



## Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2014 Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: ESD 101 Meeting Room, 4202 S. Regal

### 7:00 PRESENTATION

Juliette Sinnestera, Spokane Parks and Rec Department – Riverfront Park Master Plan

- Advisory committee has been looking at operational aspects and programmatic aspects of the park. Work concluding this month. Will make recommendations to the park Board.
- Park Board taking comments in April 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Thurs. 6pm at City Council Chambers
- More info on [www.riverfrontparkmasterplan.org](http://www.riverfrontparkmasterplan.org)
- Can email in comments at any time.
- Adopting plan in May
- Package going out to public for bond in Nov. 2014.
- Juliette showed a video about RFP.
- Q&A
- What is the cost and who pays?
  - They are looking at a public bond, a replacement bond (aligns with admin of not increasing taxes), private finance, govt. funding for bridge upkeep. One main goal is not a increase taxes
- What is a Riverkeeper? (Ray Tansy)
  - It is a national non-profit that looks at river health
- Are we going to remove or change public art? (Marcia Tunik)
  - There are no plans to remove, but they are doing an assessment on pieces that need upkeep
- What do I have to do to get the Boy Scout Statue removed? (Marcia Tunik)
  - Write a letter to the Spokane Arts Commission
- Comment: The park is just wonderful.
- What is the timeline on construction and buildout?
  - Nothing concrete yet. It will be done in phases. A bond could allow for a start in spring 2015 and then three full years to complete everything.
- Is Huntington Park (below City Hall) done?
  - Almost, it was paid for by Avista and it was their gift to the city.
- Riverfront Park Recommendation Presentation
  - Broad plans are to create a better North/South corridor along the Howard alignment
  - Want to balance green space and hard scape to allow for more uses that don't impact the green space negatively

- Kerry thought that this list of concepts might be too much to digest at once without a more emphasized purpose or intention for the overall plan. Juliette said it was the intention to bring people more into the center of the park and the falls by improving sightlines and redesigning the flow of pathways.
- What is the range of the bond measure? There is an expiring \$20M bond that may be replaced (no tax increase). Master Plan would need more than \$20M. \$20M would do bridge repair and not much else. Might also restructure the pool bond.
- No plans to improve river access, just river views. No plans for aquatic center in North Bank. Parks considering covering another pool for competition.

### **7:30 PRESENTATION**

- Dave Black – Regal Plaza Sculpture
  - Dave showed the plan design from April of last year.
    - No new concepts since then.
  - Introduced artist – Robert Sevilla, he designed the interior of Manito Tap House on Grand Blvd.
  - Lots of comments were in support of some kind of water feature.
  - Sculpture should be more modern, not traditional.
  - Straw poll by Dave showed 12+ people in favor of water feature, almost a unanimous count
  - Robert prefers not to have a basin, more a flush design like Harold Balazs art by the convention center.
  - Robert wants to incorporate grasses-like elements, movement.
  - One comment was about using Big Rock as an inspiration or incorporating a rock feature into the centerpiece
  - Marcia Tunik suggested incorporating vertical columnar basalt for traffic protection and laid sideways as natural benches.
  - How do we incorporate music or other audience-based entertainment?
  - One suggestion was the offset the fountain to leave more open space, Ted Teske suggested they include power outlets in the plaza design to make concerts and events easier to hold.
  - Dave gave a quick updates on Pad tenants and he confirmed PetSmart and Café Rio. Almost had Red Robin, but they thought it would be to close to their downtown location.

### **7:45 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS**

- Approval of Minutes – please refer to website above for posted minutes.
  - Minutes approved unanimously as written
- Treasurer’s Report Approval – Ray Tansy
  - Same as last month
- Spokane Police Resource Officer – Capt. Dave Richards
  - None
- Community Assembly Report – Shelly O’Rourke

