



**Spokane Park Board**  
**Special meeting minutes**  
3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2026  
In-person in Council Chambers, City Hall, and  
Webex virtual meeting

<b>Park Board Members</b>	<b>Parks Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Bob Anderson – President (absent/excused)	Al Vorderbrueggen	Dante Jester
X Barb Richey – Vice President (president pro tem)	Carl Strong	Dr. Jon Isacoff
Garrett Jones – Secretary (absent/excused)	Jonathan Moog	
X Greta Gilman	Jennifer Papich	
X Sally Lodato	Nick Hamad	
X Gerry Sperling	Megan Dyson	<b>City Staff</b>
X Doug Kelley	Fianna Dickson	
X Lindsey Shaw	Briana Ruffing	
X Lee Williams	Sarah Deatrich	
[Vacant]		
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X Paul Dillon – City Council liaison (arrived 3:32)		

**MINUTES**

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- 1. Roll Call:** Barb Richey  
The meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. See above for attendance.
- 2. Additions or deletions to the agenda:**  
A. None
- 3. Public comments:**  
A. None
- 4. Consent agenda:**
  - Administrative and committee-level items
    - [March 12, 2026, regular Park Board meeting minutes](#)
    - [Claims – March 2026](#)
    - [CamCo Construction, Inc. / B.A. Clark Park Restroom Renovation Construction \(\\$145,713.40 plus tax\) - Berry Ellison](#)
    - [Bacon Concrete / Franklin Park Pedestrian Pathway Construction \(\\$299,197.00 including tax & management reserve\) – Heather Smith](#)
    - [South Perry Together / South Perry History Project MOU \(no cost\) – Nick Hamad](#)
    - [Spokane Youth and Senior Center Association Grant Funding Application RFP results and funding allocations for 2027/2028 for the total amount of \\$628,914.00 - Jennifer Papich](#)
    - [Cameron Reilly, LLC. through Equalis Group Contract #COG-2138B / Riverfront Park Sport Court Resurfacing \(\\$63,891.00 + tax\) – Nick Hamad](#)

**Motion No. 1:** Gerry Sperling moved to approve consent agenda items #1 - #7, as presented. Lee Williams seconded.

Motion passed with unanimous consent (8-0)

5. **Special guests**

A. **Climate Resilience and Spokane Parks** – Dante Jester / Dr. Jon Isacoff

The institute for Climate, Water, and the Environment (Climate Institute) is based at Gonzaga University and focuses on regional capacity building, scholarship, and teaching, to promote flourishing of inland NW communities, waters, and lands in the face of a changing climate. Dante uses outreach, education, and community-based research to understand how people are experiencing extreme heat and wildfire smoke, what solutions they want to see, and make sure they have the resources they need to stay safe during extreme weather events. This work is in response to the 2021 NW heat dome when there were 157 heat-related deaths in WA, 19 of which were in Spokane County. During the studies and outreach, it became apparent that extreme heat correlates with wildfire smoke and must also be addressed, which can be difficult because the solutions of the two often contradict.

The Climate institute received a grant from the WA State Department of Ecology that invested in a partnership with the City of Spokane and Spokane Parks so that Parks could replace some of their diesel-powered equipment with electric versions. The grant was funded by money from the Climate Commitment Act.

In response to community feedback, the Climate Institute developed an interactive online map that shows locations of cooling centers, drinking fountains, pools, and other places that people can cool off during extreme heat. In 2022, they did an urban heat island mapping campaign to learn how heat differs throughout Spokane, and which neighborhoods are hotter than others.

The Spokane Community Resilience Collaborative, which includes 15 active member organizations, has three main goals: 1) to develop city-wide extreme heat and wildfire smoke resilience plans for Spokane; 2) to develop a network of climate resilient community buildings with supportive programming and infrastructure throughout Spokane; 3) to create and maintain digital tools that provide educational resources to build household-level resilience. Extreme heat and wildfire smoke resilience plans have been developed for 2025-2030. Three action items in the plan stand out as park related: 1) increasing urban tree canopy to 30% by 2030; 2) expanding availability and accessibility of community gardening spaces; 3) improving park availability and access.

Doug Kelley asked whether the area senior centers are a resource for seniors to utilize to escape extreme heat and poor air quality. Dante explained that the Climate Institute has been working with Meals on Wheels to get educational information out to the people they serve. They are working on building relationships with the senior centers and trying to evaluate how they can best collaborate to empower them to be places of clean air and cooling.

Gerry Sperling asked how the Climate Institute narrows down which households need assistance and whether they have any financial support to be able to redirect the families. Dante stated that they work with other organizations who already have strong relationships in the communities. The Climate Institute helps the organizations write grants and get funding to empower them to do more of their work in the community. The Climate Institute is almost entirely grant and benefaction funded. They spend a lot of time grant writing and looking for new partners.

Lee Williams asked what Dante sees in the future of this work regarding city parks. Dante said that she would defer to Parks staff who do the work, but explained that the Climate Institute does community surveys, symposium events, and data walks, to find out what people want to see in Spokane.

6. **Financial report and budget update** – Megan Dyson presented the March financial report and budget update.
  - A. Park Fund: The March year-to-date operating expenditures for the Park Fund are approximately \$402,000 less than the two-year budget average. Year-to-date revenues are about \$162,000 less than the two-year budget average. Revenues are exceeding expenditures nearly \$1.73 million year-to-date.
  - B. Golf Fund: The March year-to-date operating expenditures for the Golf Fund are about \$90,000 less than the two-year average. Year-to-date revenues are above the two-year budget average approximately \$110,000. Revenues are exceeding expenditures about \$463,000 year-to-date.
7. **Special discussion/action items:**
  - A. Special discussion items
    - 1) **Park Operations update** – Carl Strong

Park Operations has been busy keeping up our parks! Among their list of accomplishments over the past year are:

- Irrigation renovations and repairs
- Taming invasive woody vegetation from borders at developed/natural park interface (Cliff, Liberty, Lincoln, Underhill, and Wentle Grant)
- Extending Merkel softball fields to accommodate 80-foot bases, allowing older children to use them
- Major pool repairs and upgrades
- 2,000 yards of bark in playgrounds and equipment replacements at 15 parks
- Cleaning graffiti and vandalism repairs
- 58 park lights soon to be replaced

Park Operations admin has kept busy onboarding temp/seasonal employees, processing contracts, processing payments for TRS participants, and more; and the reservations team is busy booking events such as yoga at Manito, Easter egg hunts, and concerts.

Park Operations equipment shop has processed 1000+ work orders and will receive two large area mowers this year.

B. Special action items: None

## 8. **Committee reports:**

**Urban Forestry Tree Committee:** March 31, 2026 – Lindsey Shaw

A. Action items: None

The committee discussed some of Parks' various partnerships.

Arbor Day celebration will be at Finch Arboretum on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 2:00. A separate ribbon cutting for a see and touch trail opening will also be there.

The Daughters of the American Revolution are going to plant ornamental cherry trees in the Never Forget Garden in Riverfront Park.

Approximately 1,350 free tree seedlings will be available to the public soon.

