



Spokane Park Board

3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 8, 2024
In-person in Council Chambers, City Hall, and
WebEx virtual meeting

Park Board Members

- X Bob Anderson – President
- X Gerry Sperling – Vice President
- X Garrett Jones – Secretary
- X Nick Sumner
- X Greta Gilman
- X Sally Lodato
- X Jennifer Ogden
- X Barb Richey
- X Hannah Kitz
- X Kevin Brownlee
- Doug Kelley (*absent/excused*)
- Jonathan Bingle – City Council liaison
(*absent/excused*)

Parks Staff

- Jason Conley
- Al Vorderbruggen
- Jon Moog
- Jennifer Papich
- Nick Hamad
- Fianna Dickson
- Rich Lentz
- Mark Poirier
- Angel Spell
- Kris Behr
- Sarah Deatrich

Guests

- Owen Esperas
- Adam Swinyard
- Cree Whelshula
- Devon Peone

MINUTES

(Click [HERE](#) to view a video recording of the meeting.)

1. **Roll Call:** Bob Anderson
The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. See above for attendance.
2. **Additions or deletions to the agenda:**
A. None
3. **Public comments:** ([attached](#))
A. Garret Jones, on behalf of Spokane Tribe of Indians (STOI), read a statement expressing the Tribe's pleasure over the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Spokane Parks & Recreation department and STOI. The Tribe feel that the design work outlined in the MOA will enhance the Tribe's cultural presence through educational and interpretive elements, creating awareness and understanding of their history, culture, and contributions.
4. **Consent agenda:**
A. Administrative and committee-level items
 - 1) [July 11, 2024, regular Park Board meeting minutes](#)
 - 2) [Claims – July 2024](#)
 - 3) [Athletic field rental fees and sports field improvement fee increases](#) – Jennifer Papich
 - 4) [Memorandum of Agreement for Snxw Mene interpretive site design](#) – Jon Moog

Motion No. 1: Bob Anderson moved to approve consent agenda items #1 - #4, as listed.
Barb Richey seconded.
Motion passed with unanimous consent (9-0)

5. **Special guests**

- A. **Spokane Youth and Senior Centers' Association quarterly update** – Owen Esperas, Mid-City Concerns Senior Center
- The Youth and Senior Centers tallied 48,783 participation hours in Q2. 3,164 volunteers contributed 13,714 hours which equates to \$215,858 in minimum wage.
 - Corbin Senior Center
 - Updated classrooms and dance floor
 - Hosting several new classes including exercise and computer classes
 - Developed a new website and app
 - Hillyard Senior Center
 - Entered new partnerships to host fun games and events
 - Hosting new classes including ballroom dancing, croquet, and water coloring
 - Took several field trips including a Coeur d'Alene River cruise, a museum tour, Expo, and more
 - Martin Luther King Center
 - Enjoy connecting with members of other centers
 - Northeast Youth Center
 - Began Q2 with a weeklong Spring Break Camp
 - Received \$45,000 in grants to purchase new kitchen equipment
 - 20 preschool/ECEAP students graduated to kindergarten
 - Building Brighter Futures auction raised \$70,000 for programming
 - Mid-City Concerns
 - Hosted cooking classes in partnership with 2nd Harvest
 - Live music every month
 - Monthly birthday parties
 - Bingo three days a week is popular among members
 - Sinto Senior Center
 - Had a busy spring with many fun activities
 - Project Joy
 - Held their Spring Showcase of Entertainers
 - Held their annual membership meeting
 - Continue to hear from care and retirement centers about how much their clients enjoy the center
 - West Central Community Center
 - Youth programs offer a safe and structured environment for children and teenagers, keeping them engaged through physical activity, social interaction, skill development, mentorship, and community involvement.
 - Southside Community Center
 - Welcomed a new Executive Director, Steve Yunk
 - Goals include revitalizing the travel program, reintroducing monthly senior dances, enhancing their website and launching a Facebook page, and reversing membership decline
 - Southwest Community Center
 - Spent lots of time at Coeur d'Alene Park enjoying the splash pad and swings
 - Received several donations which help members' families with household items and clothing

6. **Financial report and budget update** – Rich Lentz presented the July financial report and budget update.

- A. Park Fund: The July year-to-date operating expenditures for the Park Fund are

approximately \$163,000 less than the two-year budget average. Year-to-date revenues are about \$15,000 below the two-year budget average. Revenues are exceeding expenditures nearly \$967,000 year-to-date.

- B. Golf Fund: The July year-to-date operating expenditures for the Golf Fund are about \$272,000 less than the two-year budget average. Year-to-date revenues are below the two-year budget average approximately \$318,000. Revenues are exceeding expenditures about \$1.47 million year-to-date.

7. **Special discussion/action items:**

- A. [A resolution outlining the Park Board's support of exploring an outdoor learning center at People's Park](#) – Garrett Jones

Garrett shared a [presentation](#) around partnerships supporting an outdoor learning center in People's Park which aligns with Parks' mission and the Master Plan goals and objectives.

People's Park is located within the Peaceful Valley neighborhood and is the connection between the South Gorge Loop Trail, the Centennial Trail, and the future connection of the Fish Lake Trail to those trails. Building on this natural and historical land will create activation, which is one of the goals of the resolution.

The idea:

- Native educators leading cultural activities on the land
- Providing language and cultural experiences to students farthest from opportunity by connecting them with the land, language, and traditions
- Promoting physical activity and mental well-being among students by encouraging outdoor education and recreation
- Fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of environmental science, ecology, local ecosystems, and indigenous culture
- Honoring this culturally significant site with meaningful activations
- Opportunities for restoration and natural land management

The resolution will give Parks and our partners the momentum to move forward and look at goals and objectives, curriculum, and the future of the site.

The partners:

A representative of each of our partners addressed the Board.

- From Spokane Public Schools (SPS), Adam Swinyard started by thanking the Board for their service and commitment to the community. He talked about the integral part Spokane's park system and recreational activities for youth play in the wellbeing and growth and development of children. On behalf of SPS, Adam expressed gratitude for being part of this conversation on how we can continue to strengthen the partnership by accessing the infrastructure that Parks provides as well as developing programming and opportunities to get kids connected. He feels Parks and SPS missions align in this way, and that the importance of getting kids outside, away from screens, and experiencing the world cannot be understated. He also feels that this project is exciting, not only for the cultural significance of the space, but for the opportunity to provide programming that is grounded in indigenous culture.
- From k^{wu} c^{nxi}? (We Join In), a non-profit, Cree Whelshula stated that she feels that this project is a historic one and has come about because of two main issues facing native students. 1) Native children experience PTSD at the same rate as combat veterans; and 2) In order for learning to make it to long-term memory, information needs to be contextual

and relevant to students' lives, identities, and cultures. 100 years of recorded educational data for Indian students reveals that they struggled the most and have the poorest educational outcomes. This has everything to do with mental health and access to culturally relevant curriculum. The non-profit wishes to provide opportunities and experiences that maintain cultural integrity to Native children. Being in this open and diverse plant space with the river will provide them with those opportunities in addition to buffering stress and providing mental health benefits.

- From the Spokane Tribe of Indians (STOI), Devon Peone stated that working together in this way, we not only respect ourselves, but our work and our people. He explained that being at home, speaking their language and interacting with it is a healing experience. He further stated that this decade is dedicated to indigenous people and to saving their languages. Devon feels that there is so much community support in helping the land, the water, and the animals, from salmon reintroduction to language revitalization, there is a lot of healing taking place. He sees this project as the next step in the process and feels honored that it will happen on the homelands of the STOI.

Garrett went on to show the many goals and objectives that this project hits in our Master Plan.

Next steps:

- Establishing joint goals/objectives with all partners
- Phasing/timing planning
- Preliminary design concepts
- Explore recreation program tie-ins
- Community outreach, gathering feedback
- Draft MOU that builds upon the joint use agreement with SPS.

Motion No. 2: Barb Richey moved to approve the resolution outlining the Park Board's support of exploring an outdoor learning center at People's Park and to move on to the next step. Kevin Brownlee seconded.

Several Board members thanked the partners, and Nick followed with a question about the timing of the project. Garrett informed the board that the goal is to have some type of activation or curriculum by this Fall.

