



LEGACY
OPPORTUNITY
FUTURE
2016 Annual Report



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Letter from the Director

Dear Citizens:

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation connects people to their backyard, to the hidden gems, and off the beaten trails. We help citizens find their creative side through art and cooking classes, take a swing on the golf course, dive into the pool, learn to ski with a disability, speak a new language, join a soccer league, or paddleboard to a new destination. We empower people to choose their adventure and enjoy Spokane.

Parks

2016 was an action-packed year. In July, Party in the Park celebrated the groundbreaking for the **Riverfront Park Redevelopment**. A 30-ton sandbox, paint-by-number renderings of the future park, live bands, artist-painted ping pong tables, food trucks and designer meet-and-greets set the tone for our future park as an event and gathering space at our urban core. Construction is well underway - take a look at the Redevelopment page for photos and highlights. 2017 will see a Pavilion design team selected and creation of design plans, completion of the Ice Ribbon and SkyRide facility as well as the Howard Street Bridge South, and near-completion of the Loeff Carrousel. None of this would be possible without input from the community and our volunteer citizen oversight committees.

In addition to Riverfront, we have the privilege of caring for Spokane's outdoor escape - 4,100 acres of greenspace and trails, including 87 parks born from a plan by the famed Olmstead Brothers, the creators of New York City's Central Park. **Park Planning** is a new department overseeing master plans and capital improvements to our treasured spaces, while **Park Operations** does the daily maintenance to ensure our parks, athletic fields, trails and open spaces are in top shape. See their "By the Numbers" sections for impressive results.

& Recreation

We get to connect people to adventures, offering hundreds of recreation opportunities for all ages, abilities and interests.

The **Athletics** department had another strong year as shown through participation and program revenues. **Therapeutic Recreation Services** developed cool and popular new opportunities for our customers with disabilities, and **Outdoor and Personal Interest** offered an expansive variety of adventures with great success. **Corbin Art Center** and **Aquatics** saw sold-out classes and lessons, and are looking for ways to expand in 2017. If you're looking for something exciting to do, our Activity Guide is a great place to start. Watch for it quarterly in the mail or at SpokaneParks.org.

The Creek at Qualchan, Downriver, Esmeralda and Indian Canyon enjoyed an early spring opening with exceptional course conditions throughout the year. If you're new to the game, consider trying one of our popular lessons offered in spring.

Thank you

Thank you to our Park Board President Chris Wright and all members of the Board for your talents, guidance and energy. Your continued investment of volunteer time is meaningful and will have a positive impact for future generations.

We are grateful to the people of this incredible community who love their parks and are passionate about recreation opportunities. We're always looking for ways to expand opportunities, improve access, and provide the best service. If you have thoughts to share, please email spokaneparks@spokanecity.org or call 509.625.6200.

Thank you for your support in 2016. In 2017, we hope you'll help cut the ribbon on the Mission Park Ability Ball Field, join in the adventure of summer camps and kayaking trips, and tie on your skates for the west coast's first ice ribbon in Riverfront Park. We're here to help the community make 2017 a year to enjoy Spokane.

Sincerely,



Leroy Eadie
Spokane Parks and Recreation Director



Urban Forestry

Urban Forestry's mission is to create a diverse, healthy, and accessible urban tree canopy for the benefit of all Spokane's citizens through quality planting, protection, and stewardship of public trees.

Trees are inherently connected to our lives – from the air we breathe to the value of our homes, the food we eat to the success of our business, and the water we drink to our shady afternoon respite. We aspire to connect people with their world through trees, and in doing so connect them to the strength of their own roots, the power of their reach and sway, and the beauty of their own presence in this world.

