

Redband Park Renaming Proposal

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During the 2017 season, the Spokane Indians Baseball Club launched the Redband Rally Campaign in step with their strategic partner, the City of Spokane. The team's namesake, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, also helped collaborate on a comprehensive promotional campaign to help educate Spokane citizens about the city's efforts to clean the Spokane River and protect the habitat for the river's signature fish - the Redband Rainbow Trout. This campaign proved to be very successful uniting all parties, bringing awareness to the Redband, and will continue into the foreseeable future with the team.

The Redband Trout is a beautiful, unique and important species in our area, and was once part of the primary food source for the Spokane Tribe of Indians. In fact, the Redband trout spawn in the stretch of the river that flows directly through Peaceful Valley.

To further the ideals of the campaign, in March of 2018, the Spokane Indians presented a proposal to the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council about designating the area around Glover Field, as well as the Peaceful Valley River Walk, to be called "Redband Park."

Promoting Conservation

This naming is intended to promote conservation of the Spokane River and bring awareness to historically depressed Redband trout populations. To further this mission, the Spokane Indians Baseball Club has established a fund with the Northwest Community Foundation that will be used to protect and provide Redband habitat. All parties envision promoting educational activities in Redband Park to raise awareness of the importance of river conservation and Redband trout habitat.

Neighborhood Support

The Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council is supportive of the Spokane Indians Baseball organization's proposal and passed the following resolution:

"The Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council recommends to the Spokane Park Board that Glover Field and River Walk Park be renamed "Redband Park" with the conditions that the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council have right of approval on all signage related to the renaming and that a plaque be placed in the former Glover Field to acknowledge James Glover's contribution to the development of Peaceful Valley."

Further, the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council went on to say:

"The Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council understands that under the city's current policies, name changes are only allowed if the Park Board determines a legitimate public interest to do so. The Council believes river conservation and Redband trout restoration are in the public interest. There is no historical or cultural significance to the current name 'River Walk'. As to Glover Field, the significance of James Glover's contribution to Peaceful Valley would be sufficiently acknowledged with a plaque."

Next Steps

The first three (3) steps of the renaming process have been completed (1. Engaging all parties to the idea, 2. Presenting to the Park Board Land Committee for review, 3. Receiving endorsement from the Peaceful Valley Neighborhood Council). The next step is a community survey to gather additional feedback, and then the proposal and community input will be presented to the Park Board for a vote this summer. During May and through June 6, 2018, citizens are encouraged to [provide their comments](#) regarding the renaming of this area.