Motion passed with unanimous consent (9-0)

8. **Committee reports:**

Urban Forestry Tree Committee: July 30, 2024 – Kevin Brownlee

A. Action items: None

The UFTC took a joint field trip to Minnehaha Park with their Citizens' Advisory Committee.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 4:15 p.m. September 3, 2024, in the Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Land Committee: July 31, 2024 – Greta Gilman

A. Action items: None

The Land Committee discussed a couple of items regarding Avista easements. One was a request for a new easement in Highbridge Park; the other was discussion about planned work

near Indian Trail.

Al Vorderbrueggen reported on the Green Area Maintenance project.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 3:30 p.m. September 4, 2024, in the Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Recreation Committee: July 31, 2024 – Sally Lodato

A. Action items: The action item was presented on the consent agenda.

Harlan Henderson from Project Joy presented an update with the committee.

Rick Harris from West Central Community Center also shared an update.

The committee discussed an MOU between Parks and Spokane Pickleball Club. The club is dedicated to raising funds through memberships, tournaments, and events to aid in improvement and expansion of pickleball courts in Spokane.

Jennifer Papich presented the standing Recreation report. There were 596 class offerings from April to June which served approximately 5,500 participants.

Fianna Dickson gave the Recreation marketing report.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 2:30 p.m. September 4, 2024, in the Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Riverfront Park Committee: August 5, 2024 – Gerry Sperling

A. Action items: The action item was presented on the consent agenda.

B. [Riverfront Operations Report](#) – Jon Moog

Highlights included: 1) Movies in the Pavilion included pre-movie activities for Barbie with food trucks, photo opportunities, face painting, and clowns and Wish had princess themed festivities, 2) 4th of July festivities included the Carnival, fireworks and band performance, 3) efforts to activate the Numerica Skate Ribbon with themed Family Skate Nights with a DJ and activities, 4) there were three concerts in July including a sold-out Megan Moroney show, 5) the local studios supporting our Riverfront Moves series were highlighted, providing free fitness events to the community, 6) the new Stepwell fence has been installed, 7) the 115th anniversary of the Loeffl Carrousel was celebrated on National Carrousel Day, July 25, 8) coming soon will be a new audio tour for the Numerica SkyRide, narrated by Margo Hill including native Salish, and 9) the exploration with the Lion's Club to create an outdoor classroom just off of Post Street at the shelter near the bridge.

C. The next scheduled meeting is 4:00 p.m. September 9, 2024, Pavilion conference room, Riverfront Park, and virtually via WebEx.

Golf Committee: August 6, 2024 – Nick Sumner

A. Action items: None

The committee discussed upcoming capital projects.

Financials remain strong despite the high heat and minor decrease in rounds played.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 8:00 a.m. September 10, 2024, in The Hive events room 'C', and virtually via WebEx.

Finance Committee: August 6, 2024 – Bob Anderson

A. Action items: None

The trend of expenditures escalating at a higher rate than revenue has been monitored for the last few years. With the potential of the general fund transfer being decreased for 2025 and beyond, the need to act is imperative.

Rich Lentz shared a financial presentation, after which the committee discussed current budget priorities and how they compare with the Park Board survey and the Master Plan. The Park Board survey suggested 'repair and replace' at 25% of the budget and 'maintain and care' at 28%.

Jennifer Papich presented different options to reduce the overall subsidy to the Aquatics program through a combination of fee increases and program reduction. Jennifer will develop a budget using a combination of these options that would result in a \$500,000 reduction in aquatics budget subsidy from the general fund transfer.

The committee reviewed a listing of Urban Forestry employees and how their duties are allocated to departments other than Parks. Parks management will meet with the other departments involved with the permitting process and other non-park land tree maintenance to develop a more equitable allocation of resources.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 3:00 p.m. September 10, 2024, in The Hive events room 'B', and virtually via WebEx.

Development & Volunteer Committee: The July 17, 2024, meeting was canceled. – Jennifer Ogden

A. Action items: None

B. The next scheduled Development & Volunteer Committee meeting is 4:15 p.m. September 11, 2024, Pavilion conference room, and virtually via WebEx.

9. Reports

A. President: Bob Anderson

Bob and Gerry attended the all-staff Parks & Recreation meeting at the Shadle Park auditorium on August 5th. They found it to be an effective meeting focused on providing information regarding the City's current budget and how Parks would operate within.

A special Park Board meeting (retreat) will be held in October or the first week of November.

B. Liaisons

1) Conservation Futures – Nick Sumner – No update

2) Parks Foundation – Barb Richey

- Community members enjoyed the Summer Parkways event.
- Three community pool parties were held at Cannon, Hillyard, and Liberty pools. The foundation thanks Josh Oakes and the aquatics staff for making it possible. The parties were sponsored by Providence, Molina, and Innovia Foundation.
- The foundation paid \$5,000 Providence sponsorship for Riverfront Moves. Funds came out of the campaign for Riverfront Spokane funds. As part of the Providence

naming rights agreement, this is the fourth of five total annual payments.

- The foundation also paid \$3,700 to Electric City for lighting at the Whitter pool and lawn bowling green.
- The foundation paid \$22,000 to Landscape Expressions for The Stepwell landscape in early May, and \$28,000 to All Star Fence Co. for fencing around The Stepwell.

3) City Council – Jonathan Bingle – No update

C. Director (Interim): Jason Conley

Recreation

- Kudos to Recreation Director, Jennifer Papich, and her Recreation team for continually finding ways to expand the Corbin Arts programs to satellite locations to accommodate increased programming and growing attendance.
- Post-season swim lessons will be offered at Whitter pool.
- Open swim season ends August 23 and splash pads close on September 3. Doggy dips will take place August 25, 26, and 27. Check [website](#) for price and details.
- Spokane Golf Championship starts August 23, courtesy of Renaissance Financial. The event is sold out with a waiting list.

Riverfront Park

- The 43rd annual Pig Out in the Park starts August 28 and runs through Labor Day weekend. The event will feature 65 food booths, 45 public market vendors, and 150 free concerts.

Park Planning

- Highbridge Park dog park renovation is underway and slated to be completed in October.
- Underhill Sport Court renovation will begin later this month.

Park Operations

- Staff are busy working to repair the playgrounds in need. Six playgrounds are finished with several left to go.
- Thanks to Spokane Indians Baseball Program who partnered to improve the ball field at Grant Park.

10. **Executive session**

A. None

11. **Correspondence:**

A. Letters/email: None

12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

13. **Meeting dates**

A. Committee meetings:

Urban Forestry Tree Committee: 4:15 p.m. September 3, 2024, Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Land Committee: 3:30 p.m. September 4, 2024, Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Recreation Committee: 2:30 p.m. September 4, 2024, Shadle Park Library events room, and virtually via WebEx.

Riverfront Park Committee: 4:00 p.m. September 9, 2024, Pavilion conference room, Riverfront Park, and virtually via WebEx

Golf Committee: 8:00 a.m. September 10, 2024, The Hive events room 'C', and virtually via WebEx.

Finance Committee: 3:00 p.m. September 10, 2024, The Hive events room 'B', and virtually via WebEx.

Development & Volunteer Committee: 4:15 p.m. September 11, 2024, Pavilion conference room, and virtually via WebEx.

B. Park Board: 3:30 p.m. September 12, 2024, Council Chambers, lower-level City Hall, and virtually via WebEx.

C. Park Board Study Session: No session scheduled at this time.

Minutes approved by: Garrett Jones
Garrett Jones, Park Board Secretary

From: James Best [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 8:03 AM
To: Jones, Garrett <gjones@spokanecity.org>
Subject: Re: Signed MOA

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

Here is the Tribe's statement, Garrett. Let me know your thoughts:

The Spokane Tribe is pleased to announce the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Tribe and the City of Spokane's Parks and Recreation Department. This agreement marks a significant step forward in ensuring that the design of Snxw Mene Island at Riverfront Park reflects the rich cultural heritage and historical significance of the Tribe.

The Spokane Tribal Council, under its duty to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Tribe, has carefully reviewed and approved this agreement, recognizing the benefits it will bring to the Tribe and its members. The design work outlined in the MOA will enhance the Tribe's cultural presence through educational and interpretative elements, fostering greater awareness and understanding of our history, traditions, and contributions.

The Tribe looks forward to continuing this collaboration with the City, which not only strengthens our relationship but also honors the ancestral homelands and the legacy of Spokane Falls. This partnership embodies our shared commitment to preserving and promoting the Tribe's enduring cultural heritage within the heart of our traditional territory.