- B. The next scheduled meeting is 4:15 p.m. May 5, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

**Land Committee:** April 1, 2026 – Greta Gilman

- A. Action items: Three of three action items were presented on the consent agenda.

Two of the action items were for exciting renovations to two parks: a restroom renovation and a pedestrian pathway.

The third was an MOU with South Perry Together, who have received funding to organize a historic walking tour. The approved MOU is for Parks to construct and maintain a sign in Grant Park which will provide historical information.

- B. The next scheduled meeting is 3:30 p.m. May 6, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

**Recreation Committee:** April 1, 2026 – Sally Lodato

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

The committee approved a recommendation for the '27/'28 SYSCA grant funding allocations, which was presented on the consent agenda here today. This will be the first update to the funding model since 2013. Following the closure of the SW Community Center in 2024, staff and the committee took the opportunity to develop a more intentional, transparent, equitable, and data-driven process. A funding model review committee worked over 10 months to design and implement a standardized application and scoring system. The new model includes 80% baseline funding guarantee for all eligible centers, and a 20% performance-based allocation distributed proportionately based on the application scores and rankings.

Jennifer Papich presented a recreation update to the committee.

- B. The next scheduled meeting is 2:15 p.m. May 6, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

**Riverfront Park Committee:** April 6, 2026 – Gerry Sperling

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

The basketball court resurfacing project approved on the consent agenda is slated to finish prior to Hoopfest.

Gerry recapped recent activities in RFP. Notably, Sip & Soar is extremely popular and sells out nearly immediately upon release. Staff are considering additional times and dates. Additionally, an Easter egg hunt was very well attended, and children searched for 20,000 hidden eggs.

- B. The next scheduled meeting is 4:30 p.m. May 11, 2026, Riverfront Park Pavilion conference room, and virtually via Webex.

**Golf Committee:** April 7, 2026 – Barb Richey

A. Action items: None

Courses are open and busy with thousands of rounds having already been played to date.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 8:00 a.m. May 12, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

**Finance Committee:** April 7, 2026 – Gerry Sperling

A. Action items: None

Capital timing with levy transfers is finished and on track. Rich Lentz will continue to keep the board informed of the spending of levy dollars.

Golf had a jump start this season with an early opening; however, typical Spokane springtime weather quickly shut courses down. All courses are now up and running once more.

B. The next scheduled meeting is 3:00 p.m. May 12, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

**Development & Volunteer Committee:** The DVC does not meet in April. – Lee Williams

A. Action items: None

DVC did not meet in April; however, Lee happily reported that the group keeps growing. New faces visit nearly every month and new friends groups are in the works. The DVCAC will be considering expanding how they are meeting and build their strength with volunteers.

B. The next scheduled Development & Volunteer Committee meeting is 12:00 p.m. May 13, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

## 9. **Reports**

A. President (pro tem): Barb Richey

Barb recognized members Lee Williams, Greta Gilman, Lindsey Shaw, and Sally Lodato for serving on the nominating committee to bring forward a slate of four potential members to fill the vacant seats on the board. The names have been sent to the mayor in hopes she will select two of the candidates.

Park Board retreat will be May 8<sup>th</sup>.

B. Liaisons

1) Conservation Futures – Doug Kelley

The Fancher project, which has been on hold for a couple years, is now going to the county commissioners for approval. The dollar amount is higher than County Parks had hoped, but the money is in the Conservation Futures fund. This could potentially expand Beacon Hill to a much larger area from Sekani to the Beacon Hill housing project.

2) Parks Foundation – Lindsey Shaw

The foundation has awarded a total of \$85,400 to 23 community grant recipients in 2026. An additional \$10,000 will be donated through the Make a Splash program for kids, to support swim lesson scholarships and drowning prevention clinics at Spokane pools.

### 3) City Council – Paul Dillon

Council recently passed an affordable housing package utilizing about \$2.5 million pass-through federal dollars.

Council worked with the Gonzaga Climate Institute on a right to cooling ordinance which came about in response to 2021 heat-related deaths in Spokane. This ordinance would see temperature as a measure of habitability, specifically in bedrooms. The first hearing will be at the PIES committee on Monday, April 13.

Council is also working on an ordinance regarding permitting for food trucks, zoning for their availability, and closing more streets for festivals.

City Council is working on their comprehensive plan, which will guide growth in the City of Spokane through 2046. They will have a joint meeting with the Planning Commission on Tuesday, April 14.

The Council of Governments meeting about the Safe and Healthy Task Force was held last week where there was discussion about the future of the jail, behavioral health and substance abuse needs, and how to fund those measures.

C. Director (pro tem): Al Vorderbrueggen

Al mentioned the new, federally mandated policy change on ADA requirements which will affect many of Parks' administrative employees.

Park planners are keeping busy with projects in progress and coming soon.

Parks is still hiring temp/seasonal help and details are on the website.

Al extended thanks to the many Friends groups that are helping with spring cleanups.

#### 10. **Executive session**

A. None

#### 11. **Correspondence:**

A. Letters/email: None

#### 12. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

#### 13. **Meeting dates**

A. Committee meetings:

Urban Forestry Tree Committee: 4:15 p.m. May 5, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

Land Committee: 3:30 p.m. May 6, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

Recreation Committee: 2:15 p.m. May 6, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

Riverfront Park Committee: 4:30 p.m. May 11, 2026, Riverfront Park Pavilion conference room, and virtually via Webex

Golf Committee: 8:00 a.m. May 12, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

Finance Committee: 3:00 p.m. May 12, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

Development & Volunteer Committee: 12:00 p.m. May 13, 2026, Finch Arboretum Woodland Center, and virtually via Webex.

B. Park Board: 3:30 p.m. May 14, 2026, Council Chambers, lower-level City Hall, and virtually via Webex.

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

Minutes approved by: *Al Vorderbrueggen*  
Al Vorderbrueggen, pro tem Park Board Secretary & Director

**CITY OF SPOKANE PARK AND RECREATION DIVISION  
MARCH 2026 EXPENDITURE CLAIMS  
FOR PARK BOARD APPROVAL - APRIL 9, 2026**

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

SALARIES & WAGES	\$	1,024,133.88
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$	421,450.66
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	\$	-
PARK CUMULATIVE RESERVE FUND	\$	128,922.08

**RFP BOND 2015 IMPROVEMENTS:**

CAPITAL OUTLAY		
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**GOLF:**

SALARIES & WAGES	\$	140,904.58
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$	140,698.74
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	960.00
DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS	\$	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>1,857,069.94</u></b>

