant alternative, option A:

Replace playground with new equipment and move it so it is more centrally located within the park.

Significant alternative, option B:

Remove playground and instead install a singularly large prominent play feature (such as a large slide, possibly in the shape of a cannon as a reference to Dutch Jake), and swings- which were indicated by the community as a feature they would like to have.

Current Playground:



Examples of potential new playground equipment:





Cost estimate: Varies widely, dependent on features present.

Table Tennis

Currently within the park there are no table-tennis features, but there is enough room for them to be installed. At the community meeting in April a local group – West Central Table Tennis came and set up a table and played during the event showing the already localized interest in the activity and sparking many participants to indicate that would be an activity they'd like to see in the park.

Minimal alternative:
No installation of table tennis.

Moderate and significant option A alternatives: Install a table tennis table in the north side of the park

Significant alternative, option B: Install table tennis area in the south end of the park near the basketball court.

Examples of potential table tennis features:



Cost estimate: \$2,000- \$10,000

Chess Tables

Currently there are no passive activities in the park. At the community meeting many participants asked for or showed interest in having such activities. Many of the New York style chess tables are made of concrete with inlaid chess or backgammon boards. Making them prime opportunities for artists to help in the installation of the space or allowing for some donations. These tables would most likely require subsurface anchoring to make them a stable fixture within a park space. And many of these tables being constructed for continual use usually require very little maintenance. Options exist for purchasing just the table or a table and chair combo.

 $Minimal\ alternative:$

No installation.

Moderate, and significant alternatives:

Install one or more chess tables beneath the tree clusters in north end of the park.

Examples of potential chess tables:





Cost estimate: \$2,000 - \$4,000

Covered Area

Currently the covered area, or pavilion, is located in the north east corner of the park. Having a covered area is a benefit to those who use the park, it provides shelter from the weather, a spot for undercover picnics, and a natural converging spot. The covered area as it is now serves as a visual barrier to anyone going south on Chestnut St. and west on Broadway Ave. It impairs the person's view visually into the park. The jagged manner it is constructed in makes it difficult to congregate underneath it, and its location is not ideal for parents who may wish to sit underneath it while also being able to keep an eye on their kids playing on the playground or basketball court.

Minimal alternative:

Leave the covered area as it is now, make no changes.

Moderate alternative:

Remove the covered area completely, visually opening up the north-west corner, and creating a more welcoming feel to those traveling by on Chestnut or Broadway.

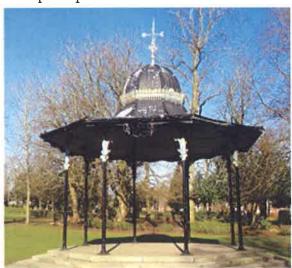
Significant alternatives:

Remove the current covered area, put in a new covered area in a new location. The proposed location would be more central to the park, allowing for easy visual into the play areas, for paths to lead to it, and for a gathering spot within the park. The covered area should remain as open as possible on all sides, allowing for better safety and keeping the park visually open. The new covered area would also cover a more circular area to allow for table set ups and easy gathering.

Current covered area:



Example of potential covered area:





Cost estimate: Dependent on many factors including size and type.

Art

Currently, Dutch Jake's Park has only one permanent art installment, which is a metal "Nettleton" monument near the north entrance. Adding various types of art in the same style will help the park create a distinguishable character for the park. Adding art into the park can also be a way to promote local artists, and competitions could be held between local artists or at nearby schools to create art installations that would be displayed in the park temporarily and/or permanently. Art can be installed in the park as both permanent and temporary features. The installments can also be integrated with other features such as benches, or bike racks.

Minimal alternative:

Art in this alternative includes bike racks, benches, art events, sculptures.

Moderate alternative:

Pathways, sculptures, benches, tables, clock, or other art that could be integrated with other features in the moderate alternative.