Best,

James Best
Spokane Tribe of Indians
Acting Planning & Economic Development Director



**CITY OF SPOKANE PARK AND RECREATION DIVISION
JULY 2024 EXPENDITURE CLAIMS
FOR PARK BOARD APPROVAL - AUGUST 08, 2024**

PARKS & RECREATION:

SALARIES & WAGES	\$	1,438,497.01
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$	609,401.30
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	-
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS		
PARK CUMULATIVE RESERVE FUND	\$	352,377.97

RFP BOND 2015 IMPROVEMENTS:

CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	31,557.08
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GOLF:

SALARIES & WAGES	\$	227,014.19
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$	766,586.26
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	179,532.12
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS		

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$	<u>3,604,965.93</u>
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Spokane Park Board

Briefing Paper



Committee	Recreation Committee	Committee meeting date: July 31, 2024	
Requester	Jennifer Papich	Phone number: 509-363-5420	
Type of agenda item	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
Type of contract/agreement	<input type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other		
City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)			
Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy (Click HERE for link to the adopted plan)	Goal K Obj. 5 (Maint & Care)	Master Plan Priority Tier:	Tier 1 (pg. 171-175)
Item title: (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	2025 Athletic Field Rental Fees and Sports Field Improvement Fee Increases		
Begin/end dates	Begins: 01/01/2025	Ends:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
Background/history:			
<p>To address our current shortfall in cost recovery for athletic field rentals, we need to reassess our pricing strategy. A comparative review of regional municipal rental rates reveals that our current rates are not aligned with market standards, exacerbated by inflation and the rising costs associated with aging field equipment. To streamline our approach and improve financial sustainability, we propose consolidating our existing rental rate structure. By eliminating separate rates for adults and youth, we aim to implement a unified rate that simplifies the rental process and enhances transparency. This adjustment is crucial for meeting our cost recovery goals and ensuring that our field maintenance and operational costs are adequately covered.</p>			
Motion wording:			
Approve 2025 Athletic Field Rental Fees and Sports Field Improvement Fee Increases.			
Approvals/signatures outside Parks: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company:			
Name:		Email address:	Phone:
Distribution:			
Parks – Accounting			
Parks – Sarah Deatrach			
Requester: Jennifer Papich			
Grant Management Department/Name:			
Fiscal impact: <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
Vendor: <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor			
Supporting documents:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)	<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - City of Spokane	<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)		
<input type="checkbox"/> UBI:	Business license expiration date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)	

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Athletic Use Fees

SPRD reserves the right to adjust the cost of lights per hour based on the increase or decrease of utility costs. All reservations held at Dwight Merkel, Franklin Park, and SE Sports Complex will be subject to a \$5 per reservation (date/ time/ field) booking fee.

2025 SPRD Proposed Field Fees		
Facility Name	Type of Use	Per Hour Fee
Dwight Merkel	Diamond	\$32.00
	Turf	\$57.00
	Grass	\$37.00
SE Complex	Soccer Field	\$27.00
Franklin	Diamond	\$21.00
	Soccer Field	\$25.00
Lights: All Complexes	Light fee (per hour)	\$18.00
Outlying Parks	Athletic Fields	\$4.00

Tournaments			
	Type of Use - Diamonds	Time Slots	Fee
Dwight Merkel	Full Day (avg > 7+ hours)	8am-11pm	\$2,100.00
	Half Day (avg < 7 hours)	8am-3pm; 3pm-11pm	\$1,100.00
	Type of Use- Grass Fields	Time Slots	Fee
	Full Day (avg > 7+ hours)	8am-11pm	\$3,000.00
	Half Day (avg < 7 hours)	8am-3pm; 3pm-11pm	\$1,500.00
	Franklin	Type of Use - Diamonds	Time Slots
Full Day (avg > 7+ hours)		8am-11pm	\$1,800.00
Half Day (avg < 7 hours)		8am-3pm; 3pm-11pm	\$900.00

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Briefing Paper



Committee	Riverfront Park	Committee meeting date: August 5, 2024	
Requester	Jonathan Moog	Phone number: 509-625-6243	
Type of agenda item	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
Type of contract/agreement	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)			
Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy (Click HERE for link to the adopted plan)	Goal L, Objective 1	Master Plan Priority Tier: (pg. 171-175)	First Tier
Item title: (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Memorandum of Agreement for Snxw Mene Interpretive Site Design		
Begin/end dates	Begins: 08/08/2024	Ends: 07/30/2027	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
Background/history: On March 9, 2017 Spokane Park Board adopted a resolution renaming Canada Island to Snxw Mene? and pledged to work with the Spokane Tribe of Indians (STOI) to determine appropriate land uses, activities, signage and public displays. The island was officially dedicated in Oct 2019 when the tribe flag was flown for the first time. This Memorandum of Agreement establishes terms to enable STOI to begin design work for island improvements and submit a plan for Park Board approval prior to commencing construction.			
Motion wording: Approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the Spokane Tribe of Indians for Design of Snxw Mene Interpretive Site at Riverfront Park.			
Approvals/signatures outside Parks: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If so, who/what department, agency or company: Name: Greg Abrahamson Email address: grega@spokanetribe.com Phone: 509-458-6561			
Distribution: Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrich Requester: Jonathan Moog, Garrett Jone, Nick Hamad Grant Management Department/Name:			
Fiscal impact: <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revenue Amount: NA Budget code: NA			
Vendor: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor			
Supporting documents: <input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB) <input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors) <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - City of Spokane <input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors) <input type="checkbox"/> UBI: Business license expiration date: <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)			



City Clerk's No. _____

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
CONCERNING DESIGN OF SNXW MENE INTERPRETIVE SITE AT RIVERFRONT PARK**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF Agreement ("MOA") is between the CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, as "City", and SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS ("STOI" or "TRIBE"), whose address is 6195 Ford-Wellpinit Road, Wellpinit, Washington 99040.

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2017 Spokane Park Board adopted a resolution renaming Canada Island to Snxw Mene? and pledged to work with the STOI to determine appropriate land uses, activities, signage and public displays on the island and throughout Riverfront Park; and,

WHEREAS, City through Riverfront Park Department seeks to activate affordable and compelling park experiences for and on behalf of the Spokane community; and,

WHEREAS, City desires to advance the goals of the Riverfront Park Master plan through a continuation of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project to Snxw Mene ("Island"); and,

WHEREAS, STOI desires to protect, preserve, and enhance tribal traditional values by honoring their past and reestablishing their connection to the Spokane falls area through education and culture; and,

WHEREAS, STOI seeks to provide educational opportunities and reintroduce the Spokane Tribe to this Island, and provide the greater Spokane community with opportunities to learn about the Tribe and its culture; and,

WHEREAS, STOI currently has the funding necessary to design the proposed improvements and redevelop Snxw Mene as depicted in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, STOI needs access to the Snxw Mene for its contractors to collect information about Snxw Mene to develop an improvement plan for the Island; and

WHEREAS, STOI wants to ensure that prior to dedicating financial resources to designing improvements on the Island that STOI has an exclusive right to redevelop the premises if the necessary construction funding is obtained, and the City approves the proposed redevelopment.

-- NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. TERM

The term of this MOA begins upon execution of this agreement and runs for an initial period of three (3) years ("Initial Term") ending on July 30, 2027, for design services and may be amended by written agreement. This MOA may be terminated by either party for any reason upon giving the other party 60 days written notice.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITY.

- A. City hereby grants access to the premises to STOI and/or its subcontractors for purpose of collecting the information necessary for the development of an improvement plan for the Island. To the extent STOI and/or its subcontractors need to access to property not owned by the City (i.e., AVISTA), STOI recognizes it must secure permission for such access from such other entity independent of this MOA. The City may not legally agree to provide such access since City does not own such property.
- B. During the Term of this MOA the City will not solicit any other 3rd parties for redevelopment plans for the Island or allow redevelopment by 3rd parties of the Island without the permission of STOI.
- C. The City will timely and in good faith review any improvement plan submitted by STOI during the term of this MOA and, if approved, in good faith negotiate an agreement that addresses the construction and long-term maintenance of such improvements.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF STOI.