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## Briefing Paper



<b>Committee</b>	Land Committee	<b>Committee meeting date:</b> April 1, 2026	
<b>Requester</b>	Berry Ellison	<b>Phone number:</b> 509 625-6276	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for link to the adopted plan)	Goal K, Objective 1	<b>Master Plan Priority Tier:</b>	Tier 1 (pg. 171-175)
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Camco Construction, Inc / BA Clark Park Restroom Renovation (\$138,774.67 plus tax) and plus 5% management reserve		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 05/04/2026	Ends: 05/03/2027	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
<b>Background/history:</b>			
<p>Contract with apparent low responsive bidder Camco Construction, Inc. for the 'base bid' scope of work for the B.A. Clark Park Restroom Renovation project. Contracted scope includes improvements to the mens and womens restroom stalls to improve the function and aesthetics of the building while adding lighting and signage. The 'Alternate 1' scope of work is not included in the project.</p> <p>This project was included in the 2026 adopted park capital project list and is funded by the neighborhood park improvement levy. The renovation was designed with the assistance of a local Architect and has been approved for permit by City Planning &amp; Development. City Purchasing solicited for bid and received two qualified Bids.</p> <p>Park Staff requests approval of the base bid project scope plus a 5% administrative reserve to cover any unforeseen conditions encountered during construction. The Alternate 1 scope will not be included.</p>			
<b>Motion wording:</b>			
Motion to approve Camco Construction, Inc construction contract for the 'BA Clark Park Restroom Renovation' project in the amount of \$138,774.67 (plus tax), plus 5% management reserve.			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company: Camco Construction, Inc			
Name: Leif Challender		Email address: leif@camcoconstruction.net	Phone: 509 868-2331
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Parks – Accounting		nhamad@spokanecity.org	
Parks – Sarah Deatrich		mdyson@spokanecity.org	
Requester: bellison@spokanecity.org			
Grant Management Department/Name:			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
\$138,774.67 (plus tax)		1950-54920-94760-56504-48026	
\$6,938.74 plus tax (5% management reserve)		1950-54920-94760-56504-48026	
<b>Vendor:</b> <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input checked="" type="radio"/> New vendor			
<b>Supporting documents:</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)		<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the MRSC Roster - City of Spokane		<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UBI: 604-768-322    Business license expiration date: 7/30/26		<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)	

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<b>Committee</b>	Land Committee	<b>Committee meeting date:</b> April 1, 2026	
<b>Requester</b>	Heather Smith	<b>Phone number:</b> 509.724.3585	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for link to the adopted plan)	Goal B; Obj. 2, Goal G; Obj. 1	<b>Master Plan Priority Tier:</b>	Tier 1 (pg. 171-175)
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Bacon Concrete, Inc. / Franklin Park Pedestrian Pathway Construction (\$282,000.00 including tax) plus 10% management reserve		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 04/09/2026	Ends: 09/04/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
<b>Background/history:</b>			
<p>Contract with apparent low responsive bidder to PW ITB #6502-26, Bacon Concrete, Inc. for construction of the 'Franklin Park Pedestrian Pathway' project. Contracted scope includes the placement of an 8'-12' wide asphalt pedestrian pathway in the southern half of Franklin Park.</p> <p>This project was included in the 2026 adopted park capital project list and is funded by the neighborhood park improvement levy. 'Trails for Park Access' were identified in the park and natural lands master plan as a "Tier 1" priority in District 3.</p> <p>Park Staff requests approval of the project bid price plus a 10% administrative reserve to cover any unforeseen conditions encountered during construction.</p>			
<b>Motion wording:</b>			
Motion to approve Bacon Concrete, Inc. construction contract for the 'Franklin Park Pedestrian Pathway' project in the amount of \$282,000.00 (including tax) plus 10% management reserve.			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company: Bacon Concrete, Inc.			
Name: Greg Bacon		Email address: greg@baconconcrete.com	Phone: (509) 998-9251
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Parks – Accounting		thea prince	
Parks – Sarah Deatrich		nick hamad	
Requester: hmsmith@spokanecity.org			
Grant Management Department/Name:			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
\$282,000.00 (incl. tax )		1950-54920-94760-48092	
\$28,200.00 (10% management reserve )		1950-54920-94760-48092	
<b>Vendor:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor			
<b>Supporting documents:</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business license		Expiration date: 6/30/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate

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<b>Committee</b>	Land Committee	<b>Committee meeting date:</b> April 1, 2026	
<b>Requester</b>	Nick Hamad	<b>Phone number:</b> 509 625-6276	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for link to the adopted plan)	Goal G, Objective 2	<b>Master Plan Priority Tier:</b> (pg. 171-175)	N/A
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	South Perry Together / South Perry History Project MOU (no cost)		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 04/09/2026	Ends: 12/31/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
<b>Background/history:</b>			
<p>South Perry Together, a private non-profit received a grant to develop, fabricate and install signage within / nearby Grant Park celebrating the local history of the neighborhood as a part of a South Perry Neighborhood History Walking Tour.</p> <p>This agreement grants the ability to develop and install the proposed signage, so long as all costs, permits, and installation is provided by the South Perry Together organization and complies with the authorization and direction received from Spokane Parks.</p> <p>A future agreement will be developed for ongoing maintenance of the signage.</p>			
<b>Motion wording:</b>			
Motion to approve South Perry History Project MOU with South Perry Together (no cost).			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company: South Perry Together			
Name: Beth Mcgibbon		Email address: bethmcgibbon@comcast.net	Phone: 509.209.4879
<b>Distribution:</b>			
		nhamad@spokanecity.org	
Parks – Accounting			
Parks – Sarah Deatrich			
Requester: nhamad@spokanecity.org			
Grant Management Department/Name:			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
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<b>Vendor:</b> <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input checked="" type="radio"/> New vendor			
<b>Supporting documents:</b>			
<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 MRSC 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)	

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<b>Committee</b>	Recreation Committee	<b>Committee meeting date:</b> 4/1/2026	
<b>Requester</b>	Jennifer Papich	<b>Phone number:</b> 509-363-5420	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for link to the adopted plan)	Goal G Objective 2	<b>Master Plan Priority Tier:</b> (pg. 171-175)	First Tier
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Spokane Youth and Senior Center Association Grant Funding Application RFP results and funding allocations for 2027/2028 for the total amount of \$638,578.00		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 01/01/2027	Ends: 12/31/2028	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
<b>Background/history:</b>			
<p>The funding model for Spokane Youth and Senior Center Association (SYSCA) centers has not been formally reviewed since 2013. Community center funding distribution has long been a sensitive and widely discussed topic—recognized as important to address, yet complex and challenging to navigate. As stewards of public funds, the City has a responsibility to ensure that funding decisions are transparent, equitable, and justifiable. In late 2024, the closure of Southwest Community Center resulted in an undesignated fund balance, creating a timely opportunity to revisit and evaluate the existing funding model. The purpose of this review was to establish a funding model that is fair, transparent, and data-driven; ensure consistency by aligning the evaluation process so all SYSCA centers are assessed using the same criteria; and clearly link funding allocations to the delivery and quality of recreation programming. To support this effort, a grant process was implemented. All SYSCA centers submitted complete and timely applications, which were evaluated and scored. Funding for the 2027–2028 budget was then allocated using a Baseline plus Application Scoring model. We will present the data-driven methodology used to determine the funding allocations.</p>			
<b>Motion wording:</b>			
I move to approve the Spokane Youth and Senior Center Association Grant Funding Application RFP results and funding allocations as presented for 2027/2028 for the total amount of \$638,578.00			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company:			
Name:		Email address:	Phone:
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Parks – Accounting			
Parks – Sarah Deatrach			
Requester:			
Grant Management Department/Name:			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
\$628,914.00			
<b>Vendor:</b> <input type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor			
<b>Supporting documents:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Business license		Expiration date:	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate

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<b>Committee</b>	RFP Committee	<b>Committee meeting date:</b> April 7, 2026	
<b>Requester</b>	Nick Hamad	<b>Phone number:</b> 509 363 5452	
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent <input type="radio"/> Discussion <input type="radio"/> Information <input checked="" type="radio"/> Action		
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> New <input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext. <input type="radio"/> Lease <input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order <input type="radio"/> Other		
<b>City Clerks file</b> (OPR or policy #)			
<b>Master Plan Goal, Objective, Strategy</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for link to the adopted plan)	Goal K, Objective 1	<b>Master Plan Priority Tier:</b> (pg. 171-175)	First
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	Cameron Reilly, LLC through Equalis Group Contract #COG-2138B / Riverfront Park Sport Court Resurfacing (\$63,891.00 + tax)		
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 04/09/2026	Ends: 12/31/2026	<input type="checkbox"/> 06/01/2525
<b>Background/history:</b>			
<p>This item contracts with a local vendor to remove and replace the failing sport court surfacing on the Riverfront Park North Bank sport court. The contracted vendor, Cameron Reilly, LLC is one of 3 local vendors for the Equalis Group Cooperative Purchasing Contract, and provided the lowest pricing for the required work.</p> <p>Work includes the removal of the existing sport court surfacing, texturing / preparation of the underlying concrete slab, and installation of new acrylic surfacing &amp; paint atop the court. Work is expected to be complete in advance of Hoopfest, 2026 and has a 10 year life.</p> <p>The majority of project funding is provided by the Riverfront Park 2026 maintenance budget, with a small amount of funding provided by the park levy.</p>			
<b>Motion wording:</b>			
Motion to approve Cameron Reilly, LLC. through equalis group contract #COG-2138B contract for the Riverfront PARK Sport Court Resurfacing project in the amount of \$63,891.00 plus tax.			
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			
If so, who/what department, agency or company: Cameron Reilly, LLC.			
Name: Jayson Grainger		Email address: Jayson@cameron-reilly.com	Phone: 509.209.4879
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Parks – Accounting		nhamad@spokanecity.org	
Parks – Sarah Deatrich		jayson@cameron-reilly.com	
Requester: nhamad@spokanecity.org		jmoog@spokanecity.org	
Grant Management Department/Name:			
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input type="radio"/> Expenditure <input checked="" type="radio"/> Revenue			
Amount:		Budget code:	
\$60,000.00		1400-54311-76810-54201	
\$3,891.00 + all contract tax		1950-54920-94760-56504	
<b>Vendor:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor			
<b>Supporting documents:</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB)		<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the MRSC Roster - City of Spokane		<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UBI:                      Business license expiration date:		<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)	



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## Our Mission

We engage in regional capacity building, scholarship, and teaching to promote the flourishing of inland northwest communities, waters, and lands in the face of a changing climate.



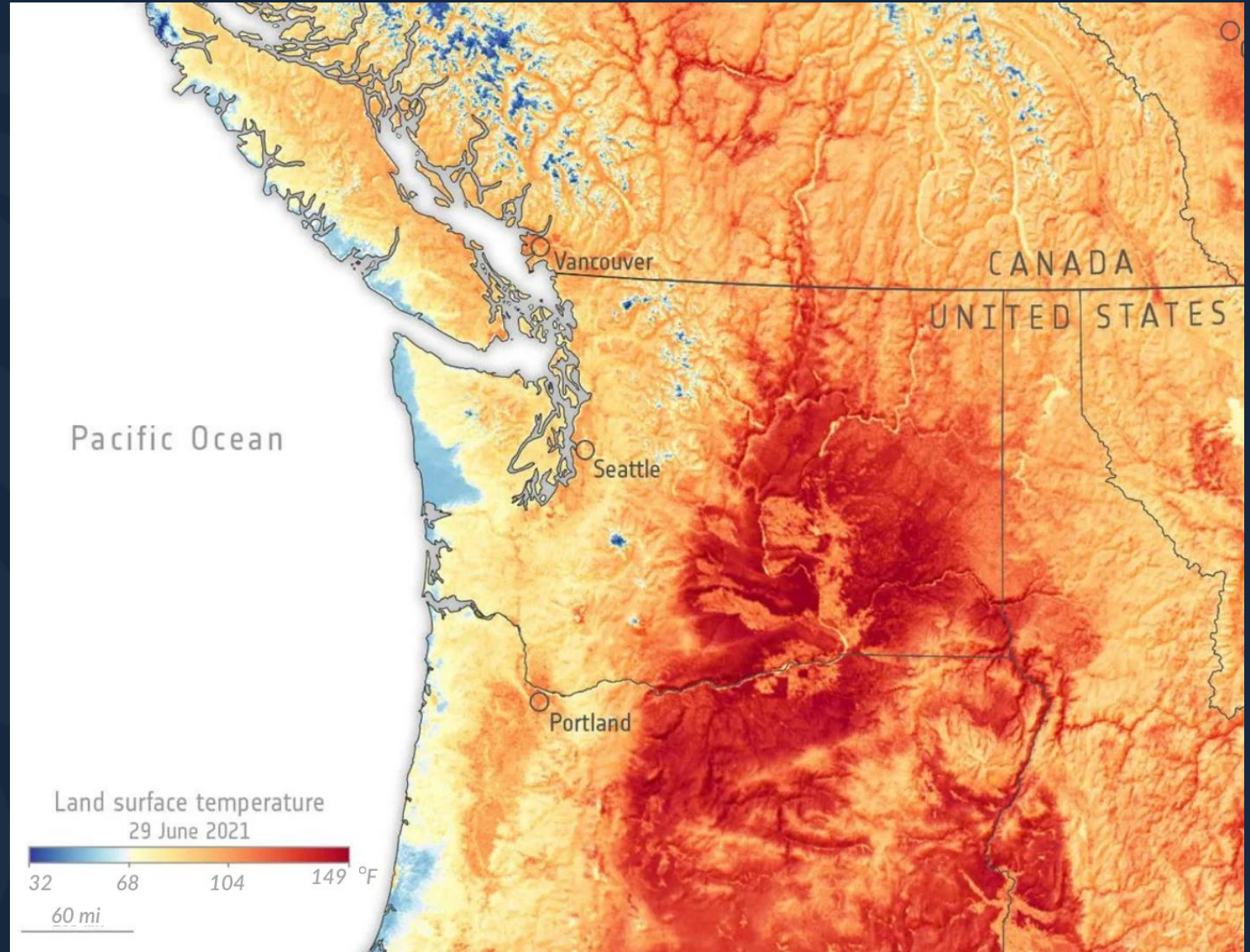
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# The Catalyzing Event:

## 2021 Northwest Heat Dome

**157** heat-related  
deaths in WA

**19** heat-related  
deaths in Spokane  
County



# It's more than just heat...

Annual number of days above  
“moderate” air quality (AQI  
101+)

**2000-2014**

2.6

**2015-2024**

9.2

**353%** increase!



Downtown Spokane in summer of 2023

Source: Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency



# Parks and Climate Institute past partnerships



# Air quality grant partnership



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ECOLOGY**  
State of Washington