Significant alternatives:

Potential to include art in the form of bike racks, tables, benches, sculptures, art events, pathways, clock, playground equipment, installments along the corridor or in the adjacent vacant lot or any other art that could be integrated with other features in the significant alternatives.

Current art in the park:



Example of potential art features:





Cost estimate: Varies widely

Water Feature

Currently Dutch Jake's Park has a drinking fountain that is occasionally functional, and there have been reports of dirty water coming from the fountain. From the results of the survey that took place at the community meeting on April 20th it is important that something be done with the drinking fountain. The survey showed that the community would be in favor of some kind of functional water feature for hot summer days.

Minimal alternative:

Fix the water fountain that is currently there, or completely remove it.

Moderate alternative:

Replace current drinking fountain with a new one.

Significant alternatives:

Remove current water fountain and replace with a water feature such as a drinking fountain that also has a mister, or a dog water station.

Current water fountain:



Picture via EWU students, May 2016

Example of potential water features:





Cost estimate: \$1,500- \$5,000

Clock

The West Central Neighborhood has expressed an interest in adding several artistic features, perhaps with a 1920's theme, to draw additional people into Dutch Jake's Park. One such feature that could be incorporated into the redevelopment of the park is a pedestal street clock. A street clock could add an artistic element in a period style, as well as create a unique sense of place within the neighborhood.

Minimal Alternative:

No action required. Dutch Jake's Park will be updated without the incorporation of a pedestal street clock.

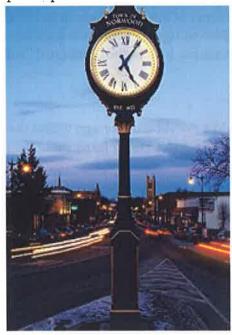
Moderate Alternatives:

A basic 1920's style pedestal street clock could be added to Dutch Jake's Park as an attractive feature. The clock could be matched with any period lighting that would go into the park as well as could be back lit to illuminate the time at night. The best location for the pedestal clock would be next to Broadway Street, that way it could be seen by vehicular and pedestrian traffic and would help activate the park.

Significant Alternatives:

In this alternative, an elegant 1920's style pedestal clock could be placed in Dutch Jake's Park. This clock could be constructed on a grander scale possibly made out of bronze with a stone base. Another example is the interior of the clock mechanisms could be exposed behind tempered glass to show the inner workings. A method of connecting the neighborhoods rail history with Dutch Jake's Park could be to incorporate steam whistles into the clock to chime on every hour. The clock feature could be located either on Broadway Avenue or could be placed in the center of the park as an attractant.

Examples of potential clocks:





Cost estimate: \$6,000 - \$30,000

Bike Racks

Currently there are no bike racks in Dutch Jake's Park. Installing bike racks in the park would be a great benefit for pedestrians riding their bikes along the Chestnut corridor, providing and incentivizing pedestrians a place to store and park their bikes while enjoying Dutch Jake's Park. Bike racks allow pedestrians to have a safe and reliable storage option while taking advantage of Dutch Jake's Park.

Minimal Alternative:

Install bike racks on the west and north entrance to the park.

Moderate Alternative:

Install bike racks on the south and north entrance of the park.

Maximum Alternative 1 and 2:

Install bike racks near the basketball court and north entrance of the park.

Example of potential bike racks:







Wayfinding and Signage

The park only has one sign, an entrance sign, located in the north-east corner of the park which lacks visibility from the street. The park also lacks an entrance sign on the south end. Beyond signage within the park there are also no wayfinding signs that lead to the park and connect it to nearby features, such as the Centennial Trail in Kendall Yards.

Minimal alternative:

Add park name sign at south-east corner entrance of park. Add a storyboard-like sign within the park showing the historical walking tour of the neighborhood, which includes Dutch Jake's Park.

Moderate alternative:

Enhance the entrance in the north-east corner to create a gateway into the park, duplicate it in the southeast corner. Add walking tour storyboard and signage within the park.