- A. Diligently pursue and develop a Snxw Mene improvement plan and bear all costs associated with the design. STOI expects that the design may include but not be limited to the following:
 - Upgrade landscaping to reflect a nature-core aesthetic utilizing native flora and fauna rather than non-native/invasive species.
 - Create a public speaking area that has a central stage/podium/pavilion area surrounded by built-in seating for 10-20 and seating/standing room for an additional 50-100 individuals (individuals would need to bring their own chairs for seating in this area). This space may include sufficient electrical, audio, and lighting for public events.
 - Design 10-15 vendor stations that would be compatible for pop-up vendors/food trucks.
 - The existing fourteen (14) free-standing storytelling pedestals will not be initially included in the design the parties will work together to if there is an opportunity to coordinate in the future.
 - Upgrade existing lighting and provide more across the entire island if deemed necessary.
 - Upgrade electrical throughout the Island.
 - Add water fountains throughout the Island.
 - Add communications cable, fiber, wireless, and/or other utility services.

B. STOI shall, if completed during the term of this MOA, submit a preliminary improvement plan to the Parks Department which contains:

- A site plan depicting existing and proposed improvements, including but not limited to, demolition of existing elements, location of all structures, pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress routes, fences, etc.
- Character sketches illustrating the facades and general appearance of the improvements.
- The Design Steering Committee's recommendation to the Park Board for their action (i.e. acceptance) of the submitted preliminary improvement plan.
- Within (90) days after Park Board approval of the preliminary improvement plans, or as otherwise mutually agreed, STOI and their agent(s) shall prepare construction documents in substantial conformance with the approved preliminary improvement plans for review and approval by the Parks Director or designee.

C. STOI shall not commence with construction until receiving approval of construction documents by the Parks Director or designee, and not prior to the execution of the construction, operation, and long-term maintenance agreement for the improvement plan between the City and STOI.

4. License.

The City grants STOI a non-exclusive and revocable license to enter and use of the site known as snxw mene, as depicted on Exhibit A (the "Premises") for the purposes of design and development of the improvement plan.

General Terms

INDEMNIFICATION. The STOI shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City and its officers and employees harmless from all claims, demands, or suits at law or equity asserted by third parties for bodily injury (including death) and/or property damage which arise from STOI's or its subcontractors' negligence or willful misconduct under this MOA, including attorneys' fees and litigation costs; provided that nothing herein shall require STOI or its subcontractors to indemnify the City against and hold harmless the City from claims, demands or suits based solely upon the negligence of the City, its agents, officers, and employees. If a claim or suit is caused by or results from the concurrent negligence of the STOI's and/or STOI's subcontractors' agents or employees and the City, its agents, officers and employees, this indemnity provision shall be valid and enforceable to the extent of the negligence of the STOI and/or its subcontractors, its agents or employees. STOI specifically assumes liability and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold the City harmless for actions brought by STOI's and/or STOI's subcontractors' own employees against the City and, solely for the purpose of this indemnification and defense, STOI specifically waives any immunity under the Washington State industrial insurance law, or Title 51 RCW. The STOI recognizes that this waiver was specifically entered into pursuant to the provisions of RCW 4.24.115 and was the subject of mutual negotiation. The indemnity and agreement to defend and hold the City harmless provided for in this section shall survive any termination or expiration of this agreement.

WAIVER, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE. The STOI hereby provides this limited waiver of its sovereign immunity as to any damages, claims, lawsuit, or cause of action brought against STOI by City and arising or alleged to arise out of the furnishing by City of any product or service under this Agreement, whether such action is based in contract, tort, strict liability, civil liability or any other legal theory; and agrees that Venue for any action arising under or related to this Agreement shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Spokane County, State of Washington.

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT. Both the City and the STOI understand and acknowledges that they are each subject to the Public Records Act, RCW 42.56 *et seq* ("the Act"). This Agreement and all public records associated with this Agreement shall be available from the City for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act. To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the City to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the City, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the City. If the STOI considers any portion of any record provided to the City under this Agreement to be confidential or proprietary information protected from disclosure under law, then the Contractor shall clearly identify any such specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the City receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy the information so identified as confidential or proprietary by the STOI and the City determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the City's sole obligations shall be to notify the STOI (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless

the STOI obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the STOI fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the City will release the requested information on the date specified.

ANTI-KICKBACK. No officer or employee of the City of Spokane, having the power or duty to perform an official act or action related to this Memorandum shall have or acquire any interest in it, or have solicited, accepted or granted a present or future gift, favor, service or other thing of value from or to any person involved in the Memorandum.

Dated: _____

CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

By: _____

Title: _____

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Dated: _____

SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS

By: _____

Title: _____

Email Address:

**Exhibit A
MAP**



**CITY OF SPOKANE PARK BOARD
RESOLUTION**

A Resolution regarding Naming and Redevelopment of Canada Island in Riverfront Park.

WHEREAS, the Spokane Tribal Business Council (“Tribal Council”) is the duly constituted governing body of the Spokane Tribe of Indians (“Tribe”) by authority of the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe (“Constitution”); and

WHEREAS, under the Constitution of the Tribe, the Spokane Tribal Business Council is authorized to negotiate with and represent the Tribe before federal, state and local governments and their departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Spokane Falls was the location of an abundant salmon fishery and, in years of abundance, the Spokane Tribe would invite friendly neighboring tribes to partake in the salmon harvest; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe maintains strong connections to its aboriginal homelands, including the great Spokane Falls; and

WHEREAS, within the Spokane Falls area lies an Island known to non-Indians as “Canada Island” or “Cannon Island”; and

WHEREAS, Canada Island remains an important Cultural Resource for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Park Board is empowered by the City Charter to lay out, establish, purchase, procure, accept, and have the care, management control and improvement of, all parks and grounds used for park purposes, all boulevards, connecting parks and structures thereon, and all parkways; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, the City of Spokane changed the name of Cannon Island to Canada Island as part of the 1974 International Environmental Exposition held in Riverfront Park (“Expo ‘74”); and

WHEREAS, after Expo ‘74, Canada Island and the rest of the exposition grounds were dedicated as a city park and thus under the exclusive control of the Spokane Park Board, which includes the power to rename the island; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the citizens of Spokane approved a \$64.3 million bond to revitalize and redevelop Riverfront Park (the “Riverfront Redevelopment Project”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project, the City of Spokane and the Spokane Park Board wish to promote awareness of its first inhabitants, the Spokane Tribe, and

WHEREAS, as part of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project, the City of Spokane and the Spokane Park Board wish to rename Canada Island to a name chosen by the Spokane Tribe and approved by the Spokane Park Board, and wish further that the Spokane Tribal place name (and its English translation) to serve as a dedication to the Spokane Tribe by the residents of the City of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane Park Board in cooperation with the Canadian Government, Consul General of Canada James K. Hill recognizes “Small acts like renaming Canada Island to honor the original inhabitants of the Spokane area are symbolically important to the ongoing process in both Canada and the U.S.”; and

WHEREAS, two names were presented to the Park Board for consideration in order of preference the first and preferred name is *snx^w mene?* (pronounced Sin-hoo-men-huh meaning Salmon People); and

WHEREAS, a public survey was conducted to discover the public preference for the name, almost 60% of the responses favored *snx^w mene?* (pronounced Sin-hoo-men-huh meaning Salmon People); and

WHEREAS, Spokane Tribe, public input and Park Board all favor *snx^w mene?* (pronounced Sin-hoo-men-huh meaning Salmon People), for the new name of Canada Island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spokane Park Board, hereby agrees to the new name for Canada Island as *snx^w mene?* (pronounced Sin-hoo-men-huh meaning Salmon People) selected by the Spokane Tribe, acting by and through its Spokane Business Council and in consultation with tribal elders and cultural resources staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as part of the Riverfront Redevelopment Project, all staff, designers, and contractors associated with the Project will work with the Tribe to identify and

preserve Tribal cultural resources located on *snx^w meneʔ*, and recommend to the Spokane Park Board methods for preserving cultural resources; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Spokane Park Board agrees to work with the Tribe concerning the determination of appropriate land uses, activities, signage and public art displays on *snx^w meneʔ* and throughout Riverfront Park, and to include the Tribe’s designated representatives in all major design deliberations concerning Canada Island.

Adopted by the Spokane Park Board this ____ day of March 2017.

President, Spokane Park Board

On behalf of Spokane Tribe of Indians (“Tribe”,) and by authority of the Constitution of the Spokane Tribe (“Constitution), I hereby acknowledge the foregoing resolution of the Spokane Park Board and agree to commit the resources of the Spokane Tribe to fulfill its stated intentions.