- Spring Workshop is now April 26<sup>th</sup> 9a-12pm West Central Community Center. Topics: Meetings that don't suck and Discussion vs. Debate.
- Guest speaker will be excellent
- Building Strong Neighborhoods is putting out a goal for the CA:
  - Version 1: CA is to be accepted as an equal partner in government.
  - Version 2: CA be a partner in government.
- Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> is Coffee with the Mayor for council leaders
- City council will spend all photo red money on traffic calming
- City looking for input on traffic speed signs, Shelley and Ted solicited ideas from attendees. Ted will work ONS to place the signs based on neighbor input.
- City hired another person to be work on tree planting
  - Alicia Powell, 625-6780, apowell@spokanecity.org.
  - Stormwater mitigation project coordinator.
  - Wants ideas from neighborhood on tree planting ideas.
  - Goal is to plant 10,000 trees by 2020.
- April 12<sup>th</sup> Cleaning from the core. Riverfront Park to i-90
- Loosening of SEPA Thresholds
  - Pressure from development interested at state level has created a change in the state level thresholds.
  - City staff recommending that state thresholds be adopted.
  - City of Spokane Valley has already adopted new standards.
  - Plan Commission hearing coming up In April.
  - Public Hearing on March 26<sup>th</sup>, City Hall council Chambers, 4pm.
- Waste Management – Andy Hoye
  - Nothing pressing, can wait till April meeting
- Pedestrian & Trails (PeTT Committee) – Paul Kropp
  - No report based on time constraint
- ONS Clean Up Orientation Report – Teresa Kafentzis
  - Not given due to time constraint
- Neighborhood Planning Update – Land Use Committee
  - Update on ROW Issues in District Center
    - On-Street parking is not happening, but other traffic calming options available and LUC remain in conversation with city staff to make them a reality.
  - District Center Traffic Calming Application
    - SNC will submit an arterial application for medians and other traffic calming features along Regal Street and Palouse Hwy in the District Center

## **8:00 PRESENTATION**

- Councilman Ben Stuckart – Farming Ordinance
  - Urban Growth Area Infrastructure Ordinance

- Mr. Stuckart gave an update on Jon Snyder's ordinance to not provide service during appeal. Comments and testimony will be taken Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at the City Council Meeting.
- State level vesting bills stopped with no vote.
- This ordinance is trying to address the issue locally.
- A motion was made to have Southgate Neighborhood Council officially support this ordinance. The motion unanimously passed, Ted will submit a statement of support to the city council and if possible provide testimony in support at the City Council meeting on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Urban Farm Ordinance
- Ben has been working on it for 18 months with Pat Munts at WSU extension, Project Hope in West Central. Asking the questions how do we help these groups to make more local food available?
- Quick Stats: The 7 counties in Eastern Washington produce and ships out \$1.9B in food annually. We are shipping in \$1.5B in food. Hugely inefficient system.
- April 2013 had local food economy conference, 240 attendees. At that conference was the call for urban agriculture 55 people volunteered, 100 attendees at June 2013 open house
- Visual preference survey to ask people what they are comfortable with living in neighborhoods. Provided framework for what was acceptable based on respondents. Almost everyone was comfortable with chickens, only 1 person was comfortable with a full-size cow.
- SNC is 24<sup>th</sup> neighborhood council presented to.
- Plan commission unanimously voted to pass it forward.
- The Components
  - **Market Gardens**
    - 2 year pilot program
    - If you grow it in your yard you can sell it: flowers, veggies, fruit, eggs.
    - Limited to 6,000 sqft.
    - Only one delivery vehicle per day.
    - Meant for people to grow it on site and sell it on site.
    - Like a mini-farmers market on your street
    - Codes written with support of local health district
  - **Animals**
    - Current code allows for 4 animals (four dogs, four cats, four roosters, etc.)
    - New code says 4 cats or dogs AND
    - For every 1000 sqft you can have a chicken
    - For every 2500 sqft you can have a non-meat producing goat, pig, or sheep. AND No Roosters
    - Proposed mitigation for animals:

- Neuter and de-scent male animals
- No roosters
- Need to take a class at WSU extension for a certification before getting animals
- 5' set back for chicken coops (already in code)
- Q&A
  - How do you get people to comply?
  - Code enforcement is complaint driven. If your rooster is bothering the neighborhood the can call code enforcement and you will be cited.
  - How does this solve a food supply problem?
  - Market Gardens will increase fruit and vegetable availability
  - A gap is in processing, but entrepreneurial opportunity for creating a market for butchers.
  - If it has to be sold on property, how do you do a neighborhood farmer's market?
  - You can still create one under existing farmer market rules.

**8:30 FINISH NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS/ADJOURN**