



Committee Members:

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

Alternate – Traver, Susan x

Alternate – Van Voorhis, Ken x

Also Present: Park Board – Ross Kelley; Gary Lawton

Staff – Leroy Eadie, Craig Butz, Debby Dodson, Pamela McKinzie Lewis, Rebecca Madany, and
Leesa Van Zandt

**Riverfront Park Committee of the Spokane Park Board
June 6, 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

- __ There was a presentation on the YMCA Restoration Project.
- __ There was discussion on the temporary restrooms near the Rotary Fountain.
- __ There was no report given on the Sister Cities Garden & Courtyard Project.
- __ Riverfront Master Plan Process Update given in conjunction with the Rotary Fountain restroom discussion item.
- __ Roadmap to the Future Action Items Update given.
- __ Monthly revenue/expense report was given.
- __ Merkel Concessions Update was given.
- __ There was no report on the Hoopfest / Parking lot Update.
- __ Bosch Lot Update was given.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairperson, Jim Quigley.

Action Items:

No Action Items.

Discussion Items:

1. YMCA Restoration Design Presentation-Pamela/Harvey

Design Review approved the Restorations Plans with two recommendations. The first recommendation was on the plant pallet. Per the permitting requirements, Fish and Wildlife has the final say on the planting pallets and staff has been working with Fish and Wildlife on the plants. The second recommendation was to use pervious concrete on a portion of the design as opposed to pervious pavers. The current location for the pavers is outside the 50 foot buffer so pervious pavers will be used. We should get our SEPA determination today. The SEPA determination will allow us to apply for the JARPA and HPA. The public comment period closed on June 1st without any significant public or agency findings. There is a two week appeal period. Last week, we were approximately 95% finished with the demolition work until our demolition contractor found a small amount of hydrocarbons in the soil so we hauled work and tested the soil. There was one area that tested high enough that it was reported to the Department of Ecology. The Ecology representative came out and was not overly concerned with the soil. They have asked that approximately 2 inches of soil be removed and that Parks and Recreation report how and where the contaminated soil it is disposed of. There is a meeting scheduled today for a grading permit. This will allow us to start hauling materials. We were able to find free fill from the Spokane Community Colleges. We will test the fill to make sure it is clean. We also were able to get the National Guard to donate training time to haul the fill. This will save approximately \$100,000.00 on the project. We are planning on bidding the project out at the end of this month for work to begin mid-July. All three county commissioners came out for tours last week and were happy with the design thus far. The plans had changed from having a single kiosk to three different overlooks with varying elevations. Pamela then presented the Restoration Plans via power point presentation. The ribbon ceremony for the project is planned for mid-October.

2. Rotary Fountain Restrooms-Jim Quigley

Discussion was had regarding the temporary restrooms near the fountain being replaced with a permanent structure. Committee members provided a variety of suggestions to create a permanent home for the fountain restrooms, fountain control and chemical storage and food concessions. Options included: remodeling the current carousel building to include all necessary amenities or building a separate structure to house the fountain controls/chemicals, concessions and restrooms. More discussion addressed the issue of how to integrate these options within a new master plan or if there is a need to address the issue separately. The Riverfront Park master plan project team and interested Park Board members has

been meeting weekly on Mondays to draft conceptual designs for the master plan. So far, staff has one conceptual draft done with the goal of completing three conceptual plans. It was determined that the master plan project team will give a presentation to the Riverfront Park Committee in July with a special Park Board study session devoted to the same subject after July's Park Board Meeting.

