



Parks Advisory Committee

Purpose:

The purpose of the Parks Advisory Committee, (PAC) referred to, as the “Park Board” is to make recommendations to and advise the Parks and Recreation Director on matters concerning the operation and maintenance of the Spokane County park system.

Spokane County Parks and Recreation Mission Statement

“The mission of the Parks, Recreation and Golf Department is to enhance the general quality of life for the residents of Spokane County by providing the highest quality and quantity of parks, recreation, open space, and related cultural opportunities given the available resources.”

Parks Advisory Committee Mission Statement

As representatives of the public, we are committed to supporting the mission of the Parks and Recreation Department by providing advice and recommendations to the Director.

Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee

Background:

The Board of County Commissioners created the Parks Advisory Committee in December of 1987. In February of 1988, the first informal meeting was held. The Committee consists of nine members. In February 2001, the Committee was expanded to include a non-voting youth member. In 2004, a resolution #20040172 was established to include terms of 4 years with fixed start and finish dates and authorizing each commissioner to appoint 3 members. In 2005 term limits were adopted by resolution # 2005-0076 “No person shall be appointed to the same board or commission by the Board of County Commissioners or any individual board member if fulfilling the appointment will extend the person’s total appointment on the board or commission to more than eight consecutive years”. The Park Advisory Committee was formed to make recommendations and to advise the Parks and Recreation Director on matters concerning the operation, maintenance and enhancement of the Spokane County Parks and Recreation Department. Parks Advisory Committee members have formed two subcommittees: The Land Evaluation Committee (LEC) and “Sponsorship” subcommittee. Land Evaluation Committee members advise Parks Department staff on Conservation Futures Program policies, the evaluation (and subsequent ranking) of potential properties to be acquired by the Program. LEC members may also advise Staff from time to time during the land acquisition phase of individual properties. Sponsorship sub-committee members assist with Spokane County Sponsorship program (under development).

The Park Advisory Members are appointed for a four-year term with a maximum of two terms. The Youth At-Large position is a one-year term.

SPOKANE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1 LENGTH OF CURRENT TERM

Doug Kelley Chair 2014 January 1ST 2011 to December 31ST 2014

VACANT January 1ST 2013 to December 31ST 2016

Pamela McKinzie-Lewis January 1ST 2014 to December 31ST 2017

APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2 LENGTH OF CURRENT TERM

Tom MacKenzie January 1ST 2011 to December 31ST 2014

Eric Johnson* January 1ST 2013 to December 31ST 2016

Jim Harper ** January 1ST 2014 to December 31ST 2017

APPOINTED BY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3 LENGTH OF CURRENT TERM

Lunell Haught** January 1ST 2011 to December 31ST 2014

Robert Ordner January 1ST 2013 to December 31ST 2016

VACANT January 1ST 2014 to December 31ST 2017

Carlin Coulson Youth at Large** June 1ST 2013 to June 30TH 2014

*appointed mid-term **completing second term

PAC Member Biographies

Jim Harper is a retired United States Air Force pilot. A native of Spokane, Washington, he is a Veteran of two foreign wars, having flown C-141s during the Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991, and KC-135s as a commander during the Afghanistan War, 2001, including the United States' immediate response to the attacks of September 11, 2001. Jim is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and several other Veteran organizations and the National Eagle Scout Association. He is active in his church and his local community and serves on the Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission as a county member at large. When asked about his role as a Spokane County Park Advisory Committee member, Jim stated that he takes pride in being a strategic planner and a strong advocate for all aspects of the Spokane County parks, recreation, and conservation futures programs. He encourages the development of trailheads and paths on the conservation futures properties to provide public access to users of all abilities where terrain permits in order to benefit the broadest spectrum of the public. Jim also encourages creative funding through private sponsorships to stretch the parks department dollar and further benefit the public at large.

Tom Mackenzie moved to Spokane in 2003 after he retired from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel having served for 22 years. Tom grew up on the east coast and graduated with BS from New England College in 1976 and earned a MBA in Financial Planning from Golden Gate University in 1988. He now works in downtown Spokane for a financial services firm. "After the Air Force I chose to live in Spokane for the 'big town, little city' atmosphere where I could enjoy the outdoor activities afforded by the four seasons," Tom said. He is a golfing, downhill skiing, and sailing enthusiast. He has served on the Board of Directors for his home owners' association as well as a four-year term as Chairman of the Armed Services Committee of Greater Spokane Incorporated. Having moved around most of his adult life, Tom wants to get involved in his local community and serve in whatever capacity he can. Tom lives in Spokane with his wife; they have two

daughters and three grandchildren. He has also persuaded his mother, mother-in-law, and brother's family to relocate to Spokane.

Doug Kelley is a lifelong Spokane resident with a passion for recreation and the outdoors. With degrees from both Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga – specifically, Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Management, Doug Kelley has been deeply involved in the community where recreation matters. His involvement includes countless volunteer committee appointments (so numerous the actual number eludes him) as well as the race director for the quintessential Spokane event: Bloomsday. With over 10 years of participation as a board member of the Spokane Regional Sports Commission, Doug Kelley has and continues to advocate for the development of sports fields and facilities throughout the Spokane area. With his involvement on the Spokane County Parks Advisory Committee, he hopes to continue to advocate on behalf of the community for improved parks, trails, and sports facilities throughout the region.

Lunell Haught has hiked, biked, skied and played around the northwest for more than 25 years. She served on the Spokane County Plan Commission, chaired the first Critical Areas Ordinance Committee, the first neighborhood Plan committee and has been active in conservation and open space activities. She had worked with other enthusiasts to adopt a Spokane County Trails Plan. She is the president of the Inland Northwest Trails Coalition, a member of the Spokane Mountaineers and is a representative on the State's Interagency Committee (IAC) for Outdoor Recreation and a member of the National Recreation Trails Program (NRTP). Her day job is Haught Strategies, management consulting, focusing of organizational change, conflict, and facilitation. She also leads a CEO peer group of Million Dollar plus companies. Lunell is owned by a terrier and a cat.

BIO's Pending:

Carlin Coulson
Pamela McKinzie-Lewis
Eric Johnson
Robert Ordner