



May 12, 2011

Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
Rachael Langen, Deputy Director
P.O. Box 40917
Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: Spokane Whitewater Park, RCO #06-1967

Dear Ms. Langen:

I have received your letter dated May 6, 2011 that states that the RCO will close the Spokane Whitewater Park RCO #06-1967 project agreement on June 30, 2011.

With this letter the City of Spokane is appealing your decision to close our project to the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. It is my understanding that the Board is meeting on June 22nd and 23rd in Olympia.

This is an important project to the City of Spokane and Spokane Parks and Recreation. In particular this is an essential part of our economic development strategy for downtown Spokane.

The Spokane Whitewater Park has the support of the Spokane Park Board, City Council, Mayor, and the citizen organization Friends of the Falls. We have also enjoyed support from our local Washington State Legislators.

This project has turned out to have an increased number of permitting hurdles than was originally anticipated. Spokane has decided to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in order to give the community an opportunity to participate in environmental review but also to establish a framework and facilitation tool to successfully move through the permitting process. We have completed a Request for Proposals for the EIS and we are ready to hire ESA Adolphson once we know our RCO funding is secure. Once we complete the EIS we will finish our Shoreline Conditional Use Permit from Ecology, obtain our Aquatic Lease from DNR, Hydraulic Permit from WDFW, and required permits from the Army Corps of Engineers.

I look forward to making our case in front of the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in June. Please let me know the procedure for that presentation.

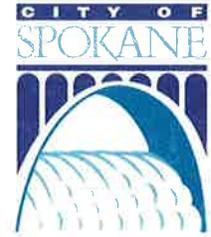
Sincerely,

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Leroy Eadie
Director of City of Spokane Parks and Recreation



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May 31, 2011

Rachael Langen
Deputy Director
Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office
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Olympia WA 98504-0917

Re: Spokane Whitewater Park, RCO #06-1967

Dear Ms. Langen:

Please find attached three documents I request be provided to the RCO Funding Board for their review prior to our appeal hearing on June 23rd.

The first two attachments are resolutions adopted by the Park Board and the City Council supporting the Whitewater Park. The third attachment is a timeline that shows the significant amount of work that was done on this project over the past four years.

I look forward to the opportunity to make our case in front of the Funding Board. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Leroy Eadie
Director of City of Spokane Parks and Recreation



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION of the Members of the City of Spokane Park Board expressing support for the completion of Spokane Whitewater Park.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF SPOKANE, as follows:

Section 1. The Park Board of the City of Spokane finds and determines that:

(a) The Whitewater Park would benefit Spokane and its regional inhabitants by preserving and activating one of the most unique and impressive landscapes found anywhere, especially within an urban context.

(b) The Whitewater Park is a priority project of the Great Spokane River Gorge Strategic Master Plan, a plan that is inspired by the 100 year old recommendation of the Olmsted brothers that Spokane create a Great Gorge Park.

(c) The Parks and Recreation Department will pursue a grant to construct two whitewater features in the Spokane River, and improve parking, build access trails, and provide an interpretive kiosk on the south bank of the river.

(d) The completion of the Whitewater Park will benefit all users of the area including hikers, mountain bikers, residents of adjacent neighborhoods, and access for anglers, and is at the hub of a regional trail network including the Fish Lake and Centennial trails;

(e) The completion of the Whitewater Park will include adding structures for erosion control, and creating drops and pools in the river that may improve fish habitat. The project will remove five abandoned concrete railroad bridge piers that pose a safety hazard to recreational users;

(f) The Whitewater Park is expected to attract whitewater enthusiasts and spectators from around the region, creating a focused center of activity in High Bridge Park and helping make the area safer for all citizens. Project supporters expect the Whitewater Park will return \$1 to \$2 million a year to the community in increased tourism and recreation-related spending; and

(g) The Spokane Parks Department and the Spokane Park Board has a long history of creating innovative recreational facilities and the Spokane river Whitewater Park will be the first of its kind in the state.

Section 2.

(a) The City of Spokane Park Board supports the development and permitting of the Spokane Whitewater Park with the proper environmental considerations.

(b) The Park Board hereby supports the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department in negotiations with the State of Washington to adjust funding levels for a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) that creates and conserves local and state parks, wildlife habitat and working farms from the Washington Stae Recreation and Conservation Office.