Carol Evans Date
Chairwoman
Spokane Business Council

2024 Q2 CENTER RECREATION PARTICIPATION TOTALS

	April	May	June	Q2
Hillyard	1,423	1,685	3,207	6,315
Sinto	1,352	2,802	2,375	6,529
Corbin	1,439	2,697	2,061	6,197
Southside	2,480	1,890	1,055	5,425
Southwest	348	329	454	1,131
MLK	1,069	1,287	629	2,985
NEYC	2,106	2,158	1,517	5,781
WCCC	2,223	2,363	2,215	6,811
Project Joy	1,225	1,469	673	3,367
Mid City	1,256	1,318	988	3,562
Q2 Participant Totals				48,783

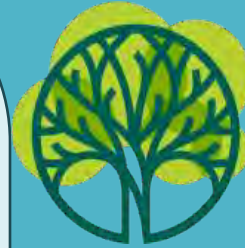
2024 Q2 SYSCA Center Volunteer Numbers/Hours

	April		May		June		Q2 Totals	
Hillyard	193	600hrs.	152	604hrs.	188	490hrs.	533	1,694hrs.
Sinto	114	323hrs.	119	345hrs.	138	443hrs.	371	1,111hrs.
Corbin	263	1,439hrs.	400	1,547hrs.	350	1,641hrs.	1,013	4,627hrs.
Southside	167	1,093hrs.	-	-	361	1,444hrs.	528	2,537hrs.
Southwest	31	142hrs.	25	78hrs.	41	231hrs.	37	309hrs.
MLK	3	27hrs.	3	27hrs.	10	20hrs	16	74hrs.
NEYC	26	96hrs.	19	76hrs.	17	96hrs.	62	268hrs.
WCCC	5	30hrs.	0	0hrs.	20	66hrs.	25	96hrs.
Project Joy	181	1,520hrs.	183	974hrs.	19	70hrs.	383	2,564hrs.
Mid City	52	177hrs.	51	174hrs.	46	155hrs.	149	506hrs
<i>Equivalent to \$215,858 in min. wage</i>			Q2 Total Volunteers				3,164	
			Q2 Total Hours				13,714	

Corbin Senior Center

Executive Director: Claudia Ouwerkerk

- 1300 Members and Growing
- Innovative Programming in Dance, Exercise, Education, Travel, Health, and Technology.
- *New Classes this year:*
 - Weightlifting
 - Zumba
 - Belly Dance
 - Hula
 - Computer Classes
 - Build your Family Tree Project
- Updated Classrooms and Dance Floor
- New Website and Corbin App
- Social Connections through Corbin Cooks



CORBIN
SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

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Hillyard Senior Center

Executive Director: Tony Cane



Mother's Day Luncheon



New Partnerships



NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND NEW CONNECTIONS!

We partnered with the Senior Action Network of Eastern WA for a senior community BBQ, creating a fun event with prizes.

New partnership with the US Attorney Vannesa Waldref for a fun game of Fraud Bingo as part of our Fraud Prevention Initiative Series.

NEW OFFERINGS

Ballroom dancing lessons ~ Croquet Fun Day ~ and an 8- week water coloring class, all free to seniors

The Senior Center also started tabling at the Hillyard Farmer's Market to inform seniors about our programs and use of Senior Farmers Market Bucks.



Silent Auction



Recreation



NOTABLE TRIPS

Coeur d'Alene River Cruise ~ Sprague Sausage Feed ~ a museum tour ~ Expo 74 ~ the Bigfoot Festival ~ and a cultural tour to the Hutterite Colony.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS: Successful Silent Auction Fundraiser, a heartfelt Mother's Day luncheon, and a Health Fair promoting our upcoming Longevity Fit Class and other Healthy Recreation Offerings.

MLK Center

Executive Director: Freda Gandy

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Northeast Youth Center

Executive Director: Sheila Geraghty



Northeast Youth Center started the 2nd Qtr of 2024 with a weeklong Spring Break Camp

Preschool did their annual trip to the cemetery on Memorial Day.

NEYC received \$45,000 in grants from Innovia, Women Helping Women, as well as Summer Meals for Kids/OSPI and Parks and Rec to purchase new kitchen equipment

The Building Brighter Futures Fundraising Auction was a big success with 260 guests at the Doubletree and raising \$70,000 for our programs.

Twenty preschool/ECEAP students graduated into Kindergarten!

Mid City Concerns

Executive Director: Owen Esperas

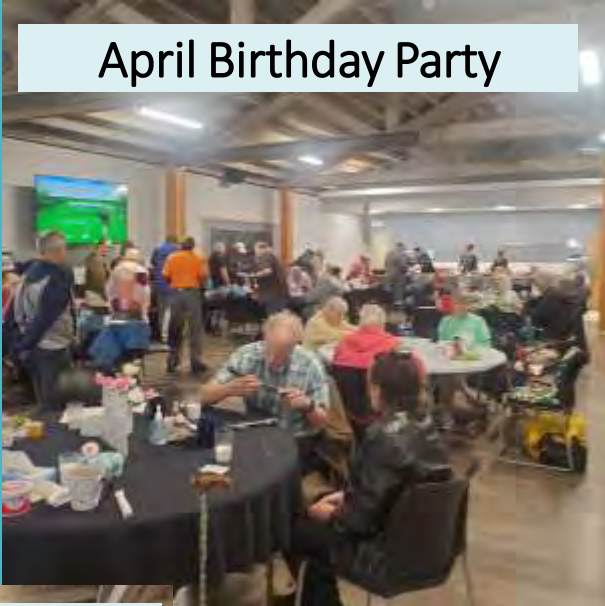
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Cooking Class with 2nd Harvest



April Birthday Party



Detective Tim Schwering
Spokane Police Dpt.



Mothers Day

Universal Cane Systems



Live music every month!



Prize Bingo

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Sinto Senior Center

Executive Director: Donna Holten

Spring at Sinto was busy with many activities and fun!

We saw a few of our older members and had a few new ones too.



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Project Joy

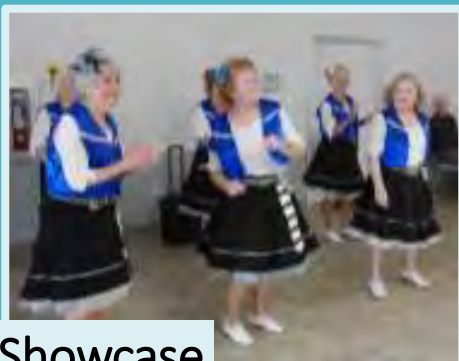
Executive Director: Harlan Henderson

2024 Annual Meeting

Two highlights of the 2nd quarter were:

- The Spring Showcase of Entertainers
- The Annual Membership meeting.

- The Spring Showcase pictures show some entertainers performing at the showcase.
- The Annual Meeting pictures show two of our groups who provided entertainment and the recipients of the Marian Herzer Award
- We continue to hear from the care and retirement centers how much their clients enjoy having the opportunity to enjoy such great entertainment.



2024 Spring Showcase

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West Central Community Center

Executive Director: Kim Ferraro

WCCC youth programs offer a safe and structured environment for children and teenagers, keeping them engaged through physical activities, social interactions, skill development, mentorship, and community involvement.



Going Kayaking

Fun at the Center



Block Yard
Bouldering Gym

More Kayaking



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Spokane Youth & Senior Centers Association

Southside Community Center

Executive Director: Steve Yunk

WELCOME OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEVE YUNK!

Center Goals

- **Revitalize our Travel Program**
- **Reintroduce our monthly Senior dances**
- **Enhance the Southside Community Center website for better user experience**
- **Launch a brand-new Facebook to engage our community**
- **Commit to reversing the membership decline**



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Southwest Community Center

Executive Director: Mark Reilly

Spending lots of time at CDA park. Splash pad and swing's were a big hit. We had lots of donations helping our families with household items and clothing.