Significant alternatives:

Add enhanced signage at north east and south east entrances. Create storyboard that includes map of the historical walking tour of the neighborhood. Insert wayfinding signs on the centennial trail and at other nearby parks indicating time and mileage that location is from Dutch Jake's Park- put the same sign indicating those destinations at Dutch Jake's Park.

Current sign:



Examples of potential signs:







Related Features

Southeast Vacant Lot

There is a vacant lot located in an adjacent block that is kitty-corner to the southeast of Dutch Jake's Park. This southeast lot is a potential asset for the West Central Neighborhood that could help activate Dutch Jake's Park and contribute to the robustness of the Chestnut St. It is an addition that could enhance the uniqueness of the neighborhood as a transitional connection between Kendall Yards and the historic portions of West Central. The corner lot could put more eyes on the park as well as help enhance the southern entrance to Dutch Jake's Park.

Incorporation of the southeast vacant lot is recommended as a part of the development of the Dutch Jake's Park Master Plan. The property could be used as a park expansion to include additional features that cannot fit on the current park site. Development of this site has the potential to stimulate more development and improvements in the area. Private development of this site could be incentivized to allow for specific building allowances of density or mixed zone use to incorporate a connection with the park as well as to provide some capital towards developing the park.

Minimal alternative

No action required. The lot will be developed in accordance with the City of Spokane development regulations when the owner is ready to do so.

There would be no cost the community.

Moderate alternative

Incentivize private development to face toward Dutch Jake's Park with measures such as density bonuses and/or waiving city planning fees. Allow for possible mixed use (neighborhood commercial and residential) to be developed on the lot if it is integrated into the neighborhood and is oriented to face the park. Another option is exploring the feasibility of leasing the southeast lot as an interim use, prior to development, for community gardens until lot is ready for development.

The estimated cost could be anywhere from \$0 to \$5,000 annually, depending on the negotiated lease agreement.

Significant alternative

Acquire the southeast vacant lot for the expansion of Dutch Jake's Park. This could be achieved by purchasing, donation, or a combination of both. The lot could then be used for additional park activities such as other play features, a new mini skatepark, or a community garden. Portions of this lot could also be transformed using green infrastructure to create a feature such as a storm garden. The vacant lot could also be turned into community parking, or private parking if Chestnut Street is closed to vehicles, or a combination of parking, landscaped plaza, and sitting areas.

The estimated cost for purchasing the property could range from full market value as well as the additional costs of construction and development.

As of May 2016, vacant lots for sale in the region have a price ranging from \$14,000 to \$16,000.

Chestnut Streeet Corridor

N. Chestnut St—the narrow north-south local road that runs along the eastern edge of the park, has enormous potential to be a significant north-south pedestrian and bike corridor through West Central. While N. Chestnut Street is not part of the park itself, it has the potential to be an extension of the park by incorporating elements such as benches, lighting, green space, and artwork. Additionally, improvements to enhance the pedestrian and bike experience would encourage more active transportation along the corridor, and thus, increase the amount of eyes on the park. Lastly, improvements to N. Chestnut St would raise the value of properties and encourage development of lots that are vacant within its vicinity.

Excluding the No Build Alternative, four alternatives for N. Chestnut Street, which took into account Spokane's Bike Master Plan and the West Central community's comments and goals for the park and Chestnut Corridor, are summarized below. Full descriptions and renderings of the N. Chestnut Street alternatives can be found in the Chestnut Corridor Plan, a supplemental document which is attached as an appendix to this plan.

Neighborhood Greenway Alternative

Under this alternative, N. Chestnut St would be made into a neighborhood greenway along its entirety. At a minimum, sharrows (a painted bike alne) would be painted at the start and end of each block to indicate the presence of cyclists to motorists. Bike and pedestrian wayfinding signs would be located along the greenway to direct people to destinations. Vehicular traffic would be slowed along N. Chestnut Street through the use of speed humps. Cross traffic across N. Chestnut Street would give way to those travelling on Chestnut through the use of stop signs, except on arterial roads such as W Broadway Ave. The intersection at N. Chestnut Street and W. Broadway Ave should incorporate traffic calming measures such as center island medians (that prevent vehicular turning movements but have cutaways for bikes), bulbouts, raised tables, pavement treatments or markings, and signage to make crossing safer.

