



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

Also Present: Staff – Taylor Bressler, Leroy Eadie, Nancy Goodspeed,
Garrett Jones, Cheryl Miller, Al Vorderbrueggen: and
Citizens from Southgate Neighborhood – Paul Kropp, and Ginger Patano

**Land Committee of the Spokane Park Board
August 31, 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

- Permission to participate in a funding Grant for improvements at Cannon Hill Park Pond was approved by consensus.
- Suggestions for improvements at Cannon Hill Park Pond were discussed.
- The White Water Park Permitting process was discussed. A major part of the discussion centered on the environmental impact statement.
- A presentation of suggested improvements was given by Southgate Neighborhood Planning Co-manager, Ginger Patano.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Santorsola.

Action Items:

1. Permission to participate in a funding Grant for improvements at Cannon Hill Park Pond with the City of Spokane Capital Improvement Program

A presentation was given at a previous committee meeting. This item is a formality because the venture is interdepartmental. The other Department needs commitment by the Park Board to participate in the granting process to acquire funds for the project.

Approved by consensus of Jim Santorsola and Susan Traver. (Other committee members had not arrived at the meeting when this item was addressed.)

Information Items:

1. Cannon Hill Pond Discussion

A suggestion was made to add some type of structure, such as an island, in the pond to provide water displacement resulting in smaller pond volume. Any addition would have to provide improvement to the pond, encourage pond wildlife, be acceptable to the Neighborhood and be cost effective. Staff will attempt to secure time on the agenda at the September Neighborhood meeting. City Utilities is working on a report to show saving to Parks as a result of stormwater runoff through the rain gardens off Lincoln.

2. White Water Park Permitting Process

Staff has met several times with Friends of the Falls (FOF) representatives since the RCO grant was not extended. Topic of concern has centered on how to move forward and how to fund the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). FOF has offered to pay for half of the EIS if Parks and Recreation also pays half. The amount is in the \$40,000 - \$45,000 range. The Parks Director has the authority to commit to this, but wants to know if the Park Board still supports the project. To proceed, funds would be encumbered this year to put ESA Adolfson, the consulting firm, under contract. Discussion covered where the funds would come from; the importance of having the EIS and other required permits in place before reapplying for a grant with RCO next spring; what the monetary impact to Parks is expected to be after project completion; and associated revenue opportunities. While all attending Board members expressed interest in, and a desire to support the project, they also had concerns. Only Bob Apple actually said, 'yes'. When polled, attending Staff, Al, Nancy and Garrett, each voiced support.

3. Southgate Neighborhood Planning 'Parks and Open Space' Presentation

Ginger, co-manager of the Southgate Neighborhood Council's Planning, presented and reviewed the 'Parks and Open Space' part of their plan. They are asking Parks

to keep these suggested improvement ideas in mind as funding may become available. Southgate is not a Community Development Neighborhood. Park Board acknowledgement of the document as presented is desired. Park Staff will provide link information to Park Board members so they can review it. It needs to be presented as an Action Item at Land Committee at the October meeting.

Standing Report items:

1. No Standing Report Items were presented.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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