



City of Spokane Park Board Recreation Committee Meeting

2:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 06, 2025
Hybrid in-person and WebEx teleconference meeting
Jennifer Papich – Recreation Director

Committee members

X Sally Lodato – Chair
X Greta Gilman
X Bob Anderson
X Doug Kelley
X Lee Williams

Parks staff

Jennifer Papich
Ryan Griffith
Fianna Dickson
Al Vorderbrueggen
Kris Behr

Guests

Penelope S. Moore
Sandi Mattison
Denise Fanazick
Claudia Ouwerkerk
Steve Corker
Kim Ferraro
Tony Cane
Sheila Geraghty
Harlan Henderson
Rick Harris

SUMMARY

- The committee passed the following action items which will be presented to the Park Board for consideration and approval:
 - None
- The Community Center Funding DRAFT application was discussed. Several members of the centers were in attendance.
- Jennifer Papich and Ryan Griffith presented the Quarter 2 and August Recreation Report.

The next regularly scheduled Recreation Committee meeting is set for 2:15 p.m. Wed. Sep. 03, 2025.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by committee chair Sally Lodato. New Park Board and Recreation Committee member, Lee Williams was welcomed to her first meeting.

Public Comments: (see Discussion Item #1c below)

Action items: None

Discussion Items:

1. [Community Center Funding DRAFT application Review](#) – Jennifer Papich
 - a. In the past, each community center was awarded a specific amount, which has not changed since 2013, however, the Recreation budget as a whole has decreased several times since then. A decision was made that the funding needs to be re-evaluated and more transparent. A Recreation sub-committee was formed to create an application process with weighted questions. This structure ensures the funding is equitable and data-driven, rather than emotional.
 - b. The application will include the following scoring categories: need, quality, equity, financial capacity, accountability, and lasting impact/sustainability. The application will also contain a section for current funding amount and requested funding amount. By comparing these two numbers (if there is a change), the sub-committee can better determine how the additional funds will be used.
 - c. There is a section on the application where each center has the opportunity to showcase their impact on the community. Several community center leaders and members visited today's meeting, sharing heartfelt stories and how their centers are currently serving their community, as well as needs and concerns. Sally Lodato reminded them that there will be an opportunity for more thorough questions and answers at a later date. The application is still in the developmental stages and the sub-committee is not currently prepared to answer questions.
 - d. To assure the financial support is used effectively, profit/loss statements and outside revenue source reports are requested. A long-term plan is also requested with the application to ensure funds are effectively managed.
 - e. It is important to the Recreation Committee that each center provide a lasting impact and will be asked several questions related to the program's sustainability.

Standing Reports

1. [Recreation Report](#) – Jennifer Papich
 - a. The [Quarter 2](#) report, compared to 2024, shows an increase in programs offered, new programs, active programs, number of athletic teams and participants. The number of cancelled programs has decreased. Athletic field booking and hours has also risen significantly.
 - b. The [Spokane Disc Golf](#) community is growing. Parks offers several free, public courses throughout the community. It is a great opportunity to get outside and participate in a fun sport with minimal to no expense, varying degrees of skill level, and can even be played year-round. There are currently 9 courses (with one more opening soon). The four large 18-hole courses have seen a total of 70,558 recreational hours 07/2024 - 07/2025. Spokane Disc Golf has been sustainable through partnerships, sponsors, volunteers and community members. For instance, the General Store recently presented a check for \$5,000 collected from patrons rounding up their sales. Looking to the future, Parks is hoping to redesign the High Bridge course and improve the remaining courses. They are looking at areas for new courses and will

be offering more programs, tournaments and large events.

- c. [Summer Highlights](#) include dual registration with Skyhawks which has boosted both participation and revenue. The always popular Harry's Lab Camp was expanded to two weeks, with 133 kids participating. Introduced last year, the TRS Sensory Sensitivity Swim saw a 60% increase in participants. Outdoor Adventure Camp was rebranded this year to BASE camp, which has a 90% enrollment.
- d. [Aquatics](#) had a rocky start to the season with numerous mechanical failures at Comstock and steep maintenance expenses in general due to the aging facilities. In response to increased negative behavioral issues, the Park Rangers have been visiting the pools more often.
- e. The [Fall 2025 Activity Guide](#) is scheduled to "hit the stands" in a few weeks.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

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CITY OF SPOKANE PARKS & RECREATION COMMUNITY & RECREATION PROGRAMMING GRANT

DRAFT APPLICATION OUTLINE FOR BOARD REVIEW

PURPOSE OF THIS PRESENTATION:

- Share the draft grant proposal.
- Ensure alignment on priorities and content.
- Solicit Recreation Committee Board feedback.