Shared Use Path Alternative

Under this alternative, N. Chestnut Street north of the mid-block alley between W. College Ave and W Broadway Ave would be a neighborhood greenway as described in the Neighborhood Greenway Alternative. South of the alley, N. Chestnut Street would be closed to vehicular traffic (e.g., through the use of bollards) and converted into a shared use path. Traffic across the Chestnut shared use path would be required to stop through the use of stop signs, allowing for free flow along the Chestnut shared use path. In addition, signage that alerts drivers of the shared use path crossing would be added at the intersection with W. College Ave. Existing sidewalks could be left in, torn out, or widened and a nature strip or swale could be added on both sides of the path, if desired. Lighting and wayfinding signage would be added along the path, and if a nature strip is added, amenities such as benches and kiosks could be located along the pathway where appropriate. Additionally, artwork with significance to the neighborhood could be added in the nature strip to tie in with an art or historic walking tour.

Separated Bikeway Alternative

Under this alternative, N. Chestnut Street north of W. Broadway Ave will be a neighborhood greenway as described in the Neighborhood Greenway Alternative. South of W. Broadway Ave, the west side of the N. Chestnut Street right-of-way will be a 9' two-way protected bikeway and the east side will be a 10' northbound one-way road. The bikeway and roadway will be separated by a 2' nature

strip or swale buffer that will contain lighting, wayfinding signage, and street trees where appropriate. Additionally, benches and artwork with significance to the neighborhood could be added if a nature strip is used. The existing 4½' sidewalks will be left in on both sides to allow for pedestrian traffic along N. Chestnut St. Parking would not be allowed along the corridor.

Separated Bikeway with Street Parking Alternative

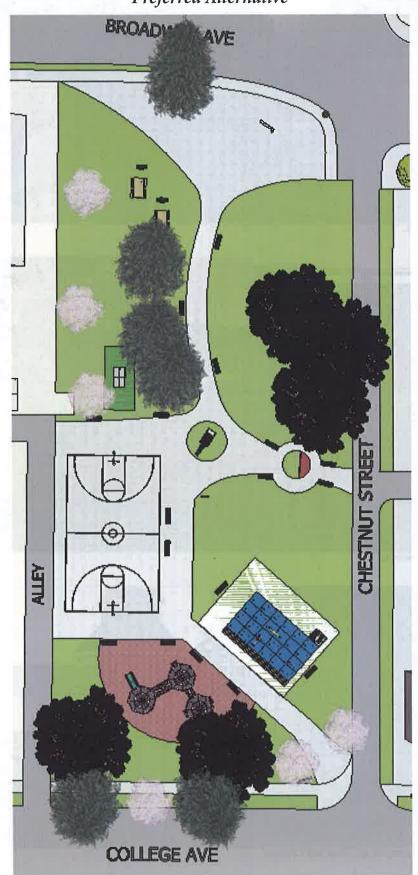
Under this alternative, Chestnut Street north of W. Broadway Avenue would be a neighborhood greenway as described in the Neighborhood Greenway Alternative. Between W. Broadway Avenue and W. College Avenue, the west side of the N. Chestnut Street right-of-way would be a protected bikeway, the center would be a northbound one-way road, and the east side would contain parallel parking. The bikeway and roadway would be separated by a painted line that could contain bollards or planter boxes. The sidewalk on the west side of Chestnut would need to be removed in order to accommodate the bikeway, roadway, and parking within the narrow right-of-way. Pedestrians would be diverted onto pathways through the park or onto the sidewalk on the east side of N. Chestnut Street. Lighting and signage would be located on the west side of N Chestnut Street where appropriate. South of W. College Avenue, N Chestnut Street would not contain any parking and would instead reflect the Protected Bikeway Alternative.

Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative was created through the collaboration of the students, the West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee, and the community. It was built of the significant alternatives, adding, removing, and modifying features to create a scenario that reflects the vision of the participants.

- Rebuild basketball court, and reorient north-south.
- Move the playground to the south end of the park.
- Create a defined area for the playground.
- Remove wood chips and install new fall protection.
- More seating throughout the park.
- Specifically benches between the playground and basketball park.
- Install a water feature near the southeast entrance.
- Possibly a "pondless" feature that maintains visual interest when it is not in use.
- Install pylons for temporary shelters (put anchors on light poles).
- Raised stage area at eastern entrance.
- Install a statue/ artistic rendering of Dutch Jake in center of park.
- Put table tennis in north end.
- Put chess tables in north end.
- Keep brickwork in northeast corner.
- Install pathway around the perimeter of the park.
- A portion of this will go through the alley way and thus not have to be paved.
- Remove shrubs in northwest corner.
- Limb trees throughout park.
- Reconfigure pathways through park.
- Increase lighting (maximize efficiency by locating centrally as street lights help illuminate perimeter).
- Relocate power pole within utility right of way.
 - -Implementation step: Talk to avista about moving this closer to alley as a donation.
- Remove fence between alley and park lining the south western portion of park.

Preferred Alternative





Preferred scenario, looking south.



Prefered scenario, view from Chestnut.



VIII. Implementation

This chapter addresses priority projects which were indicated as most important to the overall improvement of the park, as well as a brief statement indicating what is currently in the park in regards to each feature, and steps that can be taken to improve that feature, or install a new one.

Features-

Priority Projects

- 1. Reorienting basketball court 90 degrees and updating
- 2. Update playground equipment
- 3. Shrub removal (northwest corner of park along Broadway Ave)
- Removal of pavilion
- 5. Increased lighting in the park
- 6. Relocation of power pole and relocation of light pole
- 7. Addition of clock within the park
- 8. Reconfigure pathways
- 9. Southern entrance to the park (at corner of Chestnut St and College Ave)
- 10. Pylons for Temporary Shelter
- 11. Removal of fence on western edge of park
- 12. Update drinking fountain

Long Term Projects

- 1. Addition of table tennis tables
- 2. Addition of chess tables
- 3. Addition of seating
- 4. Addition of stage on east entrance of park
- 5. Pathway around the entire park
- 6. Artistic rendering of Dutch Jake (statue)
- 7. Addition of water feature.

Basketball court:

Currently in Dutch Jake's Park, the basketball court is oriented running east and west, creating a barrier within the part. Reorienting the basketball court to run north and south will allow for easier access throughout the park. The basketball court is one of the most used features of the park and should reflect the value it holds in the community, the planning team recommends that improving the basketball court is a priority to obtain a higher valued park. The Hoopfest Organization is involved in donating one new basketball court to a Spokane Public Park each year; this could be an opportunity for the West Central Parks Committee to improve a frequently used part of the park and to set the stage for additional improvements.

Update playground:

The playground is currently located in the southern third of the park sitting right next to the basketball court. The planning team recommends moving the playground to the southernmost edge of the park near College Street. The new location of the playground will allow for parents to sit and watch their children at play while enjoying the shade of the trees located throughout the southern end of the park. Upgrading the current playground and the material the structure sits on is a high priority. Dutch Jake's Park is recommended to use wood or metal toys painted in earth tones allowing for the playground to fit in with the desired theme of Dutch Jake's Park.

Shrub removal:

The shrubs in the northwest corner of Dutch Jake's Park are currently a visual barrier and inviting illegal activities. Removing these shrubs will allow for increase eyes on the park and a walkway along the western edge of the park.