\$445,012 to Parks



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**COMMITMENT**  
**ACT**

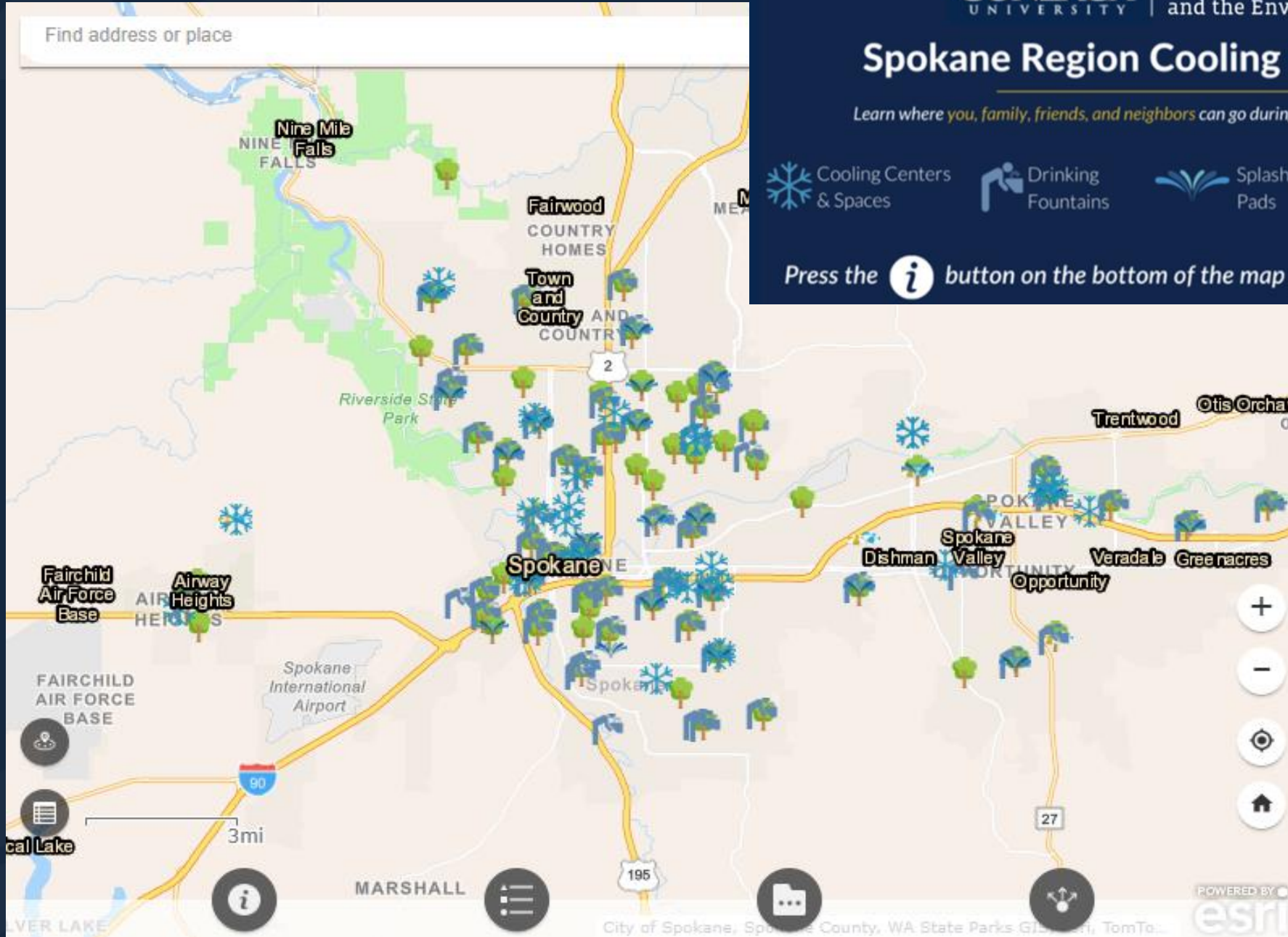


# Spokane Region Cooling Resources Map

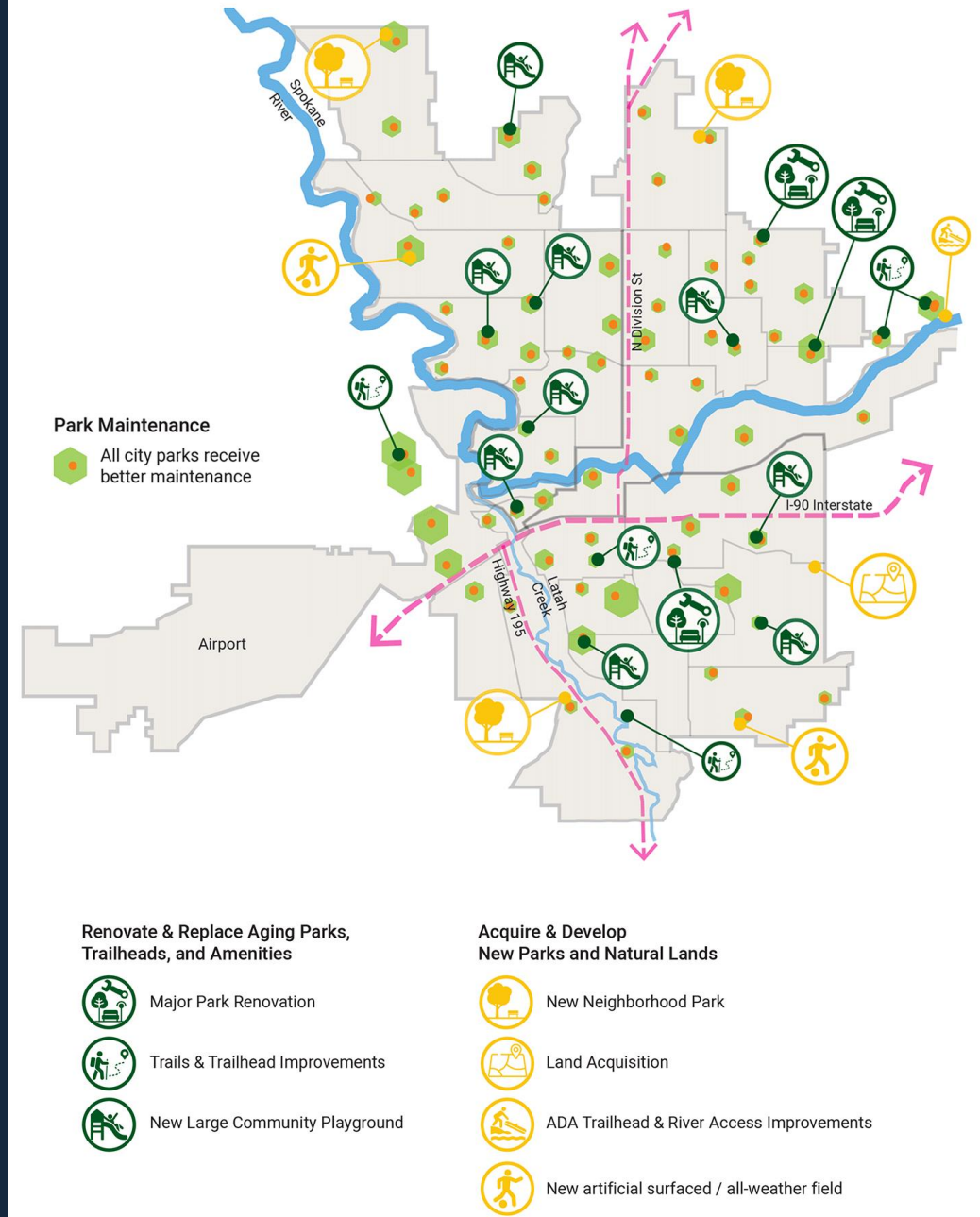