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**Thank you, Park Board
For your Continued Support**

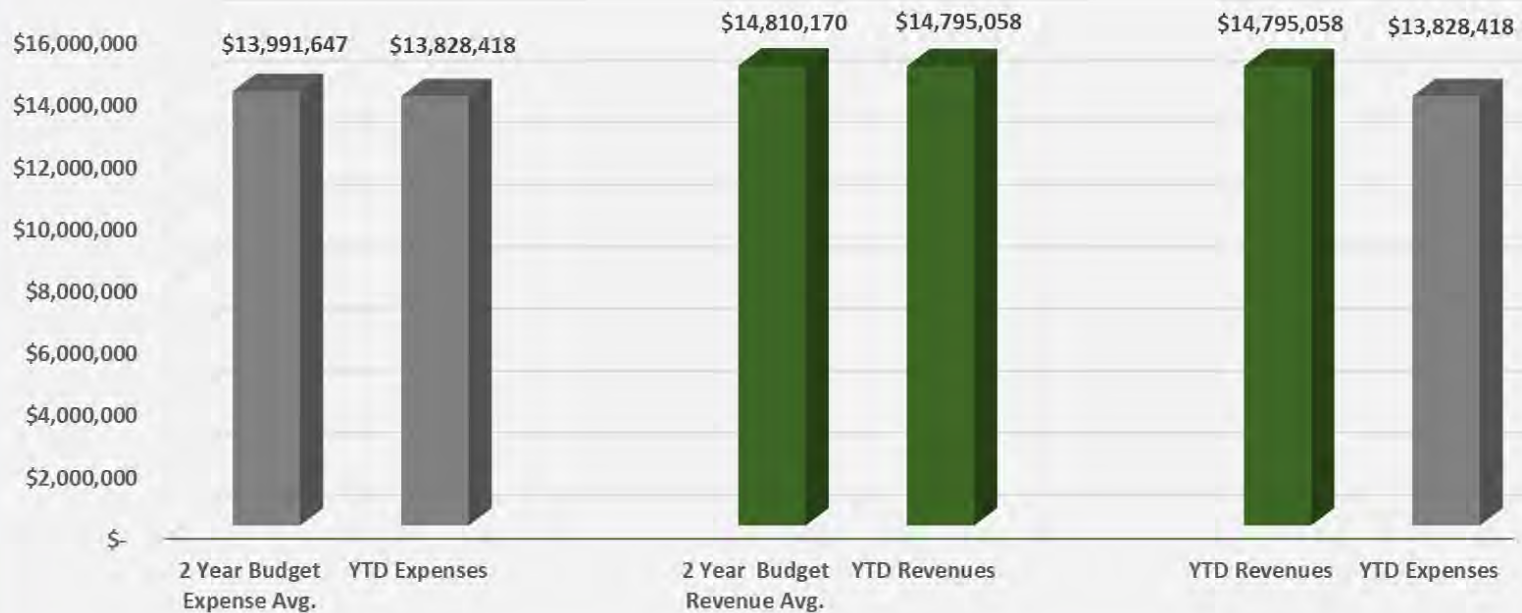


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**PARKS
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*July '24
Financials*

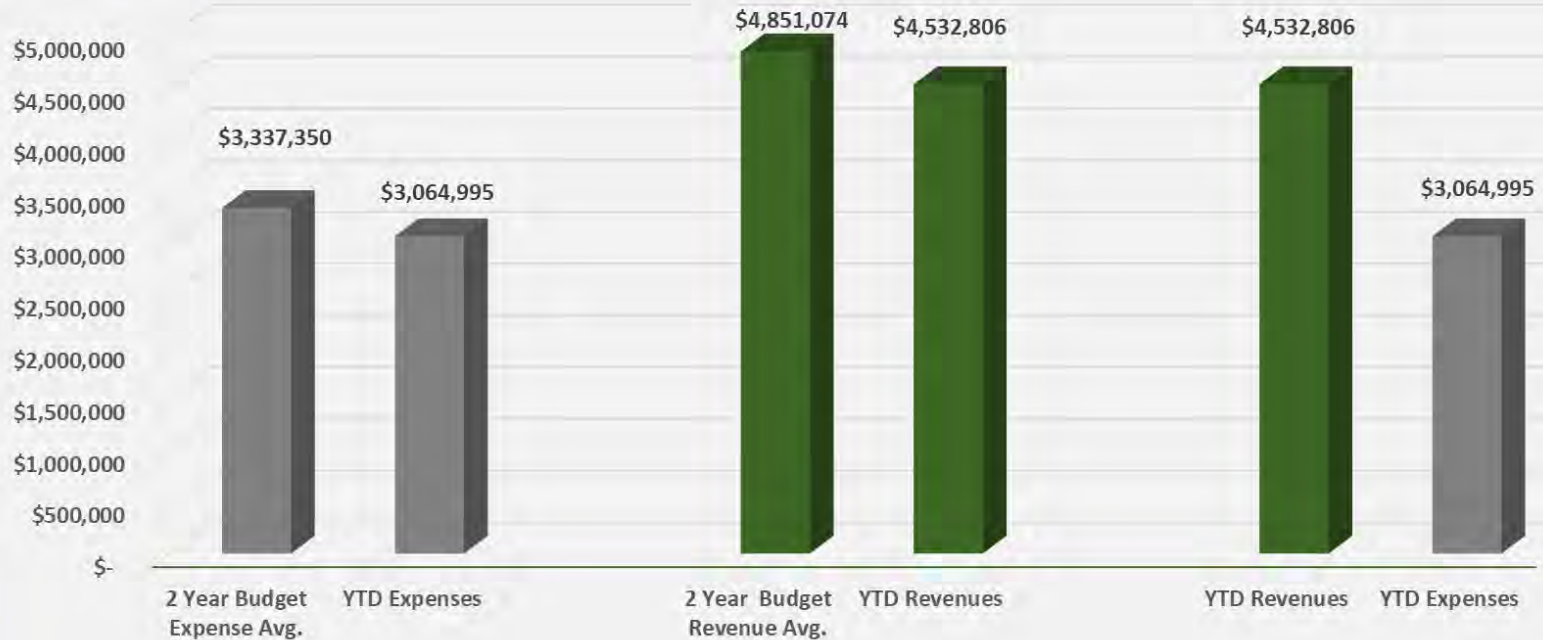
Parks Financials



Key Concepts:

- Parks has earned 58% of budgeted revenues and spent 54% of budgeted expenses.
- YTD we've made \$600,000 in transfers to capital versus the minimum target of \$800,000 for the 2024 budget.
- July was a net loss of \$680,365. YTD revenues currently exceed YTD expenses by \$966,640, which is down from \$1.6 million last month.

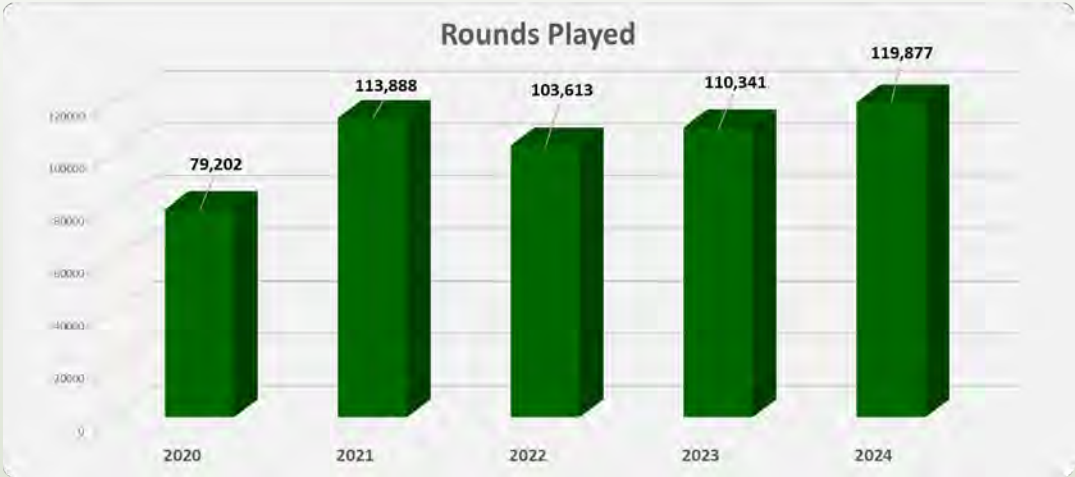
Golf Financials



Key Concepts:

- Golf is currently at 74% of budget for revenues and 53% of budget for expenses.
- July had \$180,000 in capital purchases which included mowers and Qualchan restroom repairs.
- YTD revenues currently exceed YTD expenses by \$1.2 million (FIF and debt payment excluded).

