



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

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

**Land Committee of the Spokane Park Board
January 4, 2012, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room 5A
Spokane Washington
Taylor Bressler – Planning / Project Management Manager**

Summary

- Storm Water facilities on Parks property were reviewed and located on a provided map. Reimbursement to Parks was also discussed.
- Draft lease agreement with Staneks regarding Parks property at Thornton Murphy Park was discussed.
- Parks rules and policy regarding overnight camping on Parks property were discussed. Proposed changes to Parks rules as reflected in the Spokane Municipal Code will be an Action Item at the February meeting.
- It was reported that the results of a pending grant application for improvements to the Cannon Hill Park Pond and area are expected in late February.
- An upcoming article in The Inlander prompted discussion regarding Palisades Park

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Santorsola.

Action Items: None.

Information Items:

1. Storm Water Retention Agreement Review – A map showing Storm Water facility locations on Parks property was provided. Each location was reviewed and identified as completed, under design/study, or under future consideration. Reimbursements Parks receives from Storm Water facilities will offset fees Parks pays to Water. Reimbursement calculations currently used by Storm Water were reviewed. The impact of conservation land management goals on projects was discussed, as was converting formal park land back to a natural state.
2. Thornton Murphy Park West Boundary Discussion – The history of the issue was reviewed. Several pages of a draft lease agreement with Staneks and an aerial picture of the area were provided and discussed. A Park Board member expressed concern that long term agreements may violate the spirit of the Charter. The Water Department also has property in the area involved with Staneks. Parks staff will: confirm with the Water Department any arrangements they have made or are developing with Staneks; ask Staneks to pay for an appraisal to be performed by an appraiser chosen by Parks staff; and provide appropriate lease rates based on 3, 5 and 10 year terms. The issue will be on the February agenda.
3. Discussion Regarding Revision of Park Over Night Camping Policy – The history of the issue was reviewed. Parks staff reported that Legal staff expressed that the most appropriate approach is to change Parks Rules, which are adopted into the Spokane Municipal Code. Proposed SMC changes moving 'N' and 'D' to 'B' as numbered items will be presented as an Action Item at the February meeting.
4. Palisades Park – A Park Board member reported that an upcoming article in The Inlander includes a County Commissioner questioning why the City won't take steps to move the urban growth boundary to locate Palisades Park within the City. Parks staff and the Park Board President have each responded that Parks is not opposed to the change, but they are also not advocating for it as no benefit would be realized if the boundary were to change. The topic prompted a Park Board member to wonder if voter approval is needed to sell Parks property located outside the City Limits.

Standing Report items:

1. Cannon Hill Park Pond Report on Grant Progress – A four (4) year grant with 25% matching funds has been applied for to completely renovate the pond to eliminate leakage and automate the irrigation system in the park. Maintaining water circulation is planned to be achieved by pumping water out of the pond for irrigation as this will offset irrigation water that goes into the pond. Grant application results are expected to be received in late February.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is February 1, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 5A, Fifth Floor of Spokane City Hall.