Section 3. Any actions of the Park Board or the Parks Department prior to the date hereof and consistent with the terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. The Park Board directs the Parks Director to file a certified copy of this resolution with the City's accounting director.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED by the Park Board of the City of Spokane at an open public meeting this 9th day of September, 2010.

PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF
SPOKANE



Vice President

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly chosen, qualified and acting Secretary of the Park Board of the City of Spokane CERTIFY that: the foregoing resolution was as adopted at a meeting of the Park Board held on September 9, 2010; such meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law; to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; a quorum was present throughout the meeting and a majority of the members of the Park Board present at the meeting voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution; and that I am authorized to execute this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of September, 2010.

PARK BOARD OF THE CITY OF
SPOKANE



Secretary



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
808 W. SPOKANE FALLS BLVD.
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON 99201-3342
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August 26, 2010

City Clerk File No.:
RES 2010-0055

COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

RE: RESOLUTION 10-55 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE SPOKANE PARKS DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETION OF THE WHITEWATER PARK, AS WELL AS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO ADJUST FUNDING LEVELS FOR A WASHINGTON WILDLIFE AND RECREATION PROGRAM GRANT

The Spokane City Council considered Resolution 10-55 during its Special Legislative Session held Monday, August 23, 2010. Parks Director Leroy Eadie suggested two amendments to the resolution. Subsequent to comment and inquiry by City Council, with response by Mr. Eadie, the following action was taken:

Motion by Council Member Snyder, seconded by Council Member McLaughlin, to make the changes described by Parks Director Leroy Eadie, which is changing the fourth "Whereas" clause to add "access for anglers" after "adjacent neighborhoods" and removing "anglers" earlier in the sentence; and, in the fifth "Whereas," to strike the word "to" in the first sentence and add "that may" before the word "improve." **Motion carried unanimously.**

Subsequent to public testimony and additional Council inquiry and comment, with response by Mr. Eadie, the following action was taken:

Upon Unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Spokane City Council **adopted Resolution 10-55, as amended**, expressing support for the Spokane Parks Department's completion of the Whitewater Park, as well as negotiations with the State Of Washington to adjust funding levels for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grant.

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Terri L. Pfister, MMC
Spokane City Clerk

08/30/10
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 Agenda Sheet for City Council Meeting of* 08/23/2010 Briefing date: Monday, August 23, 2010 Status: DIVISION REVIEW		Resolutions Clerk's File # RES 2010-0055 Renews # Cross Ref # Project # Bid # Requisition #	
Submitting Dept*: CITY COUNCIL		Additional Documents Attached? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Contact Name & Phone*: JON SNYDER 625-6254		Agenda Item Name: Begin with Dept # 0320 SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT OF WHITEWATER PARK	
Contact E-Mail*: JSNYDER@SPOKANECITY.ORG		Agenda Wording*: (237 character max) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional attached? See Attached.	
Summary (Background)*: (500 character max.) <input type="checkbox"/> Additional attached? A Resolution of the Spokane City Council expressing support for the Spokane Parks Department's completion of the Whitewater Park and negotiations with the State Of Washington to adjust funding levels for a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) that creates and conserves local and state parks, wildlife habitat and working farms from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.			
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Division Director		Other	
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This resolution will express support for the Spokane Parks Department's completion of the Whitewater Park as well as negotiations with the State Of Washington to adjust funding levels for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) grant.

Resolution No. 2010-0055

A Resolution of the Spokane City Council expressing support for the completion of Spokane Whitewater Park.

WHEREAS, the Whitewater Park would benefit Spokane and its regional inhabitants by preserving and activating one of the most unique and impressive landscapes found anywhere, especially within an urban context;

WHEREAS the Whitewater Park is a priority project of the Great Spokane River Gorge Strategic Master Plan, a plan that is inspired by the 100 year old recommendation of the Olmstead brothers that Spokane create a Great Gorge Park;

WHEREAS the City Of Spokane will pursue a grant to construct two whitewater features in the Spokane River, and improve parking, build access trails, and provide an interpretive kiosk on the south bank of the river;

WHEREAS, the completion of the Whitewater Park will benefit all users of the area including hikers, mountain bikers, residents of adjacent neighborhoods, and access for anglers, and is at the hub of a regional trail network including the Fish Lake and Centennial Trails;

WHEREAS, the completion of the Whitewater Park will include adding structures for erosion control, and creating drops and pools in the river that may improve fish habitat. The project will remove five abandoned concrete railroad bridge piers that pose a safety hazard to recreational users;