Removal of pavilion and pylons for temporary shelter:

The current pavilion in Dutch Jake's Park is located on the north end of the park where there is already the most natural shade. In addition, the pavilion is also shaped to not allow any sort of gathering underneath the structure. Removal of the pavilion from the park is highly advised and will allow for easier access into the park from Broadway Ave as well as increasing the sight range of all people that are passing by the park. Creating a temporary shelter with anchors attached to the light poles in the central third of the park will allow for maximum gathering space as well as not disturbing any visual lines.

Increased lighting:

Currently lighting within Dutch Jake's Park is nonexistent. The planning team recommends to put centrally located light poles to illuminate the park from within focusing on the area where the covered area would be.

Location of the light pole and power pole:

There is currently a light pole and a power pole that is located in the middle of the park which is a barrier for pedestrians to move with ease throughout the park. Relocating the light pole and power pole closer to the alley is recommended for easier access through the park. Avista can relocate power lines if they are given a sufficient reason for the project. Contacting Avista is highly recommended to further betterment the park.

Addition of clock:

Adding a clock within Dutch Jake's Park is highly recommended to further the 1920's feel that is desired. A clock is an excellent focal point for people that gather in the park to remember and gather around.

Reconfigure pathways:

The current layout of the pathways in Dutch Jake's Park is a concrete jagged maze forcing people to travel extra distance on out of date material. The planning team recommends reconfiguring the pathways to meet in the central area of the park under the temporary covered area, orienting people to face the stage. Forcing people to the central area of the park will increase the amount of foot traffic and eyes on the park resulting in a safer and more family friendly community gathering space.

Southern entrance to park:

The southern end of the park currently has no signage or gateway to indicate that a person is about to enter a city park. Putting a sign at the sourtnern end, like to one on the northern end, gives a better sense of place to the park, and welcomes the people wlaking up from that end.

Fence removal:

The western edge of the park below the alley is lined by a chain link fence that creates a physical and mental barrier between the homeowners and the park. Removing this fence will increase the foot traffic along

the western edge of the park and decrease the illegal activities that are currently taking place near this fence line.

Update drinking fountain:

Numerous community members spke about the lack of a working water fountain. The infastructure for one is already there, it just needs to be checked and fixed to ensure it is working and allowing for safe drinking water.

Table tennis:

Currently the only physical activity one can indulge in while at Dutch Jake's Park is basketball. At the community meeting on April 20th, 2016 the West Central Table Tennis Club spoke out about having a table tennis is the park. The planning team recommends that a two table tennis tables should be put in on the north end of the park near the alley. Providing Table Tennis within Dutch Jake's Park will allow for more citizens to participate in physical activities at the park.

Chess tables and seating:

Seating is currently lacking in Dutch Jake's Park, as well as an activity for people of all ages to include in. The planning team has recommended having chess tables put in under the maple trees along Chestnut and more benches placed throughout the park. Funding for all of these items can be either done privately or through donations where the person who donates can have their name on a bench or chess table.

Raised stage at east entrance:

Currently the east entrance along Chestnut Street is a small ramp that leads into the jagged maze of paths in the park. The planning team has proposed creating a small stage dug into the natural slope of the park. The stage would allow for people to gather under the temporary covered area while enjoying many different types of performances.

Pathway around the park:

Within the confines of Dutch Jake's Park there is not easy way to move from one end of the park to the other, but implementing a pathway along the western edge the park (above the alley) will allow easy access from one half of the park to the other. This path will increase the amount of foot traffic in a current area that has been reported as a "drug hot zone."

Artistic rendering of Dutch Jake:

Within the park limits of Dutch Jake's Park there are no historical markers explaining who the park is named and dedicated to. The planning team has recommended to build a large cannon slide in the playground area of the park. The cannon slide would be paying tribute to Dutch Jake and his cannon currently on display at the Museum of Arts and Culture.

Addition of a water feature:

Having a water feature, like a splash pad, was a highly requested item by the community. An addition of a water feature kids can play in would be another draw to the park during the warmer months. When it cools off the feature could double as an artistic feature that adds to the aesthetics of the park year-round.

