



Spokane County

PARKS, RECREATION AND GOLF
Doug Chase, Director

MINUTES

SPOKANE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 8:00 AM

Special Location: Camp Caro Lodge

698 S Sargent Rd, Spokane Valley, WA 99212

Members Present: Tom MacKenzie (By Phone), Eric Sawyer, Doug Kelley, Mel Fowler. Eric Johnson (8:10), Dave Schaub (8:20)

Staff Present: Doug Chase, Paul Knowles, Julie Neff

I. Call Meeting to Order (*Chair, Dave Schaub*)

A. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Doug Chase requested addition of Latah Creek Golf Course Renovation under Director's Report.

B. Review and consider PAC minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting

- a. Approved

II. Member's Report (*Chair, Dave Schaub*)

Park Advisory Committee Members are encouraged to provide a brief report.

- Mr. Sawyer visited Bear Lake to take his dog swimming. It has a whole lot more potential and he is excited to see what happens. Playground was well-used. Whitworth had a paddle program going on out there at the time. Mr. Kelley drives by Fish Lake often and its always packed.
- Ms. Fowler has heard a lot of people complaining about softball. City of Spokane wants to increase their prices for league play. The increased prices are tied to the City adding security.

III. 2022 RCO Grant Applications/Rankings (*Paul Knowles / Julie Neff*)

- [See Presentation](#) *Bear Lake Regional Park Phase 1 Shoreline Renovation*
- [See Presentation](#) *Make Beacon Hill Public Phase 2 Development*
- [See Presentation](#) *Rimrock to Riverside Acquisition*

IV. Director's Report (*Doug Chase*)

- A.** Avista Stadium Update – Working with ALSC architects, etc. to develop construction documents for Phase 2. The Spokane Indians are funding this effort. The Spokane Indians requested \$11 million from the Board of County Commissioners to fund 50% of the required stadium improvements with a pledge to provide the remaining \$11 million to complete the project. The Board is considering this request. The Budget Office was tasked with putting together a list of current funding requests to see what might not be funded if the Board elects to grant the funding request.

Mr. Schaub asked if the Board looking at Mr. Chase to advise on whether to grant the request or not. Mr. Chase responded no. The Department was involved in looking at a potential bond measure, but the ballot measure doesn't seem to be the preferred option. Mr. Sawyer said that their strategy seems to be to get Spokane County to commit first, then get other organizations and jurisdictions on board with providing funding assistance.

- B. Felts Field Master Plan/Planned Expansion – The lease is coming to an end. The timing is right – the irrigation system and playground have reached end of life. The park will cease operating on October 2 and then demolition will occur on the improvements per the lease and the Airport Board’s request. The Airport Board will be coming in afterwards to install chain link to secure the area. That park is unique because it’s located within the City of Spokane and next to the City of Spokane Valley. From a County park planning standpoint, it doesn’t align with the 2020 Park Plan.

- C. (Added) Latah Creek Golf Course Renovation Update – The pavement is going down right now on the main parking lot. That’s being done in two phases. Striping is scheduled to happen tomorrow. Shamrock Paving is doing a great job. Phase 2 will be moving next week and Phase 1 parking will be open to parking. Mr. Sawyer said that the temporary parking and shuttle situation has worked pretty well out there. Mr. Kelley said that the course did take a revenue hit out there. Mr. Chase agreed, yes, there were reduced tee times, etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:57 AM.

V. Written Department Update (Misc. 0-15 minutes)

Time allotted for Questions/Clarification Advisory Committee Members may have associated with the “written departmental update”.

Next Regular Meeting: October 12, 2022; **Location:** 404 N Havana, contingent upon COVID-19 sanctions.

***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.”

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