



City of Spokane Park Board
Recreation Committee Meeting

5:15 p.m. Jan. 04, 2023

Hybrid in-person and WebEx teleconference meeting
Jennifer Papich – Recreation Director

Committee members

X Sally Lodato – Chair
X Greta Gilman
X Bob Anderson

Parks staff

Jennifer Papich
Ryan Griffith
Kris Behr

SUMMARY

- The committee approved to recommend the Park Board accept the following:
 - None
- The Podium programming was discussed.
- Jennifer Papich presented the monthly recreation reports.

The next regularly scheduled Recreation Committee meeting is set for 5:15 p.m. Wed. Feb. 01, 2023.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:14 p.m. by committee chair Sally Lodato.

Public Comments: None

Action items: None

Discussion items:

1. [Recreation Podium Programing](#) – Jennifer Papich
 - a. Initially the Podium Joint Use Agreement was modeled after the school district and library agreements. Jennifer is having to adjust planning with more flexibility and creativity in order to work around the Podium's revenue-generating programs.
 - b. To recap, 2022 had 100 spring volleyball teams, 65 housed at the Podium. The Podium also hosted 20 youth for the Skyhawks Speed Games in December. Looking forward, winter volleyball will use the Podium for 4 days and are in the planning stages to host a late summer/early fall volleyball league. Spokane Parks and Recreation (SPRD) is working with the Podium to grow and expand youth track and field, as well as utilize the area during inclement weather over the summer. SPRD has also requested a hold for late spring/early summer of 2024 for adult volleyball.
 - c. Sally Lodato expressed her confusion over the original partnership agreement with the Podium, noting the growing pains and vast success of the Podium. She understood there was a contractual provision by leasing the land for \$1 per year, SPRD had programming priority Monday through Thursday. Jennifer pointed out the agreement does state a Monday through Thursday priority; however, it also states the priority is after the Podium's priority revenue-generating use. She also stated SPRD spring volleyball revenue increased, and staff decreased while using the Podium, which is substantial to SPRD revenue. The committee agreed it does not appear SPRD is receiving as much usage as initially anticipated and further discussion should ensue with Park Board members. Jennifer will schedule an internal meeting with herself, Sally, Bob and Garrett to discuss next steps.
 - d. Greta Gilman also expressed concern and read a section of the contract stating other than pre-planned conversions and events, SPRD would have priority use Monday through Thursday of each week of the year. Jennifer explained the conversions could be a lengthy process, such as a switch from track and field use to wrestling, which could take days. It would not be feasible to squeeze another event in between those conversions. The Podium is looking into alternative ways to do the conversions. Greta also expressed concern over the variety of event types the Podium is hosting outside of sporting events which further prevents SPRD's use of the facility.
 - e. Bob Anderson noted it appeared SPRD will have to shift from scheduling leagues to just single-day events. He agrees with Sally and Greta and thinks this needs further discussion as something needs to be changed. He fears as the Podium becomes more popular, it will be even more difficult to schedule. Jennifer reminded the committee SPRD is working on late summer/early fall leagues at the Podium, and other opportunities she remains confident the partnership will work.

Standing reports:

1. Recreation report – Jennifer Papich
 - a. [The Winter Guide](#) came out before Thanksgiving and classes begin this month. The spring/summer activity guide should be out in late March covering classes, camps, and aquatics through August.
 - b. [Recreation Quarter 4 Report](#) showed a 3% program increase and 55% participant increase

over 2021. Although 2021 had considerably higher field allocation bookings, the average hours were 5 versus 2 in 2021. Following the turf installation, the November/December youth winter soccer program collected \$3,507.05 in Sports Facility Improvement Fees.

