



Committee Members:

Chairperson – Quigley, Jim x
Apple, Bob x
Cameron, Randy _
Santorsola, Jim x
Wright, Chris x

Alternate – Traver, Susan _

Alternate – Van Voorhis, Ken x

Also Present: Park Board – Ross Kelley; Staff – Leroy Eadie,
Craig Butz, Debby Dodson, and Cheryl Miller

Riverfront Park Committee of the Spokane Park Board
April 4, 2011, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
City Council Briefing Center, Lower Level – City Hall
808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane Washington
Craig Butz – Recreation/Entertainment Division Manager

Summary

- _The MOU with the Sister Cities Association was discussed and approved with changes.
- _A process and timeline schedule for the Riverfront Park Master Plan was distributed and discussed. A liaison from Park Board will be added to the team.
- _YMCA demolition is on schedule. A small, additional amount of asbestos was found. The restoration schedule will likely experience a delay as approvals are acquired.
- _Roadmap to the Future Action Items report was distributed two weeks ago.
- _Merkel Concessions are targeted to open April 15, 2011.
- _A progress report for the Bosch Lot was requested. This topic will be added to the Agenda as a Standing Report Item for ongoing status reports.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Chairperson, Jim Quigley.

Action Items:

1. Approval of MOU with Sister Cities Association.
Specific points of the MOU were reviewed. It was suggested that MOU's need to be consistent so as to set precedence as desired by the Parks Department. Several improvements to the document were presented and discussed. A site plan is required before the MOU is finalized.
Motion #1: Chris Wright moved for approval subject to changes as articulated by Ross Kelley and subject to numbering of paragraphs and pagination, and any other changes as discussed by the Committee.
Ross Kelly seconded.
Motioned carried.

Discussion Items:

1. Riverfront Park Master Plan Process and Timeline was presented and reviewed by Craig Butz. The timeline is very optimistic and ambitious. It was suggested another item be added to the list. This item would specify there be a schedule for the Park Board to consider and approve a plan and a funding proposal to present to the City Council (or however the process is to be accomplished). Also include a timeline for implementation. Craig Butz, Debby Dodson, Taylor Bressler, Steve Nittolo, Leroy Eadie, Nancy Goodspeed, Rebecca Madany and Garrett Jones make up the project team. Chris Wright volunteered to be the Park Board liaison with the team if Randy Cameron doesn't want to fill the roll. Key stakeholders include Spokane Transit Authority, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Convention Visitor's Bureau, Public Facilities District, Greater Spokane Incorporated, Hoopfest, Bloomsday, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Avista.

Standing Report items:

1. YMCA / Demolition/Restoration Progress report was presented by Leroy Eadie. The demolition is on schedule. More asbestos was found so another small change order is likely. Staff has been working on the restoration applications. Approvals are expected by the end of May or early June. There will likely be about a month's gap in activity at the site.
2. Roadmap to the Future Action Items will be presented at the May, 2011 meeting. Two weeks ago Craig distributed a report that will be reviewed at the May meeting. Any committee member who did not receive it should notify Craig.
3. Monthly revenue/expense report is not available this month as Rebecca Madany is absent today. Reports should be available at the May meeting. Per Craig revenue is unofficially down 10% as compared to the budget. This is due to the ongoing weather conditions.

4. Merkel Concessions Update presented by Craig Butz. Sam Song has advised the target date for opening concessions is April 15th.
5. Hoopfest / Parking Lot Update by Debby Dodson. No update is available because the organizers have not responded back.
6. The very poor condition of the roof on the North Bank Shelter was questioned. This maintenance project was deferred for one more year.
7. The Rotary Fountain and trailer are scheduled to be back in use by Bloomsday.
8. Status of the Bosch Lot was requested. The second monthly meeting has been held. The Spokane Tribe of Indians is attempting to secure funding for planning. The term of the lease is being explored, as well as various planning concerns. This topic will be added to the agenda as a Standing Report Item for ongoing status reports.
9. When the Centennial Trail is to be connected to Kendall Yards was questioned. Right now the exact timeline is unknown. It is expected to be done earlier in the development project as opposed to later.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 2, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Briefing Center, lower level, Spokane City Hall.