Standing Report items:

1. YMCA / Demolition/Restoration Progress report was presented by Pamela McKinzie Lewis under Discussion Item 1.
2. There was no update for the Sister Cities Garden & Courtyard Project.
3. Riverfront Master Plan Process report was presented by Craig Butz under the Discussion Item 2. Debby Dodson met with the SRCVB and she distributed a draft survey that eventually will be emailed out to their membership.
4. Roadmap to the Future subcommittee has come up with a program cost and revenue worksheet. The document will give the actual cost spent for each program versus the actual revenue received by the program.
5. The revenue/expense report for 2011 ending in May was presented by Rebecca Madany. It was suggested that a forecast document be created based on the revenue/expenditures of the last 3 to 5 years. The document may help predict the potential to cut revenue losing items.
6. Merkel Concessions Update presented by Craig Butz. The Memorial Day weekend hosted two tournaments at Merkel. The softball concessions area now has the grill running. The long weekend brought in approximately \$11,000.00. So far, total concession revenue is tracking well with 20% of its projected revenue being met. Staff will look into the issue of recycling of the garbage at the complex.
7. Hoopfest / Parking Lot Update by Debby Dodson. No update is available until January 2012.
8. Bosch Lot update by Leroy Eadie. The Spokane Tribe of Indians has a copy of the draft Mobius ground lease. The Tribe will take the first stab at the draft agreement. As part of the agreement a minimum of \$70,000-\$80,000 annually will be sought as compensation to the Park Department covering the amount of revenue lost from its current use as a parking lot.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is July 11, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Briefing Center, lower level, Spokane City Hall.

CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION
RIVERFRONT PARK FINANCIALS
APRIL, 2011

	REVENUES		EXPENDITURES			REV-EXP (ACTUAL)		%	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ENC	TOTAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL		BUDGET
18300 CSTJANSEC	60	1,000	34,702	7,614	42,316	141,993	(34,642)	(140,993)	24.57%
73900 SPEC EVENT	418	125,000	38,677	36,050	74,727	215,338	(38,259)	(90,338)	42.35%
76100 ADMIN	4,958	8,600	274,698	68,846	343,544	926,087	(269,740)	(917,487)	29.40%
76912 GROUPSALES	-	-	32,822	-	32,822	118,096	(32,822)	(118,096)	27.79%
76913 GONDOLA	78,095	465,000	45,252	6,182	51,434	184,429	32,843	280,571	11.71%
76914 RF GEN FAC	3,547	30,000	209,957	53,826	263,783	761,673	(206,410)	(731,673)	28.21%
76915 EPAVILLION	-	-	776	1,026	1,802	29,000	(776)	(29,000)	2.68%
76916 IMAX	68,035	320,000	113,104	216,972	330,075	553,662	(45,069)	(233,662)	19.29%
76917 CARROUSEL	75,023	350,000	86,066	9,003	95,069	273,149	(11,043)	76,851	-14.37%
76918 RF CONCSNS	76,748	800,000	92,435	22,434	114,869	642,046	(15,687)	157,954	-9.93%
76920 AMUSEMTDEV	3,567	23,000	-	-	-	-	3,567	23,000	15.51%
76921 RIDGAMOTHR	146,055	600,000	85,694	27,748	113,442	376,303	60,361	223,697	26.98%
76922 ICE PALACE	109,370	284,000	86,385	11,138	97,523	204,598	22,985	79,402	28.95%
76923 RF PARKING	74,944	327,000	25,473	1,410	26,883	92,197	49,471	234,803	21.07%
76924 ROTARY FNT	-	-	1,441	-	1,441	54,700	(1,441)	(54,700)	2.64%
94000 CAP OUTLAY	-	-	102,359	844	103,203	358,236	(102,359)	(358,236)	28.57%
97118 OTPKCUMRES	-	-	-	-	-	206,200	-	(206,200)	0.00%
97135 OTGOREDPRN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
97136 OTGOREDINT	-	-	1,300,000	-	1,300,000	1,318,833	(1,300,000)	(1,318,833)	98.57%
Total	\$ 640,819	3,333,600	2,529,840	463,093	2,992,933	6,456,540	(1,889,021)	(3,122,940)	60.49%

Riverfront Park Master Plan Survey

Riverfront Park Survey

Thank you for participating in the Riverfront Park Master Plan survey. Your answers to this questionnaire will help shape the future of Riverfront Park. All responses will be anonymous. If you have any questions, please email parks@spokaneconnect.org or call 509.625.6610.

Previous Riverfront Park master plans and studies (1975 – 2009) have consistently brought forth the following design category zones and amenity concepts for future consideration. Please mark all those which you believe should be considered in a new Riverfront Master Park plan.