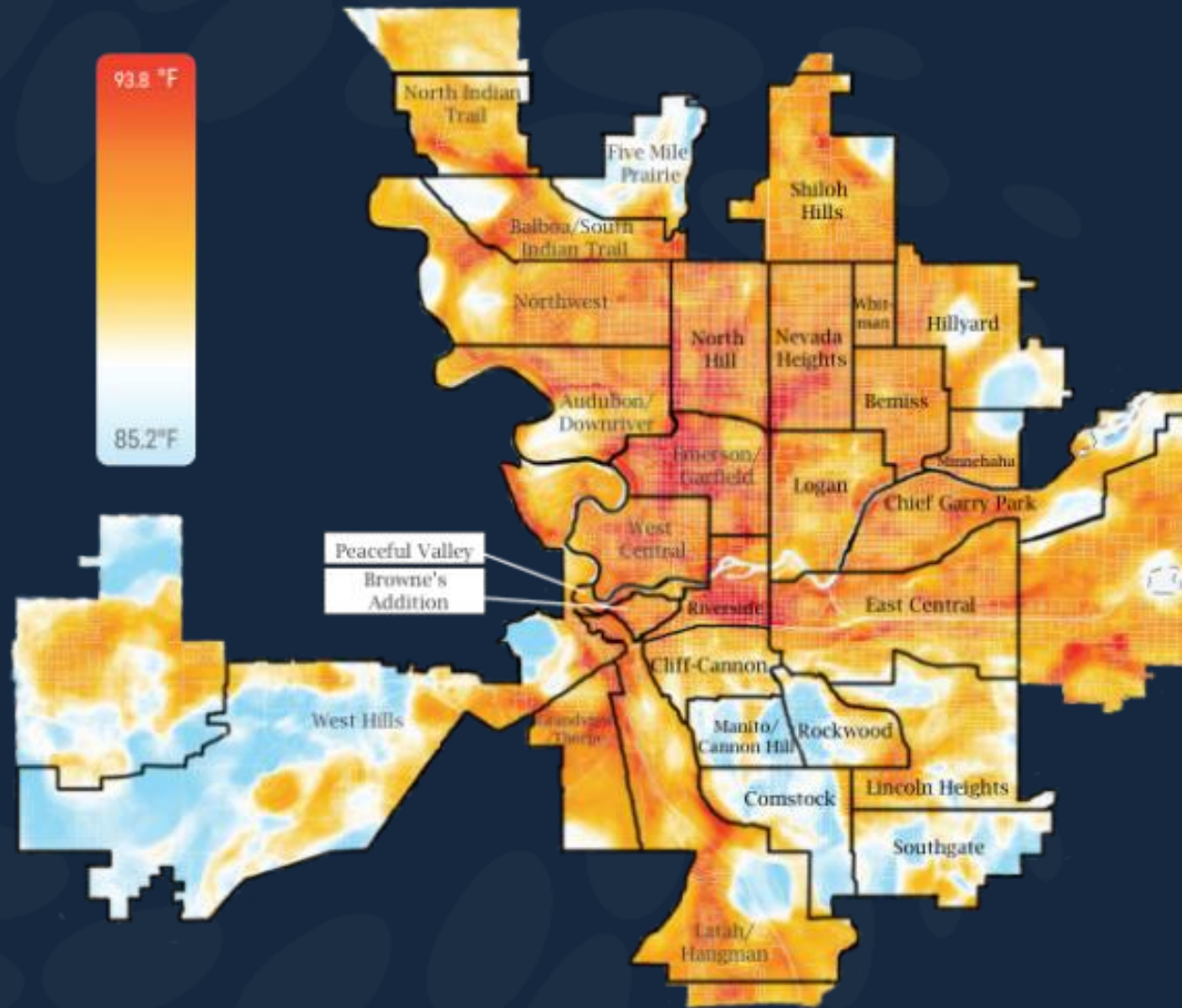
Learn where you, family, friends, and neighbors can go during extreme heat events to stay cool!

-  Cooling Centers & Spaces
-  Drinking Fountains
-  Splash Pads
-  Pools
-  Parks