BRIEF COMMUNITY CENTER / RECREATION HISTORY:

- All centers have similar missions but different needs, challenges, and revenue-generating opportunities.
- The last review of Center Funding Allocations was in 2013.
- The Recreation Budget includes a line item of **\$629,823** for Community Center funding support for recreation programs.
- Recreation Budget as a whole has gone through several budget reductions over the years - The Community Center funding line in the Recreation Budget has not been altered since 2013.

Center Funding Allocations 2013-2025

• Corbin Senior Ctr.	\$31,350
• MLK Center	\$41,800
• Hillyard Senior Ctr.	\$80,000
• Mid City Concerns	\$18,525
• Northeast Youth Ctr.	\$139,538
• Project Joy	\$30,970
• Sinto Senior Ctr.	\$77,210
• Southside Senior Ctr.	\$106,563
• West Central Comm. Ctr.	\$72,675

COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDING APPLICATION OVERVIEW

PRIMARY FUNDING APPLICATION GOALS

- Increase transparency in our funding decisions
- More clearly link funding levels to recreation programming
- Develop a structured approach that will help ensure we are making data-driven, equitable funding decisions



CENTER FUNDING PRIORITIES & SCORING



EVALUATION SCORING CATEGORIES:

1. **NEED**
2. **QUALITY**
3. **EQUITY**
4. **FINANCIAL CAPACITY**
5. **ACCOUNTABILITY**
6. **LASTING IMPACT/ SUSTAINABILITY**



We have not yet added weighted point values to these categories



COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION



- Legal name, EIN, and years in operation
- Center's Mission
- Essential Recreation Staff- List the Key staff involved with your Recreation Programming, their title, experience, and qualifications, including the Center Executive Director.

FUNDING REQUEST

This section outlines the level of support the center is currently receiving.
Comparing current and requested amounts helps evaluate whether funds are being requested to maintain, expand or improve services.

Requiring justification for additional funding will help in the evaluation process.

- **Current Annual Funding amount received from Spokane Parks and Recreation**
- **Funding amount being requested.**
- **If you are requesting an increase in funding:** *Explain why you are requesting an increase in funding. What specific needs or program enhancements will the additional funds support?*

COMMUNITY NEED

This section justifies why the Center is essential to the community. By clearly articulating the community's needs—supported by data, reviewers are given a glimpse at; *WHY* the Center matters, *WHO* it serves and *HOW* it aligns with broader community priorities.

- **Target population & geographic reach**
- **Specific needs addressed** - *Safe environments foster relationships, community engagement, and support for social and emotional growth.*
- **Please describe your organization's current relationship with the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department**

A strong **QUALITY** section signals that the Center can deliver *impactful, equitable programming* that participants will benefit from—and return to. It builds confidence that your recreation offerings are also *thoughtfully planned and responsibly managed*.

- Overview of Recreation Programming Offered
- Quality Assurance
- Partner Roles

QUALITY

EQUITY

This section ensures that community center recreation programs are ***accessible, inclusive, and responsive to the diverse needs*** of all community members.

- Program Outreach
- Barrier-Reduction Strategies

FINANCIAL CAPACITY

This section helps assure that *financial support will be used effectively and responsibly.*

- Profit & Loss Statements
- Alternate Revenue Sources

Current and Anticipated Funding Mix

Revenue Source	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	Notes
Program fees & registrations	\$	\$	% of total revenue
Municipal/City appropriations	\$	\$	identify department
Federal or state grants	\$	\$	list grant names
Private & corporate grants	\$	\$	major funders
Annual fundraising events	\$	\$	event names
**Facility rentals	\$	\$	venues rented
Other earned revenue (specify)	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	

***Facility Rental Performance - Does your organization rent out its facility to outside user groups?

- Budget Development
- Internal Controls
- Cost Controls
- Monitoring and Reporting
- Risk Mitigation and Sustainability

Demonstrates the Community Center's ***long-term planning model*** and commitment to ***responsible financial management and effective program delivery***.

ACCOUNTABILITY

LASTING IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY

Demonstrates how the Center will *track, measure, and report on the success and integrity of the recreation programs we are financially supporting.*

- . What are the methods used to track program performance?
- . What KPI's (key performance indicators) are utilized?
- . How do you define programmatic success?
- . What are the short-term & long-term goals related to programming and facility development?

