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FRANKLIN PARK TRANSIENT PERMIT NOT EXTENDED

Occupy Spokane to Follow All Park Rules in Order to Maintain a
Presence in Franklin Park

City of Spokane officials and Occupy Spokane representatives today came to an understanding that will allow Occupy Spokane protesters to keep a presence at Franklin Park beyond Thursday.

"We have taken a collaborative approach to working with the local Occupy movement," says City Administrator Ted Danek. "And, we believe that's worked out well for all citizens. Today's work continues that approach."

During park curfew hours (10:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m.) Occupy Spokane has been informed it may not have citizens in the park. During that time Occupy Spokane may locate people on the public right-of-way along Division Street which extends some 8-10 feet back from the western curb line of Division Street.

In today's meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Leroy Eadie informed the group that he could not issue another Transient Shelter Permit to Occupy Spokane because SMC 10.08B.070 E1 states an entity may not be issued more than two transient shelter permits in any twelve-month period.

Occupy Spokane was informed that they are welcome to be in Franklin Park as long as they follow all Park Rules. They have been asked to not camp in the park. Tents are not interpreted as camping as long as no one is sleeping or residing in them.

If all Park Rules and laws in general are followed, the Spokane Police Department will have no reason to move Occupy Spokane out of Franklin Park.

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