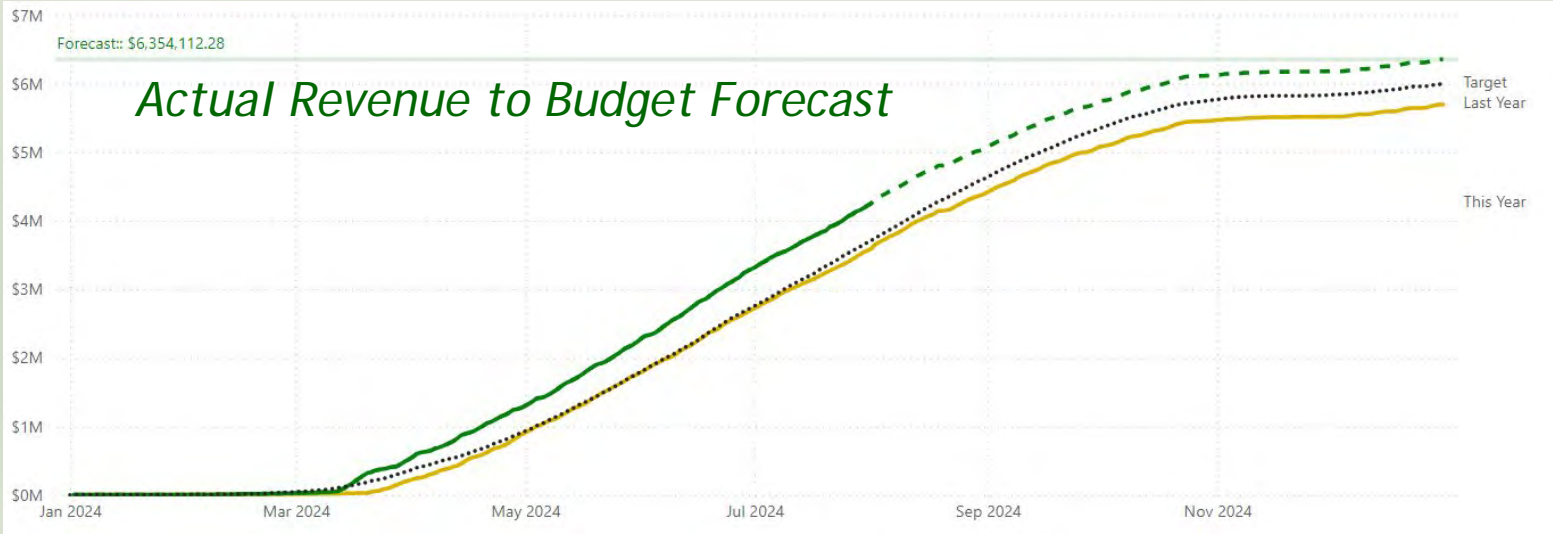
Golf Scorecard



Course Revenue

Net Less Commission

Downriver	\$1,111,493.71
Esmeralda	\$1,062,556.45
Qualchan	\$1,049,701.48
Indian Canyon	\$1,006,374.09





City of Spokane
PARKS
& RECREATION



*Questions Or
Comments?*

Spokane Park Board

Briefing Paper



Committee	N/A			Committee meeting date: N/A
Requester	Garrett Jones		Phone number:	
Type of agenda item	<input type="radio"/> Consent	<input type="radio"/> Discussion	<input type="radio"/> Information	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Action
Type of contract/agreement	<input type="radio"/> New	<input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext.	<input type="radio"/> Lease	<input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input checked="" type="radio"/> Other
City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)				
Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy (Click HERE for link to the adopted plan)	Goals B, C, E, H, I, and K	Master Plan Priority Tier: ¹ (pg. 171-175)		
Item title: (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	A resolution outlining the Park Board's support of exploring an outdoor learning center at People's Park.			
Begin/end dates	Begins: 08/08/2024	Ends:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	06/01/2525
Background/history:	This resolution supports exploration of a possible partnership with kwu cnxi (We Join In), Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Spokane Public Schools, to build a framework for a pilot outdoor learning center at People's Park. The location is culturally significant for the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the center could create a unique outdoor classroom setting for an indigenous culture-grounded curriculum rich with experiential learning.			
Motion wording:	Move to approve the resolution outlining the Park Board's support of exploring an outdoor learning center at People's Park.			
Approvals/signatures outside Parks:	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No		
If so, who/what department, agency or company:				
Name:	Email address:	Phone:		
Distribution:	Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrach Requester: Garrett Jones Grant Management Department/Name:			
	Fianna Dickson Al Vorderbrueggen Jason Conley			
Fiscal impact: <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue				
Amount:	Budget code:			
N/A				
Vendor: <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor				
Supporting documents:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)	<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - City of Spokane	<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)			
<input type="checkbox"/> UBI: Business license expiration date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)			

CITY OF SPOKANE
PARK BOARD RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION outlining the Park Board's support of exploring a pilot project, outdoor learning center at People's Park, in partnership with kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) nonprofit, Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Spokane Public Schools

WHEREAS, the Park Board is interested in exploring a possible partnership with kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In), Spokane Tribe of Indians, and Spokane Public Schools to draft a collaborative framework to pilot an outdoor learning center school at People's Park; and

WHEREAS, this partnership would promote physical activity and mental well-being among students by encouraging outdoor education and recreation, which have been shown to improve academic performance, reduce stress, and support overall health and wellness, thus contributing to the holistic development of Spokane's youth; and

WHEREAS, educational outcomes for Indigenous students have historically been the poorest in the state for nearly a century. Brain science tells us that for information to be retained in long-term memory, it must be contextual and relevant to students' lives and identities; and

WHEREAS, kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) is a non-profit with this mission: "kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) looks to our First Language Speakers and Cultural Knowledge Keepers to guide us in recreating indigenous education that our ancestors practiced prior to colonization"; and

WHEREAS, kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) recognizes the significant challenges in implementing an Indigenous culture-grounded curriculum. This partnership would emphasize that our culture begins with our land, and our stories tell us that our ability to speak and the sounds of our language come from the land and animals themselves. kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) aim to provide language and cultural experiences to students farthest from opportunity with the utmost cultural integrity by connecting them with the land, language, and traditions. kʷu cnxiʔ (We Join In) goal is to revitalize our language and culture, improve educational outcomes, and increase emotional well-being for children who have historically struggled the most in public school education; and

WHEREAS, for over 700 generations, Spokane Tribe of Indians people gathered at the Spokane Falls, living and thriving on what is now called Peaceful Valley and People's Park. To this day, there is medicine and teachings that the land and river provide. Spokane Tribe of Indians' goal is the healing that comes with learning your language, and being connected with the world around you, to propel youth into a society

where they step with confidence, they are empowered, loved, and supported people; and

WHEREAS, a collaboration to establish outdoor education centers with Spokane Public Schools will enhance the learning experience by providing students with hands-on, experiential learning opportunities in natural settings, thereby fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of environmental science, ecology, local ecosystems, and indigenous culture; and

WHEREAS, an outdoor learning center aligns with the Park Board adopted Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan which supports this type of use, including:

- Goal B: Inland Northwest Living, Objective 1, prioritizing nature play in District 3
- Goal C: Preserve our Wild, Objective 3, initiate interdisciplinary partnerships for land management
- Goal C: Preserve our Wild, Objective 5, enhance our natural lands with projects to restore ecologies
- Goal E: Care for and Activate the Spokane River
- Goal H: Build Awareness, Objective 3, partnerships with schools
- Goal I: Diversity of Offerings, Objective 2, commit to diversity, equity, and inclusion in programming
- Goal K: Maintain & Care, Objective 4, environmental education, “explore partnerships for pilot projects for school-based environmental learning camp or after school program”
- Goal K: Maintain & Care, Objective 5, expand programs for improved park sustainability and resilience, “integrate additional education and outreach programs that promote natural resource stewardship, and explore possibility for nature and water center of education of community including youth”

WHEREAS, People’s Park is recognized as a culturally significant site for the Spokane Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, the parties are committed to engaging the neighborhood and other stakeholders to gather important feedback about this possible pilot project and its impacts; and

WHEREAS, next steps will include parties establishing objectives/goals, phasing/timing, preliminary design concepts (infrastructure, security/controlled access, natural resources assessment), community outreach, and drafting a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU) that lays out the roles and responsibly of each partner; and

WHEREAS, an MOU for this pilot would build upon the current Joint Use Agreement between Spokane Public Schools and City of Spokane Parks & Recreation, and align with a separate MOU in development between the Spokane Tribe and Spokane Parks & Recreation regarding snx^w mene? island in Riverfront Park.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED the Park Board is supportive of further exploring a pilot project, Outdoor Learning Center at People's Park, in partnership with k^wu cnxi? (We Join In), Spokane Tribe of Indians and Spokane Public Schools.

