



## Spokane Park Board Recreation Committee

2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 01, 2026

**In Person:** Ponderosa Room, Finch Arboretum  
3404 W. Woodland Blvd, Spokane, WA 99224

**WebEx virtual meeting:** Call in: 408-418-9388

Access code: 2487 291 0327

Jennifer Papich – Recreation Director

### Committee Members:

Sally Lodato – Chair

Greta Gilman

Doug Kelley

Lee Williams

The Recreation Committee meeting will be held in-person in the **Ponderosa Room, Finch Arboretum 3404 W. Woodland Blvd, Spokane, WA 99224** and virtually via WebEx at 2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Apr. 01, 2026. Committee members, staff, and presenters still have the option to participate virtually via WebEx during all meetings.

The public may listen to the meeting by calling 408-418-9388 and entering access code **2487 291 0327**, when prompted.

Written public comment may be submitted via email or mail. Comments must be received no later than 10:15 a.m. Apr. 01 by email to: [spokaneparks@spokanecity.org](mailto:spokaneparks@spokanecity.org) or mail to: Spokane Park Board, 5th floor City Hall, 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, Washington 99201. Submitted public comments will be presented to committee members prior to the meeting.

### AGENDA

**Call to order** – Sally Lodato

**Public comment** – Sally Lodato

#### Action Items:

1. [Approval of 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](#) – Jennifer Papich

#### Discussion Items:

#### Unfinished Business Items:

#### Standing Report Items:

Recreation Report – Jennifer Papich

#### Adjournment

Agenda Subject to Change

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## Briefing Paper



<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 Deatrich			
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	