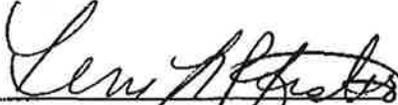
WHEREAS the Whitewater Park is expected to attract whitewater enthusiasts and spectators from around the region, creating a focused center of activity in High Bridge Park and helping make the area safer for all citizens. Project supporters expect the Whitewater Park will return \$1 to \$2 million a year to the community in increased tourism and recreation-related spending; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Parks Department and the Spokane Parks Board has a long history of creating innovative recreational facilities and the Spokane River Whitewater Park will be the first of its kind in the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spokane City Council that the Spokane City Council supports the development and permitting of the Spokane Whitewater Park with the proper environmental considerations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Spokane City Council supports the Spokane Parks Department in negotiations with the State Of Washington to adjust funding levels for a grant from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP) that creates and conserves local and state parks, wildlife habitat and working farms from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Adopted August 23, 2010


City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Assistant City Attorney



Whitewater Park Timeline

6/1/2004	Great Spokane River Gorge Strategic Master Plan planning process begins.
10/30/2004	REP provides whitewater park site evaluation and cost estimate (\$425,000).
4/1/2005	FOF publishes Great Spokane River Gorge Strategic Master Plan
7/1/2005	Legislature approves grant to FOF (\$400,000), administered by CTED.
9/1/2005	After a selection process which includes Taylor Bressler (City Parks) & Mary Verner (UCUT), FOF hires DEA and REP for a conceptual design study.
9/20/2005	Community meeting (includes anglers) re: project goals and concept design.
12/2/2005	Conceptual design review meeting with tribal representatives.
12/6/2005	Conceptual design review meeting with community stakeholders.
12/8/2005	Conceptual design review meeting with agency representatives (City Planning/Shorelines, WDFW, WDOE, and Corps of Engineers).
3/17/2006	Conceptual Design Study completed by DEA & REP. (Est. cost: \$625,000.)
4/6/2006	City Park Board provides "tentative approval" of Gorge Plan.
5/1/2006	City Parks applies for WWRP grant from RCO with support from FOF.
6/15/2007	FOF Announces Completion of its Capital Campaign (\$200,000).
7/1/2007	RCO awards WWRP grant for whitewater park/visitor center (\$530,000).
7/15/2007	City Council approves project agreement between City Parks and FOF.
8/17/2007	FOF completes negotiation of scope of work with REP, DEA, and Spokane Tribe (for cultural survey) and provides info to City Parks.
2/1/2008	City Parks completes issuance of consulting contracts. Design

	work begins.
2/13/2008	RCO issues City Parks a grant contract for its \$530,000 grant.
4/25/2008	DEA reconvenes meeting with permitting agency representatives, beginning a cycle of adjusting design to meet various concerns of DFW, DOE, etc.
8/14/2008	Community Meeting on Shoreline Permit Application.
9/12/2008	Further iterations of design, receipt of and response to agency comments.
12/2/2008	DEA declares preliminary design, supporting design, environmental documentation, and cultural resource survey are complete and have been provided to City Parks, who may now submit the JARPA and apply for a Shoreline Conditional Use Permit.
7/31/2009	City Planning issues SEPA determination of significance.
1/21/10	The Great Spokane River Gorge Whitewater Park Discussion including all regulatory agencies (DOE, DNR, WDFW) – Presentation by Avista biologist regarding Red Band Trout Spawning Grounds
2/24/10	Whitewater Park Stakeholders Meeting to agree on developing an Environmental Impact Statement
8/26/2010	City Council Resolution in support of Whitewater Park
9/9/2010	Park Board Resolution in support of Whitewater Park
10/5/2010	Request to RCO for extension of Whitewater Grant – 6 month extension granted until June 30, 2011
1/28/2011	Request for Proposals issued by City of Spokane Purchasing Department for the Whitewater Park Environmental Impact Statement
3/4/11	Contacted ESA Adolfson from Seattle that they have the successful proposal and begin discussing contract terms dependent on secure RCO grant funding
4/1/11	Request 1 year extension of Whitewater Grant to Dan Haws at the RCO
5/6/11	Letter from RCO that the Whitewater Park project #06-1967 will be closed June 30, 2011 – extension denied
5/12/11	Spokane Parks and Recreation sent letter to RCO appealing Rachael Langer's decision to the RCO Funding Board
6/22/11	RCO Funding Board Appeal Hearing