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Spokane County Parks, Recreation and Golf

DESIGN INTENT

The intent of this study is to provide options for a consistent design theme for architectural structures within Liberty Lake Regional Park. The recommendations and examples included are intended to support the Liberty Lake Regional Park Master Plan (2018) Guiding Principles. Specifically, the park improvements shall be sustainable in design, easily maintained, and reasonable in cost to implement in phases.

The structures under consideration in this study are both new buildings and existing buildings that may be subject to remodeling. The theme identified in our initial client meetings was “Rustic Modern”. Examples of this design theme are listed below, by building component.
ROOF FORMS

- Simple extended gable forms with either truncated overhangs or an extruded profile, with the potential for clerestory lighting.
- Double or stacked gable form at building entries.
- Deep overhangs, or extended roof lines cover outdoor spaces.
- Metal roofing (preferred), in dark or neutral colors.
- Exposed beams and rafters (timber, or glu-lam) with natural stains.
- Roof color shall be:
  - MBCI – Rustic Red (Primary)
  - Taylor Metal – Tile Red (Optional)
  - Or Approved Equal

WOOD COLUMNS

- Glu-lam or solid timber.
- Concrete bases (stone veneer as a highlight, or wrap for existing condition).
- Exposed connections and brackets.
- Multiple columns on one base, or split / branched columns.
- Angled brace-style columns.
- Wood columns and other wood supports should have consistent finishes
SIDING

- Low maintenance, pre-finished when available.
- Metal, painted composite, or pre-finished stained wood look.
- Mixed styles and accent materials, but not too busy.

METAL TRIM AND ACCENTS

Metal trim and metal accents should be incorporated into architectural elements to both protect wood and elevate the aesthetic.
- Beam or rafter protection caps.
- Connectors and brackets.
- Galvanized, black, or bronze/neutral finishes should be used.
MASONRY AND STONE

Consider the use of stone or masonry on the base of siding or columns, mainly in accent areas to control cost. Prominent signs could also incorporate stone accents. Stone and Masonry should be:
- Locally sourced, or appropriate to area.
- Granite or basalt with neutral, gray, brown and tan tones.
- Sealed (anti-graffiti if desired).

PATIOS AND EXTERIOR ROOMS

Patios at the cabins should act as an extension of the interior room and invite visitors to enjoy the natural surroundings, providing locations for outdoor dining, relaxing, and gathering around a fire.
- Large architectural concrete slab pavers or sand washed concrete poured in place slab should be considered for cabin patio spaces.
- Metal crusher cone fire pits.
- Wood sided outdoor kitchen areas with concrete counters.
- Use of large stones and unique stumps, or horizontal timbers for fire pit seating.
INTERIOR FINISHES

Interior finishes shall be warm and neutral, but durable.

- Low maintenance, durable floors, counters, and casework.
- Clear stained wood on walls, or a combination of wood walls with painted impact resistant gyp board.
- Consider concrete countertops in kitchens and restrooms.
- Consider polished concrete floors that are easy to maintain and clean.
- Fireplaces to use dark grey or black metal or concrete.
- Exposed wood ceilings and exposed wood beams.
- Low water use plumbing fixtures that can be winterized.

PAINT COLORS

Paint colors shall be warm natural tones to support integration into the surrounding landscape and park. Consider use of the following colors for the cabin interiors:

- Benjamin Moore – Dark Pewter (or similar)
- Benjamin Moore – Stardust (or similar)
- Benjamin Moore – Rattan (or similar)
- Benjamin Moore – Ivory White (or similar)
LIGHTING
- Compact, durable fixtures.
- Energy efficient, with preference for user serviceable lamping.
- Natural and / or neutral colors.
- Optional customization for building identification.
- Brown or bronze metals.
SIGNAGE
Signage should consider multiple levels of signage from monument entry signage to wayfinding, and building signage. Each should be consistent in materiality and character. If the County doesn’t have a signage font established already this should be established for consistency as well.
- Signage for the park shall be prominent at the main entry
- Signage materials should be reflective of those used in other architectural structures
- Cabin identification signs should be incorporated for ease of user navigation. Consider cut metal with the potential for back lighting.
Implementation Examples

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The enclosed conceptual sketches show examples of modifications to existing facilities, or possible new structures using the design themes outlined above.
Entry Monument Sign

Corten steel elements shall be backlit.
Restroom Renovation

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Pavilion Renovation
Cabin Prototype