Stewardship by the Numbers

711 Trees Planted (2" caliper stock)

- 80 by Urban Forestry staff
- 85 by Contracts and Grants
- 546 by Street and Public Tree Permit

2,158 Trees Pruned

- 196 by Contracts and Grants
- 531 by Urban Forestry staff
- 1,431 by Street and Public Tree Permit

1,015 Trees Removed

- 17 by Contracts and Grants
- 266 by Urban Forestry staff
- 732 by Street and Public Tree Permit

20 acres treated for forest health and fuels reduction fire protection

Major Projects, Grants, and Events

- Celebrated the 13th consecutive year as a Tree City USA.
- Planted 40 trees in Webster Park, North Park Boulevard and Audubon Park in recognition of Tree City USA 40th Anniversary, Urban and Community Forestry Month, and the 2015 windstorm (grant-funded by the USDA Forest Service and Washington Department of Natural Resources).
- Arbor Day Celebration at the John A. Finch Arboretum in April.
- Fall Leaf Festival at the John A. Finch Arboretum in October.
- Completed Woodland Center Energy Improvements and Renovations at Finch Arboretum (funded by capital).
- Completed design of Finch Arboretum Bridge and Road Improvements (funded by capital).
- SpoCanopy program completed 13 projects including 45 new trees planted, 196 pruned, 17 removed, a 2017 planting plan and revised street tree list (funded by Utilities Interdepartmental Agreement with Parks & Recreation).

Park Operations

By the Numbers

- 2 roofs repaired, and cleaned up debris from November 2015 windstorm
- 5 parking lots cleaned and re-striped
- 23 brass flush valves were replaced after being stolen from park restrooms
- 58 playgrounds maintained and repaired
- 120+ tons of transient debris removed, mostly from undeveloped park properties
- 162 work orders and written requests for other departments completed
- 290 backflow prevention devices inspected and repaired
- 330 mower reels sharpened
- 794 tons of clean green hauled to the recycling plant
- 1,040+ playground inspections completed
- 1,051 special events permits issued, scheduled, and accommodated
- 1,200+ hours to graffiti abatement
- 1,335 service and repair orders for golf and park maintenance equipment completed
- 11,000+ people attended annual Holiday Lights event at Gaiser Conservatory



Riverfront Park

In the Community

- Maintained a 4.5 star rating average from 1,500 Trip Advisor reviewers, and ranked #2 in Spokane from nearly 100 attractions listed.
- Partnered with the Youth and Police Initiative (YPI), Rogers High School and the Next Generation Zone to offer job coaching, employment and skill building opportunities to at-risk youth.
- The Ice Palace maintained 10+ different regular user groups including Inland Empire Amateur Hockey Association, Gonzaga University Hockey Club, Spokane Select, Spokane Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation and Lilac City Curling Club.
- A special thank you to Riverfront Park's community partners whose charitable, financial or volunteer support help make events and programs possible: A to Z Rental, Aktion Club, Avista, BNSF, Burke Promotions, Davenport Grand Hotel, Downtown Spokane Partnership, Home Depot, Hotel RL, iHeart Media, The Inlander, Lowes, No-Li Brewery, Numerica Credit Union, Pepsi Cola, Selinger-Shone Foundation, Spokane International Airport, Spokane Parks Foundation, Spokane Public Radio, Treatment, University of Idaho, and Visit Spokane.
- Riverfront Park Tour Train made a special appearance in the Lilac Parade for the first time in many years.
- Community volunteers contributed 140+ hours planting flowers, polishing brass at the Loeffl Carrousel, and picking up litter.
- Riverfront Park employed 215+ seasonal team members in 2016.