ADOPTED BY THE PARK BOARD ON _____

Park Board President

Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Clerk

Assistant City Attorney

Outdoor Learning Center - pilot project concept at People's Park



People's Park in Peaceful Valley



The idea

- ▶ Native educators leading cultural activities on the land
- ▶ Providing language and cultural experiences to students farthest from opportunity with the utmost cultural integrity by connecting them with the land, language, and traditions
- ▶ Promoting physical activity and mental well-being among students by encouraging outdoor education and recreation -- shown to improve academic performance, reduce stress, and support health & wellness
- ▶ Fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of environmental science, ecology, local ecosystems, and indigenous culture
- ▶ Honoring this culturally-significant site with meaningful activations
- ▶ Opportunities around restoration and natural land management

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The partners



**Spokane Tribe
of Indians**



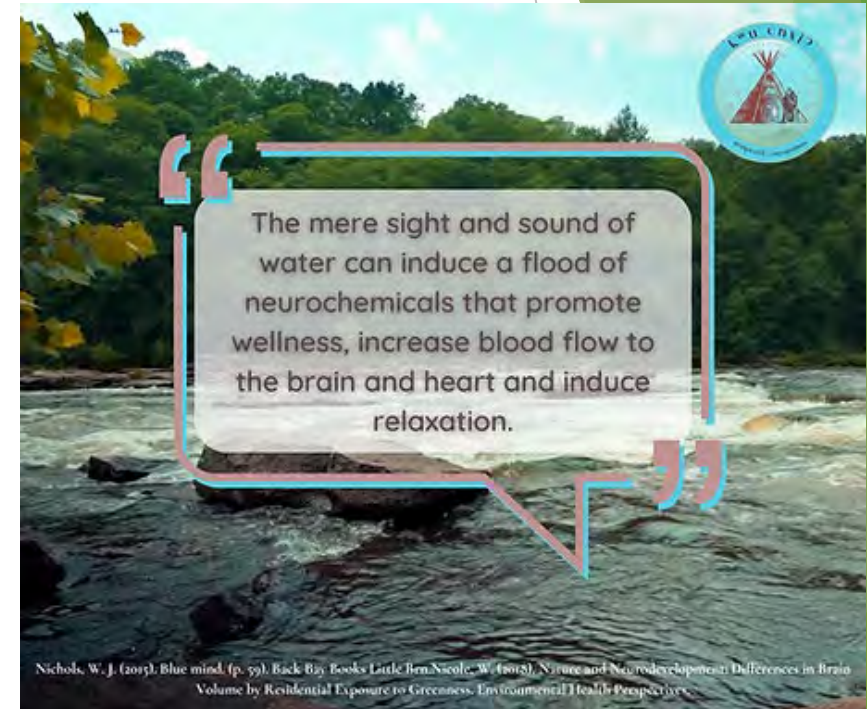
Spokane Public Schools



The why for Parks & Recreation

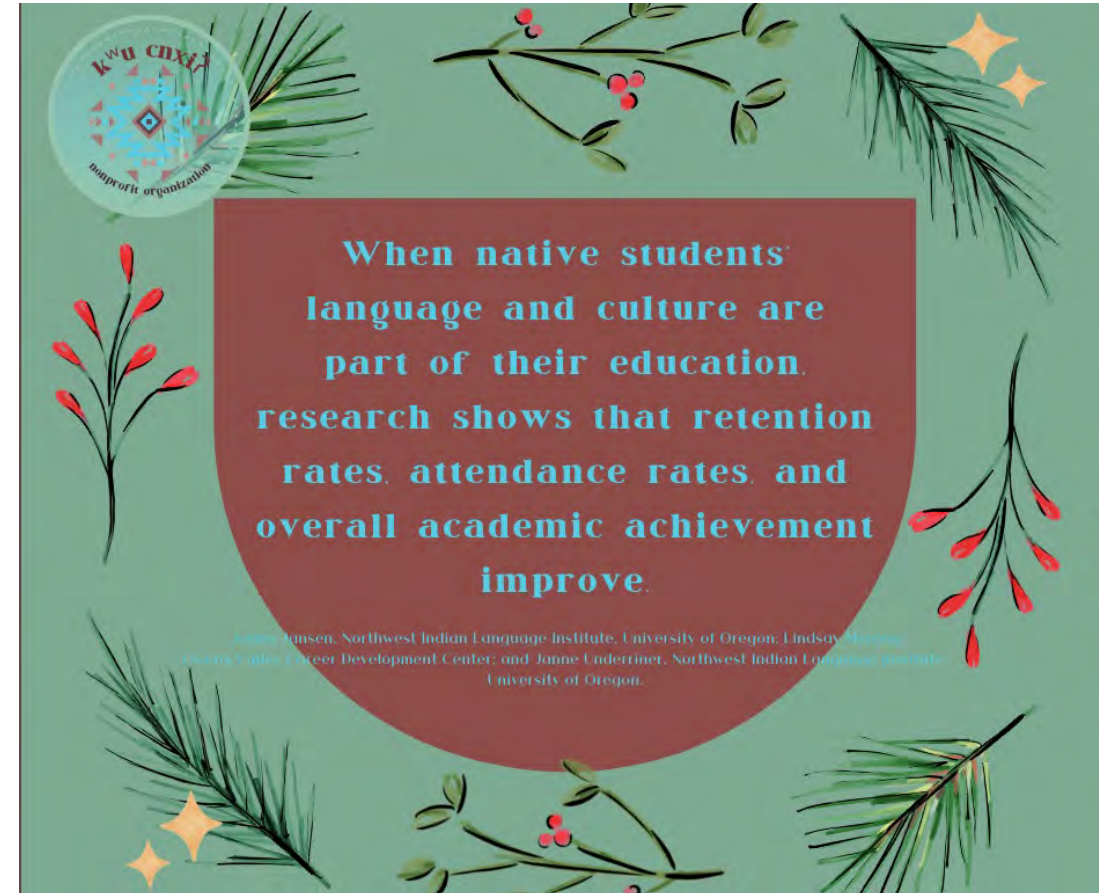
Master Plan alignment

- ▶ Goal B: Inland Northwest Living
 - ▶ Objective 1 - prioritizing nature play in District 3
- ▶ Goal C: Preserve our Wild
 - ▶ Objective 3 - initiate interdisciplinary partnerships for land management
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 - ▶ Objective 2 - commit to diversity, equity, and inclusion in programming
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 - ▶ Objective 5 - expand programs for improved park sustainability and resilience, “integrate additional education and outreach programs that promote natural resource stewardship, and explore possibility for nature and water center of education of community including youth”



Next steps

- ▶ Establishing joint goals/objectives with all partners
- ▶ Phasing/timing plan
- ▶ Preliminary design concepts
- ▶ Explore Recreation program tie-ins
- ▶ Community outreach, gathering feedback
- ▶ Draft MOU that builds upon the joint use agreement with Spokane Public Schools





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JULY 2024









a **POP-UP** in
RIVERFRONT PARK

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

JULY 25TH

'70s FOCUSED

AUG 1ST

'80s FOCUSED

AUG 8TH

'90s FOCUSED

3 thursday nights from 6pm-9pm
at the NUMERICA SKATE RIBBON

**FOOD &
DRINKS
AVAILABLE**

**SKATES
\$5.95**

**SCOOTERS
\$7.95**

This **"Pop-Up"** is designed to provide an outdoor skate location where skaters can get together, hangout, and socialize with your skates on. This is an **all ages event**.

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Megan Moroney

WITH SPECIAL GUEST LOGAN CROSBY



FRIDAY JULY
SPOKANE PAVILION

Riverfront
MOVES
FITNESS SERIES

Presented by:
Providence

barre 3

ECLIPSE
POWER YOGA

Natanam Dance School

Dance First. Everything else later.





Rotary Fountain / Visitor Center
3 min / .1 mi

Centennial Trail
1 min / .1 mi

New Stepwell Fence

NATIONAL

carrousel day

THURSDAY, JULY 25