Press the  button on the bottom of the map page to learn how to use the map



# Afternoon Temperatures in Spokane from 3 - 4 PM



# Spokane Community Resilience Collaborative

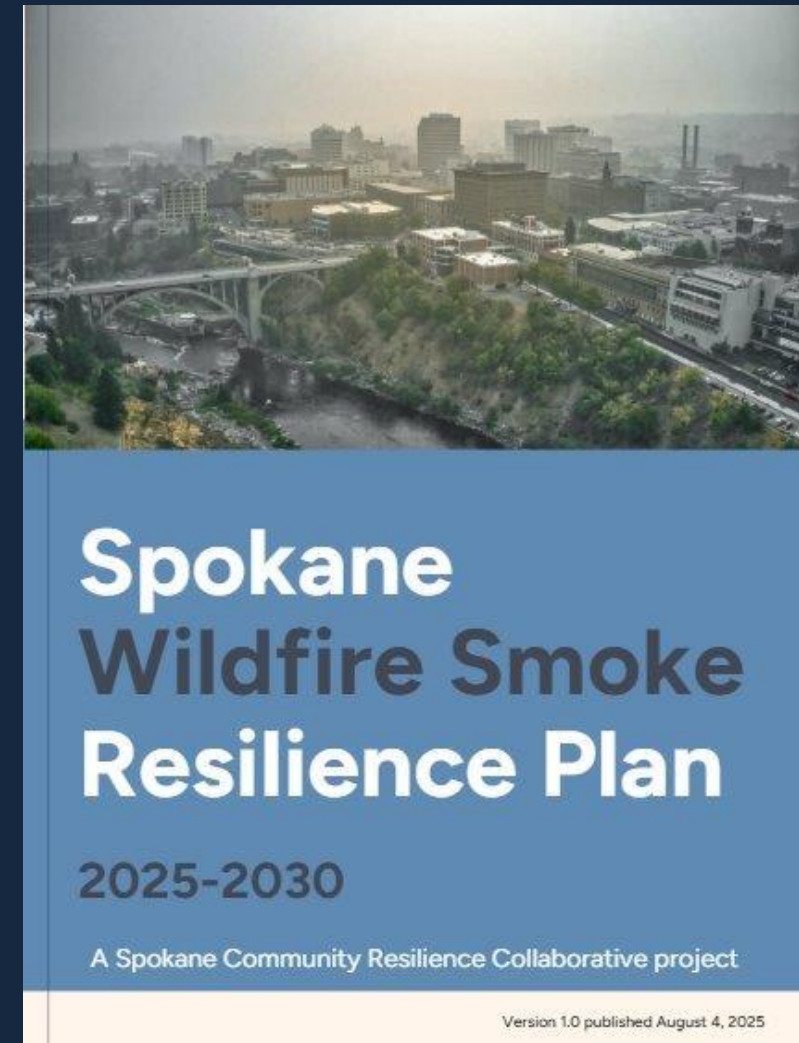
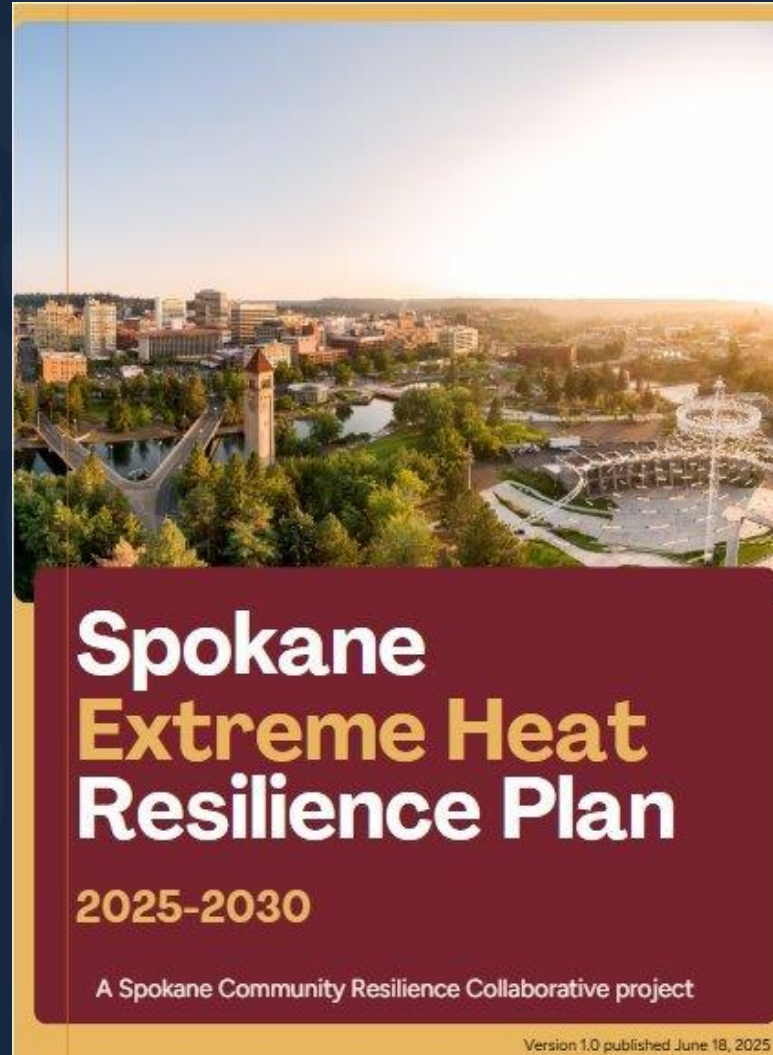
Founded in April 2024; 15 active member organizations

- **Goal 1:** Develop city-wide extreme heat and wildfire smoke resilience plans for Spokane
- **Goal 2:** Develop a network of climate resilient community buildings with supportive programming and infrastructure throughout Spokane
- **Goal 3:** Create and maintain digital tools that provide educational resources to build household-level resilience



# Priorities

- *By the community, for the community*
- Equitable access and advancement
- Proactive *and* reactive
- Collaboration and coordination



# Spokane Resilient Futures: A community-informed plan for heat and smoke safety

Opportunities to highlight the current/upcoming work of the Parks Department

- Action 4.3.1 Increase urban tree canopy to 30% by 2030
- Action 4.3.2 Expand availability and accessibility of community gardening spaces
- Action 4.3.3 Improve park availability and access



Let's collaborate for a  
better Spokane!

Questions?

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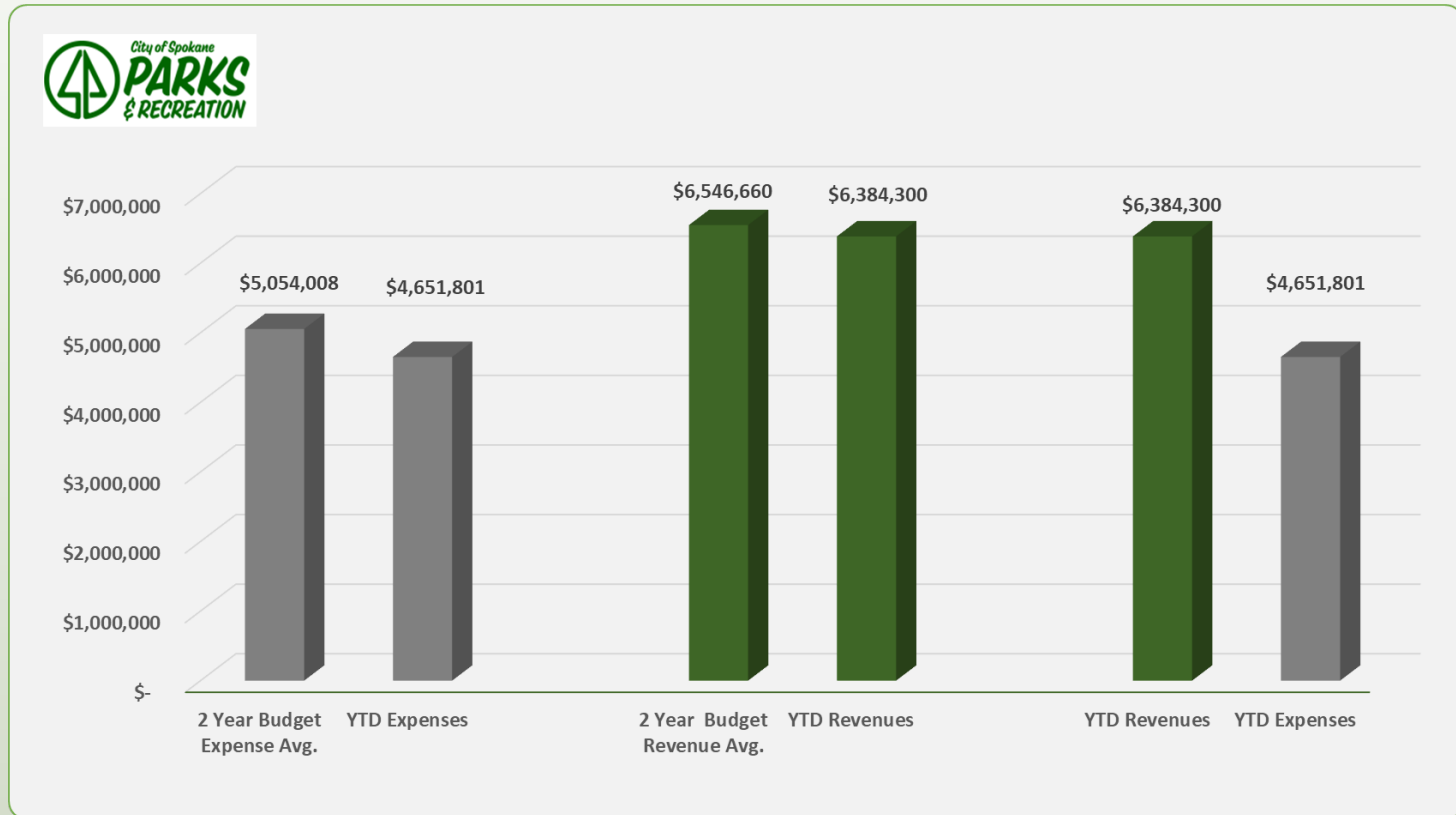
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## *March '26 Financials*