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Subcommittee is still working on these sections below.

- Application Important Dates
- Scoring Rubric – assigning weighted points for each section
- Application Evaluation Panel, Review, Allocation and Award Process

THANK YOU

August 2025 Recreation Report

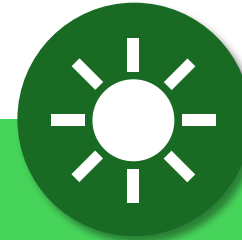
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Quarter 2 Recreation Report April - June



Spokane Disc Golf

- Course locations
- Statistics
- Partnerships
- Looking Ahead



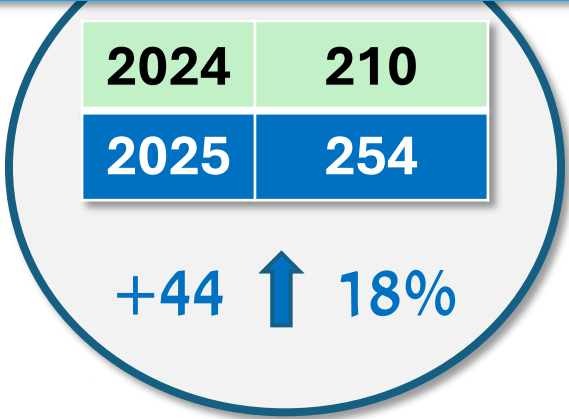
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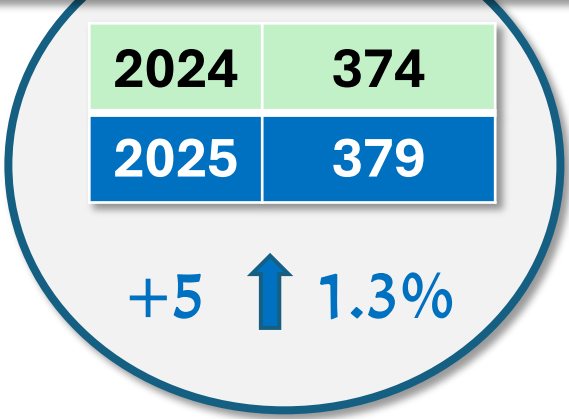


