



Committee Members: Santorsola, Jim - Chairperson
Quigley, Jim
Traver, Susan
Van Voorhis, Ken
Apple, Bob
Alternate – Cameron, Randy
Alternate – Wright, Chris

Also Present: Park Board – Ross Kelley; Staff – Taylor Bressler, Leroy Eadie,
Garrett Jones, Tony Madunich, Cheryl Miller, Al Vorderbrueggen;
and Citizen – Tod Marshall and John McKinney

**Land Committee of the Spokane Park Board
May 4, 2011, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 5A – Fifth Floor, City Hall
808 W. Spokane Falls Boulevard, Spokane Washington
Taylor Bressler – Planning / Project Management Manager**

Summary

- ___ Approved tribute to Jerry Talley in Peaceful Valley Park to be near the basketball court.
- ___ Approved request from the Hispanic Business & Professional Association for alcohol use in Harmon Sharpley Park for a beer garden at their Hispanic Heritage Festival.
- ___ Approved Easement Exchange Agreement regarding Fairmont Cemetery and the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Santorsola.

Action Items:

1. Naming a recreational facility in Peaceful Valley Park.

Peaceful Valley community members request permission to install signage near the basketball court in Peaceful Valley Park in tribute to community member Jerry Talley. Community members will be responsible for all associated costs. Sign will meet Parks Department requirements. Community members presented supporting comments. Staff recommends the tribute be approved.

Motion #1: Jim Quigley moved to approve the tribute.

Ken Van Voorhis seconded.

Motion carried.

2. Approve request for alcohol use in Harmon Sharpley Park.

The Hispanic Business & Professional Association holds a Hispanic Heritage Festival in Harmon Park. It is a second event during the year desiring to feature a beer garden in this park. The alcohol use fee is in addition to other Park use fees. Groups must comply with both State and Parks Department requirements.

Motion #2: Susan Traver moved that HBPA be granted their beer garden request contingent on them meeting all requirements, and they be charged a \$100.00 alcohol use fee.

Jim Quigley seconded.

Motion carried.

3. Approval of Fairmont Cemetery – Dwight Merkel Easements

The easement exchange agreement grants two (2) recreational easements to the Parks Department and one (1) access easement to Fairmont for them to use for exit purposes during large events. Possible conflict between Parks large events and Cemetery large events was discussed. This is a direct exchange, so there is no financial impact.

Motion #3: Jim Quigley moved to approve.

Susan Traver seconded.

Motion carried.

Information Items:

1. Cannon Hill Pond Leak – Parks staff is meeting May 9th with Engineering staff. Due to water quality issues, the desired solution may be not to eliminate the leak, but to decrease the quantity of water added to the pond. Several ideas were discussed. Water Stewardship Grant funds are no longer available.

2. Camp Sekani – Some buildings were demolished last year. An asbestos removal team was involved.

3. Polly Judd Park – A picnic shelter is being installed over the existing slab and tables located between the restroom and the playground equipment. Funding is provided from the CD Neighborhood and donations that have been raised from the neighborhood Pancake Parties.

4. The Ben Burr Trail has been reopened. Risk Management was involved.
5. Restroom facilities for the Rotary Fountain, and needs for the Carrousel were discussed. Several committee members agreed that addressing these items needs to be the first priority when the Masterplan is completed.
6. Dinosaur Bone – The Arts Commission has received offers of donations to move the sculpture and they are investigating the feasibility doing so. If it breaks during removal it would not be repaired.
7. It was noted that recent tree trimming, thinning and removals have gone smoothly due to the efforts of Urban Forestry staff.

Standing Report items:

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is June 1, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room 5A, Fifth Floor, Spokane City Hall.