Programming-

Establishing a great neighborhood parks system can seem a big job. Many neighborhoods may feel intimidated at the enormity of the task in the face of limited resources. It is important to draw on as many resources as possible to accomplish the job and maximize the resources available. West Central should look for opportunities to coordinate with other jurisdictions, agencies, organizations, and private sector resources to develop complementary programs and to avoid duplicating efforts. Successful collaboration with these other organizations provides opportunities to pool resources, and will create beneficial servieces for the public as whole. It is important to cooperate with other neighboring businesses and parks. The West Central community should consider including neighborhood open space policies to establish a coordinated corridor for open space and parks planning.

Partnership Opportunities

Many local businesses and jurisdictions have long-standing relationships with parks within the City of Spokane for uses of facilities located within city parks. The West Central neighborhood should establish connections with several different local jurisdictions to provide different entertainment and community events in their local parks. Below is a list of potential events that could be located in Dutch Jake's Park and the contact information for potential partnership:

Sidewalk Art Contest Contact: Spokane Arts P: (509) 321-9614

E: info@spokanearts.org

Reference: Allied Arts Show, Richland, Washington

Neighborhood Activity Night

Contact: Spokane Outdoor & Personal Interest Programs

P: (509) 363-5418

E: rgriffith@spokanecity.org Reference: South Perry Street Fair

Food Truck Event/Competition

Contact: Greater Spokane Food Trucks Association

E: greaterspokanefoodtrucks@gmail.com

Reference: MAYTOBERFEST Spokane, Washington

Brewery Competition/Octoberfest Contact: Spokane Craft Beer Week E: spokanecraftbeerkweek@gmail.com Reference: Spokane Craft Beer Week

Wine & Painting Class in the Park Contact: Paints & Pints Spokane P: (509) 893-5444

E: paint@paintandpints.com

Reference: The Paint Mixer, Salt Lake City, Utah

West Central Teen Night

Contact: Hillyard (Northeast) Community Center

P: (509) 487-1603

Reference: Hillyard Teen Night

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Contact: Spokane Hoopfest (Matt Santangelo)

P: (509) 624-2414

E: matt@spokanehoopfest.net Reference: Spokane Hoopfest

Croquet League Contact: Hillyard P: (509) 487-1603

Reference: Hillyard Croquet League

Garage Sale Day

Contact: Phinnery Neighborhood Association, Seattle, Washington

P: (206) 783-2244

E: pna@phinneycenter.org

Reference: PNA Garage Sale Day

Christmas Lights in Dutch Jake's Park

Reference: Holiday Lights at Gaiser Conservatory, Spokane Washington

Police Events in the Park (Basketall Tournament, Obstacle Courses, BBQ's)

Contact: Officer Teresa Fuller

P: (509) 835-4568

E: tfuller@spokanepolice.org

Reference: Walla Walla Police Basketball, Walla Walla, Washington

Yoga in the Park

Contact: Kayla Emineth

P: (509) 420-0887

E: kaylaemineth@yahoo.com

Reference: Yoga in Riverfront Park

Ninja Warrior Course

Contact: Myrlene Aguilera

P: (626) 201-4766

E: Myrlene@inflatable2000.com

Reference: American Ninja Warrior

PorchFest

Contact: Marshall Peterson

P: (509)-270-5804

E: marshallthephotographer@gmail.com

Appendix A: Engagment

Dutch Jake's Mini Park Master Plan Neighborhood Meeting Summary April 20, 2016

On Thursday April 20th, 2016 the West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee sponsored a neighborhood BBQ in support of preparing a master plan for Dutch Jake's park. Students from the Eastern Washington University urban and regional planning program were in attendance and provided several different opportunities for attendees to provide their input into the project.

The following is a brief summary of the meeting and its findings.