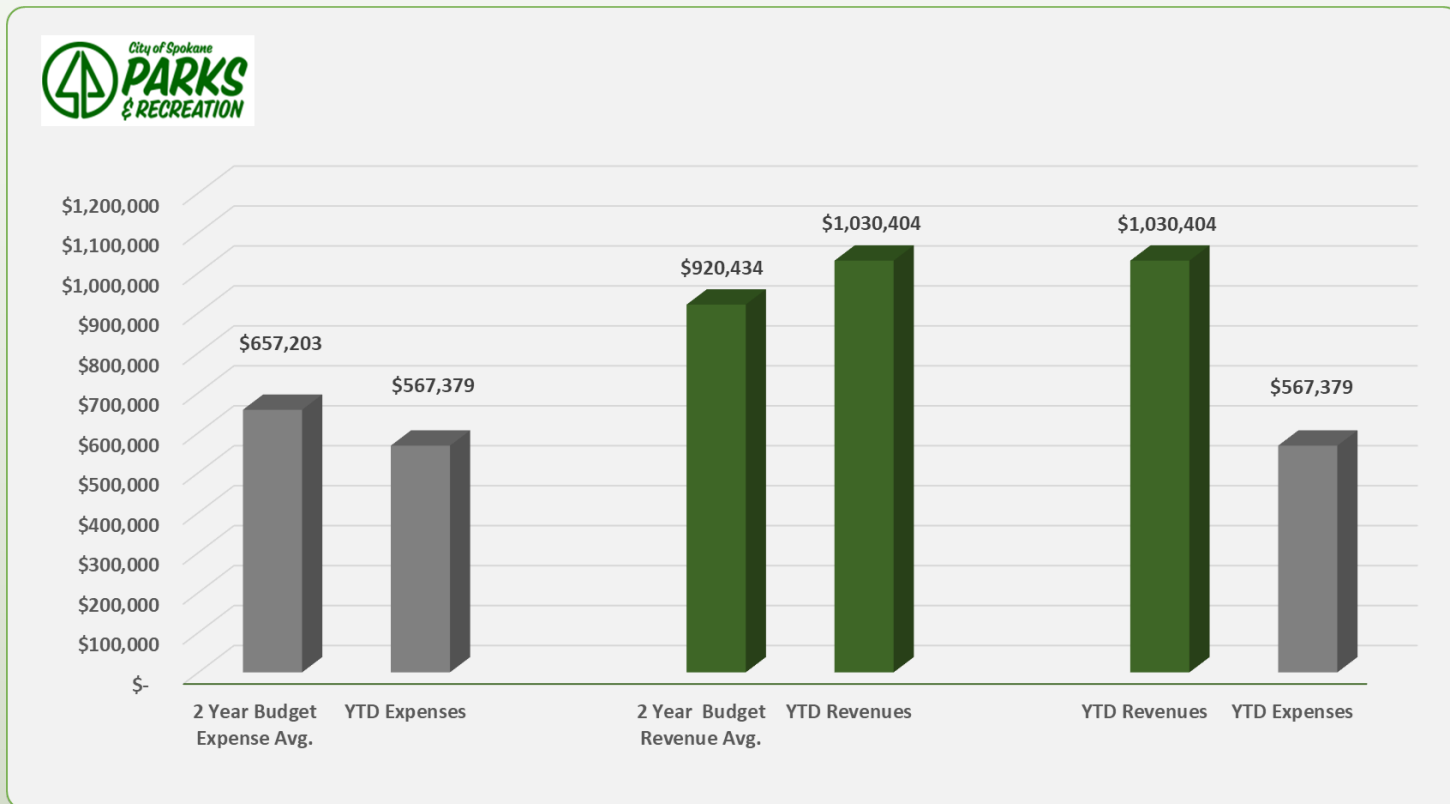
# Parks Financials



## Key Concepts:

- March had a net gain of \$798K which was \$360K higher than last March.
- Last March we transferred \$500K to capital, whereas this year we transferred \$300K in February, so the large March variance is primarily a timing difference.
- Year-to-date revenues exceed expenses by \$1.7M, right in alignment with budget.

# Golf Financials



## Key Concepts:

- March had a net gain of \$539K which was \$257K higher than last March.
- Golf still has a negative available fund balance (\$632K) so large purchases and capital projects are currently on hold.
- Year-to-date, golf revenues exceed expenses by \$375K (excluding FIF), which is \$259K higher than the end of Q1 2025.



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*Questions or  
Comments?*

# Park Operations

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Park Board Report

April 2026

# Grounds



2 Major Park Irrigation  
Renovations since  
2023



9 Minor-though  
significant-Park  
Irrigation Renovations  
since Fall of 2025



# Cliff Park

## August 2025

- Taming invasive woody vegetation from the borders at the developed-natural park interface.
  - Example park project sites: Cliff, Liberty, Lincoln, Underhill and Wentle Grant

Cliff Park  
April 2026



# Sports Complexes

- Dwight Merkel Softball Complex
- Extended 4 baseball infields
- Accommodating 80-foot bases that allow for 13u boys to use all 6 fields





## Aquatics Maintenance

- Comstock Pool
  - Upgrading chemical feed system, minor electrical upgrades, and backwash system maintenance
- Witter Pool
  - Control and backwash system maintenance on little pool
- Getting ready for pre-season lap swimming and programming May 1st



## Facilities

### Playgrounds

2,000 cubic yards of EWF

\$68,000 in replacements at 15 parks



# Facilities

Graffiti,  
Cleaning and  
Repairs

# Park Lights

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- 58 total lights to replace
- \$28,000 in rebates



# Last, but certainly not least!

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## Park Admin

Onboarding of 112 Temp/Seasonal Employees  
Processed, to date, 55 contracts for Recreation, Golf  
and Park Operations

~50 clients per month for Therapeutic Recreation  
Services WA State Department of Disability  
Administration Payments resulting in approximately  
\$6,000 payments per week received by Parks.



# Park Reservations

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- ~2500 events our staff mgt last year
- Yoga is back at Manito. We have a contract for the next two years.
- 3 successful easter egg hunts this past weekend at Harmon, Audubon and Grant.
- Concerts at Minnehaha, CDA, Aubudon, and Hays are back again this year





## Park Equipment Shop

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- 1000+ work orders
- 300 reel sharpening
- 2 new pieces of equipment this year (2 large area mowers)
- Exploration of equipment for meeting efficiency needs