1. Arts, Culture, History Zone(s)

- Refurbish the former Expo 74 U.S. Pavilion
- Enhance Canada Island into formal gardens and picnic areas w/river vistas
- Conversion of former Expo 74 Japanese Garden area into a formal gardens and courtyard
- Refurbish the former Expo 74 "butterfly" structures
- Renovate and expand the Loeff Carousel building
- Maintain, enhance Riverfront Park art & sculpture walk
- Maintain, enhance Clock tower

2. Entertainment, Recreation & Commercial Activity Zone(s)

- Refurbish entertainment, recreational & commercial activities in Pavilion
- Create entertainment/recreation activity zone from IMAX Theatre building extending east to the end of former Boeing Amphitheatre
- Create entertainment, recreation & commercial activity zone at north bank (from Howard to Washington)
- Create Howard Street 'Promenade' – enhanced north/south corridor with active and passive node connections
- Create universal play area
- Add a 'destination' restaurant
- Additional visitor services (food, wheel rentals, souvenir & gift shops or kiosks)
- Convert former Expo 74 Boeing Amphitheatre (east Havermale Island) into multi-use recreation area
- Enhance special event/festival venues in Riverfront Park
- Enhance, add river recreational access points for kayaking, canoeing, and fishing
- Conversion of U.S. Pavilion into outdoor amphitheatre (summer) and winter outdoor ice rink

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3. Gateways, Accessibility & Transportation Zones

- Improve transportation, links and connections to downtown, U-district, Kendall Yards, north bank zone
- Repair/replacement of two (2) Howard Street bridges in Riverfront Park
- Add "people-mover" system w/connections outside of park
- Aesthetically improve Riverfront gateways/entrances with added features (e.g. Rotary Fountain at south entrance)
- Improved way-finding /directional signs
- Improve route visibility & connections to Centennial Trail
- Improve east-west river walk access, pathways, trails & connections

4. Open Spaces/River Vista Zones

- Retain open space, grassy meadows in concert with 'Urban Refuge' theme
- Add open space, grassy meadows in concert with 'Urban Refuge' theme
- Enhance, add river vistas

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- Add ethnic and cultural entertainment.
- Add exhibit area to showcase traveling exhibits
- Add destination restaurant along river
- Add professional 9-hole putting course at north bank zone or pavilion
- Add teen/young adult entertainment/recreation activities
- Add children's indoor/universal play area
- Add 'fresh water' aquarium
- Add formal gardens & courtyard areas
- Develop trolley transit linking to Downtown, north bank, U-District, and Kendall Yards
- Develop elevated sky tram linking to Downtown, north bank, U-District and Kendall Yards
- Add LED-lit "spray fountains" in south channel of river/ 'dancing waters' type night activity
- Add zip-line to Riverfront Park and/or north bank zone
- Add clock tower/ elevator & observation point
- Add north bank mixed-income housing
- Add north bank neighborhood retail & restaurants
- Add north bank office & education classroom spaces
- Add museum to north bank zone
- Expand SkyRide west down river
- Expand SkyRide to north bank entertainment/Recreation area;
- Expand SkyRide to East - Convention Center
- Add "neighborhood park" amenities (e.g. horse shoe pits, chess, checker tables, and exercise stations)
- Add recreation sports venues (e.g. basketball, sand volleyball courts)
- Create major north gateways into park (north, east and west) to balance fountain/plazas at the south entrance

7. Please add any amenities that you feel should be considered for Riverfront Park & north bank improvements.

8. How can Riverfront Park best serve your organization's needs?

9. What role should Riverfront Park serve in the community?

10. What role(s) should Riverfront Park not serve in the community?

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11. What additional funding mechanism(s) would you support to pay for Riverfront Park Improvements? (Select all that apply)

- Business Improvement District (BID)
- Visitor Taxes
- Impact Fees
- General Obligation Bond
- Increased user fees
- Public Facilities District (PFD)
- None

Other (please specify)

12. Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding a new Master Plan for Riverfront Park?