2025 QUARTER 2 RECREATION REPORT (APRIL – JUNE)

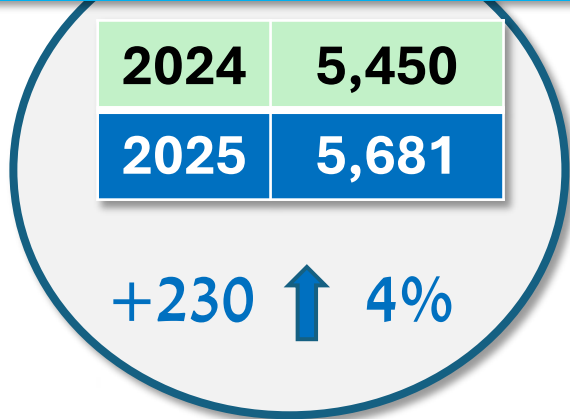
of Programs Offered



of Athletic Teams



of Participants



Athletic Field Allocations

Bookings

1,822
+73

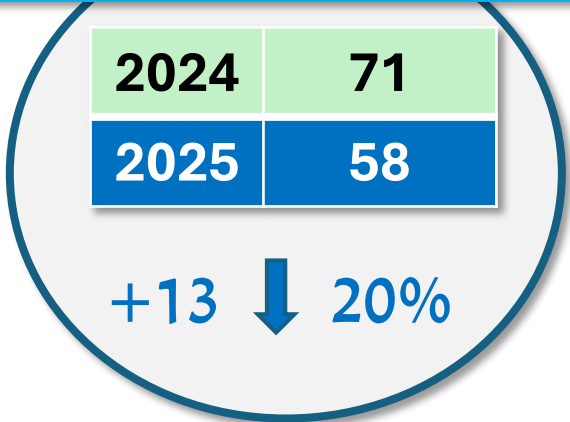
Hours Booked

6,438
+253

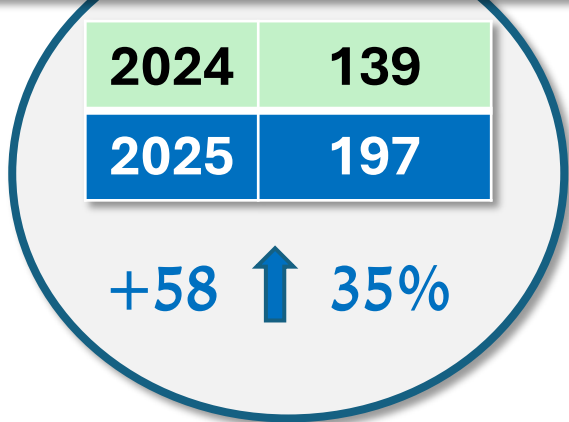
of NEW Offerings



of Cancelled Programs



of Active Programs

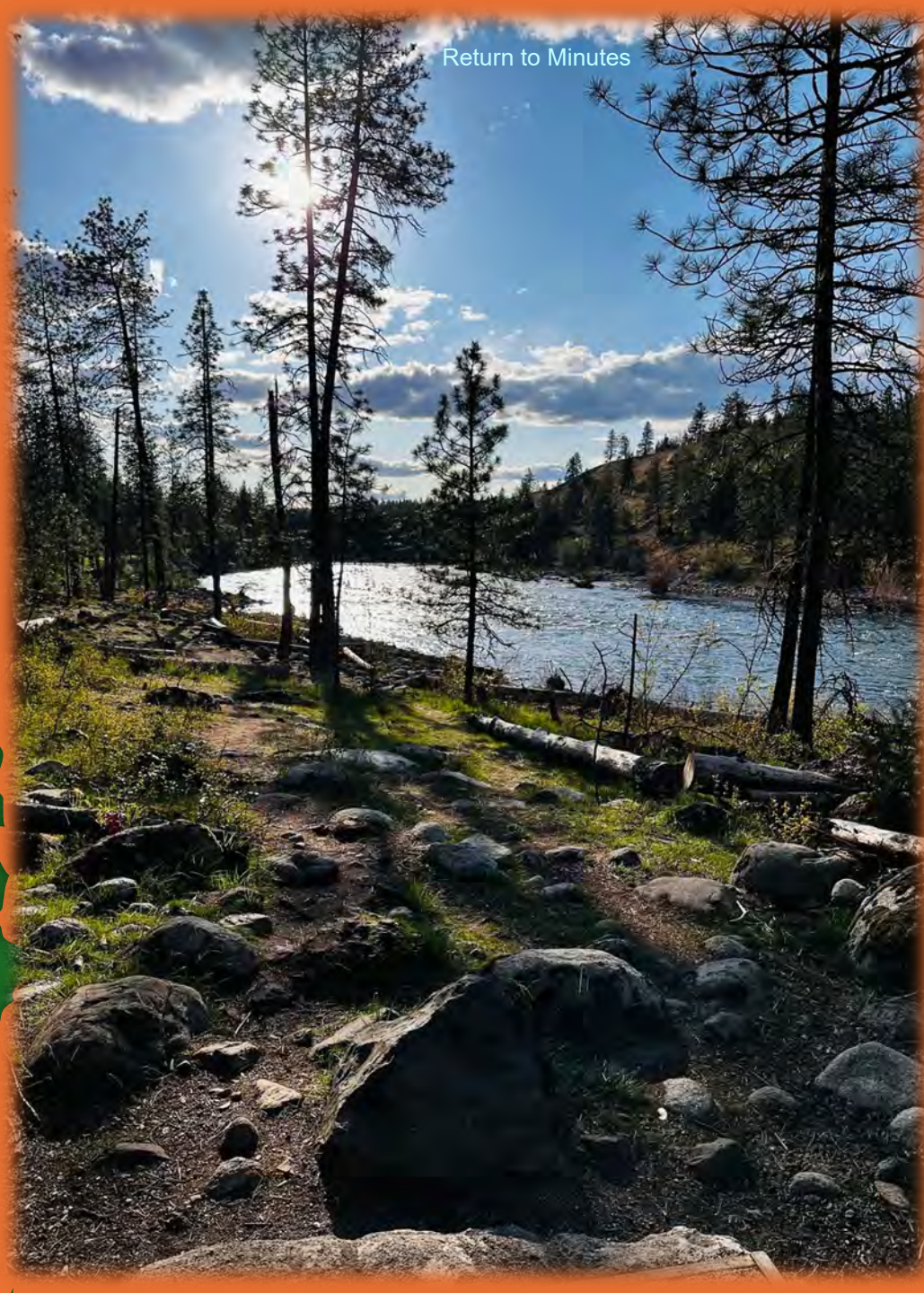




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Spokane Courses

9 Total Disc Golf Courses

- Four (4) 18+ Hole Courses:
 - Camp Sekani Jamboree
 - High Bridge Park
 - Whitewater
 - Liberty Park
- Five (5) –Jr. Neighborhood Park Courses:
 - Friendship
 - Hayes
 - Ben Burr
 - Loma
 - Cliff



Disc Golf Is Growing Fast!