Participants:

West Central Neighborhood Parks Committee
Larry Swartz, Parks Committee Chair
Garrett Jones, City of Spokane Parks Department
Heather Troutman, City of Spokane Office of Neighborhood Services
Local Residents
Gregg Dohrn Eastern Washington University Professor
Eastern Washington University Urban Planning Students
Jeremy Hanson, Santé Restaurant

Meeting Summary:

Larry Swartz welcomed all of the participants and then introduced planning student Emily Adams who provided a brief overview of the proceedings and objectives of this meeting, explained the series of blank charts set around the park, along with surveys to fill out, prepared to obtain the views and ideas of the neighborhood in order to better serve them with the future updates of the park.

These chart questions included:

What about the park would you like to remain the same? What about the park would you like to change? What additions to the Park would you like to see? What thoughts do you have regarding the playground? What thoughts do you have regarding the basketball court?

These survey questions included:

How often do you use the park?
What season do you use the park?
How safe do you feel when you use the park?
How do you get to the park?
What is your age?

After the completion of the meeting and the ensuing discussion, the following points were noted:

- 1. The people expressed most interest in keeping:
 - Basketball Court
 - Playground
 - Trees
- 2. They feel change needs to occur in these existing conditions:
 - Water fountain working
 - Landscape ascetically updated

- Concrete basketball surface redone
- Concrete paths eliminate some
- Playground surface changed grass or rubber
- Lighting increased
- Garbage cans add recycling bins
- Fencing less intrusive
- Shade near playground
- Tables multiuse (passive game areas i.e. chess)
- Shelter removed or relocated
- Events movie nights
- BBQ's more, and more tables
- 3. What is found to be missing from the park that would be beneficial are:
 - Bike racks
 - Police presence
 - Blocked alley access
 - New playground equipment swing sets
 - Community Garden
 - Wayfinding signs
 - Emergency call box
 - Sculpture/Art
 - Skate park/features
 - Walking path
 - Splash pad
- 4. The survey questions indicate that:
 - Most people rarely or never use the park
 - If the park is used, it is most used in Summer, but used often in Spring and Autumn also
 - Perception of safety in the park is the moderate to severely unsafe
 - The park is accessed most by walking and cycling
 - Younger adults (age 25-34) use the park most often

Appendix B: Trees

Parks Committee members and EWU students met with a City of Spokane forestor to look at the exisiting tree, and discuss the future of the ones there, as well as talking about any additional trees that could be planted.

Existing Trees

1. Common Name/ Scientific Name

Kentucky Coffeetree/Gymnocladus dioicus

Growth Mature Size

Height: 50' Spread: 35'

Growth Rate: Medium

Characteristics

General: Unique habit, picturesque quality, upright to irregular branching. Fall Color: Inconsistent - sometimes a good yellow, but often not not good. Flowering: Dioecious, fragrant, not highly ornamental but interesting.

Growing Conditions: Full sun or perhaps part shade, prefers deep, moist, rich soil for best

growth. Urban tolerant. Problem: None serious.

2. Common Name/ Scientific Name

Ponderosa Pine/Pinus ponderosa

Growth Mature Size

Height: 60-100' Spread: 20-35' Growth Rate: Fast

Characteristics

General: Evergreen tree with a narrow, upright, oval form in youth opening up into irregular crown.

Fall Color: needles stay same as summer - light green in color.

Flowering: not ornamentally important.

Growing Conditions: Full sun is best, prefers well-drained, acidic, deep, moist soil.

Potential Problem: Needle cast

Recommended Trees

Common Name/ Scientific Name

Northern Catalpa/Catalpa speciosa

Growth Mature Size

Height: 40-60' Spread: 20-40' Growth Rate: Fast

Characteristics

General:medium sized tree with irregular, rounded crown. Leaves are heart-shaped to arrowhead-like.

Fall Color: yellow-green

Flowering: perfect, white flowers, 2" in diameter, bell-shaped. Bloosm in June.

Growing Conditions: Full sun to partial shade, soil tolerant, transplant readily.

Potential Problem: leaf spots, powdery mildew.