

## “Step Well”

- Beautiful, eye-catching, unique: different than anything else in the park
- Interactive and appealing to both adults and kids
- Significant in size: 28’ x 18’ (bigger than the Red Wagon)
- Long-lasting: steel infrastructure with wood exterior
- Art piece will become a touchstone of the park: meeting place, photo backdrop, and more
- Opportunities are endless: Picnics, poetry readings, live music, stargazing
- Designed specifically for Riverfront Park and its unique landscape
- Inspired by the environmental themes of Expo ’74



*Figure 1: Preliminary Concept Drawing of StepWell*

## Meejin Yoon



- Internationally-recognized artist and architect
- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Spokane to obtain work by an artist of her caliber. (Other cities are clamoring for her work; she had to patent the “SwingTime” installation to make sure no one would copy it)
- Yoon’s work has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, and Institut Valencia d’Art Modern, and the National Art Center in Tokyo, Japan, and elsewhere
- Experience in public art, architecture and design makes her uniquely qualified to design a piece for Riverfront that people will enjoy for decades



## Opportunities for Local Artists:

Existing **public art by local artists in Riverfront Park includes multiple works by Harold Balazs, Ken Spiering, Sister Paula Turnbull, David Govedare, and others, as well as works adjacent to the park by Bill & Karma Simmons, Dorothy Fowler, and others. There are lots of local artists represented in the park, and we look forward to even more in the future!**

- Local Artist involvement
  - Upcoming calls for art in Riverfront Park
    - **Part of the lead artist's job is to create an art master plan, which identifies opportunities for new, permanent, and temporary artwork within Riverfront Park.** The art master plan will serve as a guide in determining what kind of work and where new artwork could be sited
    - Spokane Arts is working to identify funding for the next art piece by a local artist in Riverfront Park
    - **Keep in touch with Spokane Arts so you don't miss any calls for artist proposals!** Sign up for our newsletter at [www.spokanearts.org](http://www.spokanearts.org) or email [artshelper@spokanearts.org](mailto:artshelper@spokanearts.org) to subscribe
  - **Expo Butterflies:** The Parks department has identified the wings of the butterflies as a possible canvas for local artists to display work. Further study regarding feasibility is being explored.
  - **Sister Cities Sculpture Garden:** The planned sculpture garden in Riverfront Park includes a statue designed and fabricated by Sister Paula Turnbull, and the Sister Cities Association is seeking funding to produce a sculpture designed by local artist Melissa Cole, which would be sited within the garden alongside artwork representing our sister cities in Japan, China, Korea, and Ireland.
  - **Arts Programming:** The Parks department recently hired a full-time programming director for Riverfront Park. They've identified four areas of focus for programming, including Arts & Culture. Their goal is for Riverfront to be lively with activity year round, so they'll be seeking performers, musicians, art activities, cultural events, and much more.