- Affordable to Get Started
- Free at Public Courses
- Minimal Equipment
- No Tee Times
- Great Exercise
- Outdoors
- Great for the Family
- Community Involvement
- Positive Perception

Course Statistics

WHITEWATER

- 10,327 plays
- 1,907 players
- 19,423 recreational hours

LIBERTY PARK

- 11,636 plays
- 1,490 players
- 18,593 recreational hours

HIGH BRIDGE PARK

- 8,843 plays
- 1,552 players
- 17,339 recreational hours

CAMP SEKANI

- 7,326 plays
- 1,904 players
- 15,203 recreational hours

Partnerships, Tournaments & Sponsorships

- Spokane Disc Golf Club
- ADD Disc Golf
- Apex Disc Golf
- Iron Turtle Disc Golf
- Volunteers and Community Members
- General Store Sponsorship



Disc Golf Moving Forward

- ❖ High Bridge Redesigned
- ❖ Improving Current Courses
- ❖ New Courses
- ❖ Youth Programs
- ❖ Lessons
- ❖ Tournaments
- ❖ PDGA & Spokane Sports Commission Large Events



Questions?



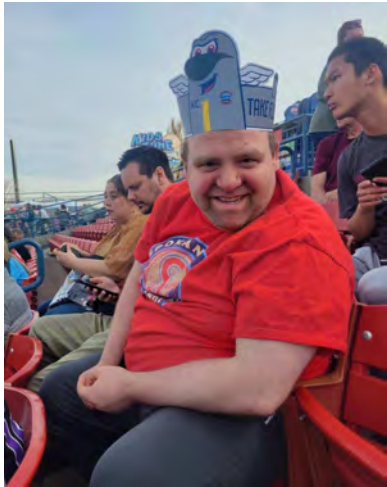
Recreation Quick Summer 2025 Highlights



- **Dual-registration with Skyhawks Sports Academy** significantly boosted participation and revenue at historically low-performing sites, allowing camps to run successfully at locations like Glover and Wilson Elementary
- **Corbin Art Center Harry' Lab Camp** for two weeks in a row at Corbin wrapping this week. A total of 133 kiddos participated over the two weeks.
- **TRS Sensory Sensitivity Swim** saw a 60% in attendance for this second season
- **Rebranded Outdoor Adventure Camp to BASE Camp.**
 - We have seen success with the rebrand and have achieved 90% enrollment

Aquatics Updates

- To date we have had **91,101 open swim visitors** this season – **136,696** was our final total last season
- **Comstock Pool** was closed for a total of **14 days** due to mechanical failures
- **Aquatics Maintenance** expenses have been significantly higher than budgeted
 - Working with Accounting to be proactive on securing the funds needed with minimal impact to our overall budget
- **Park Rangers** from now until the end of the season will have an increased presence at the pools where needed to take the lead on increased patron behavioral issues we have been seeing, and we are thankful. It is already making a difference



Coming Soon!

The image is a promotional graphic for a Fall 2025 Activity Guide. It features a background photograph of three people mountain biking on a paved trail through a forest. In the foreground, a man in a grey shirt and red helmet is smiling and waving his right arm. Behind him, a woman in a bright green shirt and black helmet is also smiling. Further back, another person is visible on a bike. The overall tone is energetic and positive. The graphic includes a title at the top, a list of activities in a blue box, and a row of icons at the bottom representing various recreational options. The City of Spokane Parks & Recreation logo is in the bottom right corner.

FALL 2025 | **ACTIVITY GUIDE**
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INSIDE

DOGGIE DIP, CORBIN AGE OF ELEGANCE
EVENT, NO SCHOOL DAY CAMPS,
INTERIOR DESIGN CLASSES, WOMEN'S
WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS, KARATE,
LONGEVITY FIT FOR HEALTHY AGING,
NEW THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SECTION
AND SO MUCH MORE!

EXPLORE
PARKS
NATURE

SPORTS
& REC
OUTDOOR

CAMPS
LEARN
CLASSES

SWIM
POOLS
PLASH

PLAY
GOLF
LEARN

ENJOY
RIVER
FRONT
PARK

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