- c. Although fewer programs were offered, [Wellness & Enrichment](#) saw a 319% increase in participation over 2021, including the Spokane Speed Games at the Podium. Adriano Eva has secured a grant through the National Recreation and Parks Association for an exciting new enhanced fitness program, which has already filled 14 of 20 available “seats”. The grant will fund the instructors, allowing 100% of program revenue to SP&R. Click [HERE](#) to view the City Cable 5 programming information. Adriano has done a great job reworking the program, switching the focus from Personal Interest to Wellness and (life) Enrichment.
- d. [TRS](#) saw a 112% participation increase with only 1 additional program over 2021. The Powerhounds and Adaptive volunteer instructors will be receiving specialized adaptive equipment training again this year. A new program is being added during the daytime hours called Seize the Day.
- e. [Adult Volleyball](#) had a 47% increase in participation over 2021 and winter volleyball is continuing to grow. [Outdoor Recreation](#) had a great start to the Winter Adventure Camp thanks to an early snowfall.
- f. [Corbin Arts Center](#) is growing their facility rentals including a few wedding and baby shower reservations. They are gearing up for their 125-year celebration in 2023 with tours and events to highlight the facility.
- g. Questions/Comments/Programming Notes – Greta Gilman would like to have the committee investigate a potential partnership with the YMCA for the use of their indoor pool during the off-season when the SP&R pools are shut down. She noted that an indoor pool was a popular second-tier item from the Master Plan study. She suggested this be a future agenda item.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Recreation Committee Podium Use Conversation

2022 – Spring Adult Volleyball League Recreation: housed 65 of our 100 Spring teams @ podium Mon. – Wed.



2022

Dec. 16th hosted 20 youth in partnership with the Podium and our Skyhawks partners for the Speed Games.



2023

- Adult Volleyball 4 days in March to finish out Winter Season
- Working out logistics and scheduling for a late Summer/early Fall Volleyball League
- WPRA sight of tour as part of the statewide recreation conference showcasing the facility and our joint use agreement.
- Continuing to grow and expand our youth track presence
- Summer potential location for camps, field trips, inclement weather location

2024

- Tentative hold for late spring early summer Adult Volleyball League

Recreation Report Recreation Committee January 4, 2023



RECREATION QUARTER 4 REPORT (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

- **235** programs were offered in Q4 2022 -
 - **increase of 3%** from 2021
 - **1,672** participants in our Q4 2022 programs—
 - **increase of 55%** from 2021
- ❄️
- There were **655 field allocation bookings** for a total of **3,403 hours** of recreational sports complex usage. *(average 5 hours/booking)*
 - 2021 Q4 had **968 field allocation bookings** for a total of **1,959.1 hours** of usage. *(average 2 hours/booking)*
 - With new turf Installed and fields open in November
 - Nov – Dec: **\$3,507.5 collected in SFIF**
 - Q4 is typically a calmer quarter as we transition from summer to winter.



RECREATION QUARTER 4 REPORT & EARLY WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Wellness and Enrichment saw a 319% increase in Q4 participation – even with fewer programs than in 2021.
- We hosted 20 participants on 12/16 at The Podium for the Spokane Speed Games!



- **WINTER HIGHLIGHT:** The National Recreation & Parks Association Grant funded - Enhanced Fitness program - has 14 participants registered to date. Program starts Jan. 16 at the Southside Senior Center.
<https://youtu.be/mdDpFsEf7Aw>



WELLNESS & ENRICHMENT

RECREATION QUARTER 4 REPORT & EARLY WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

- TRS saw at 112% increase in Q4 participation – with only 1 additional program than in 2021

TRS WINTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Charly Phelan, a PSIA Level 3 Examiner (highest ranking), will be coming to Spokane to lead clinics for our Powderhounds and Adaptive Volunteer Instructors – this will be his 3rd season coming and we are reaping the benefits.
- Added a new program called Seize the Day where we are offering a few new program opportunities during the day.



RECREATION QUARTER 4 REPORT & EARLY WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Adult Volleyball had a 47% increase in Q4 participation with 41 more teams and 338 more players than 2021.
- WINTER VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: Winter Volleyball is continuing to grow with currently 138 teams - 101 in 2021
- OUTDOOR RECREATION - the early snow made for excellent winter staff training as well as in town grooming
- Outdoor had another successful Winter Adventure camp despite the cold weather.



RECREATION QUARTER 4 REPORT & EARLY WINTER HIGHLIGHTS

- Corbin Art Center had 10 Facility Rentals this Q4 in comparison to 0 in Q4 of 2021
- WINTER CORBIN HIGHLIGHTS: Corbin Art Center turns 125 this year!



NEXT MEETING: WED. FEB 1, 2023

QUESTIONS??