Events

Riverfront Park hosted or scheduled 100 events in 2016 including:

- Washington State Chinese Lantern Festival, Earth Day, Race for the Cure, Marmot March, Bloomsday, Family Fun Fair, Hoopfest, Pow Wow, Unity in the Community, Superhero Fun Run, Rainbow Festival, Royal Fireworks, 4th of July Community Celebration, Pig Out in the Park, First Night Spokane and many more.
- Two new large events - Gleason Fest and the Bubble Run.
- Party in the Park – Riverfront Park's groundbreaking celebration including paint-by-numbers renderings of the new park, a 30-ton sandbox, 20 artist-painted ping pong tables, live bands, food trucks, and design team meet-and-greets.
- Take a Break lunch activity series featuring instructor-hosted yoga and Tai Chi, sidewalk games, live bands and peaceful Adirondack Chairs each weekday.
- Return of the Riverfront Farmer's market weekly from June through Labor day.
- 75+ hours of filming the Z Nation television series.

Operations

- 528,363 recorded attraction uses including:
 - SkyRide – 101,435
 - Carrousel – 182,080
 - Pavilion Attractions & Tour Train – 197,670
 - Ice Palace – 29,877
 - IMAX – 10,612
 - Mini Golf – 6,689
- Giant Screen IMAX Theatre's features included Normandy D-Day 1944, Grand Canyon – River at Risk, Tornado Alley, Mysteries of the Unseen World, Lewis & Clark – The Great Journey West, and Living in the Age of Airplanes. 6,500+ students attended educational films.
- Riverfront parking revenue increased from \$440K to \$450K.
- Creating a safer park, Park Rangers responded to more than 4,500 calls for service, made about 215 arrests, and issued 496 civil infractions for \$172,496.
- Between April and September, grounds crews mowed an equivalent of 230 football fields.





Voters approved a \$64 million bond for redevelopment that didn't raise taxes, and covers 5 major design elements:

- 1. Public Spaces and Grounds (Landscape)**
- 2. Recreational Ice Rink/SkyRide Facility**
- 3. Loeff Carrousel**
- 4. Regional Playground**
- 5. Pavilion/Shelters**

Recreation Ice Ribbon and SkyRide: Design was completed and bid, and construction was awarded to CNI Construction.

Loeff Carrousel: Design was solicited and awarded to NAC Architecture. Design and bid documents were developed and bid solicitations were issued.

Regional Playground: Design team Berger Partnership completed 30% design on the North Bank. Parks Planning prepared and applied for an RCO grant for up to \$500,000 for playground improvements.

Pavilion: Progressive Design Build construction delivery method was prepared, presented, and approved by the Washington State Project Review Committee.

Redevelopment

Bond funds were activated in early 2015 – a year of design team selections, community input sessions, site inventories, programming validations, permitting, and ecology testing. Those steps set us up for a robust 2016. We are on budget and on schedule for completion by Winter 2019.

Program Management, Permits, Environmental Testing, & Archaeology

Program Management & Permits: The Program Management Office was restructured under the direction of Park Planning, and additional staff was secured including Hill International and CH2M. Program strategy, budget, and schedule were developed, refined, and adopted by the Park Board. Permits were negotiated and approved by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Ecology and Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management: Solicited and awarded to Anderson Consulting. Archaeology survey applications were prepared and approved by WA Dept of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Two surveys were completed in the Recreational Ice Ribbon and Loeff Carrousel sites.

Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering: Solicited and awarded to GeoEngineers. Soil sampling of over 50 locations culminated in the discovery of contaminated soils throughout the park.

Brownfield Designation: Park Board authorized the site to be recognized as a Brownfield, opening opportunity for EPA Grant funding. The City prepared and submitted three applications for EPA Soil Remediation Grants in the amount of \$200,000 each.

Design & Construction of 5 Bond Projects

Public Spaces and Grounds: Design team Berger Partnership completed 30% design and cost estimates for the Promenade, South Bank East, and North Bank.

- Howard Street South Channel Bridge: This is the first phase of the Promenade. Design was completed and bid, and construction was awarded to T. LaRiviere. Construction started in August.
- The team energized their consultant, NAC, to assess and program the Maintenance and Operations Facility for future use.

Additional Redevelopment Projects

Art: Lead Artist, Meejin Yoon, was retained through a request for qualifications to develop a park-wide Art Plan and design the signature art piece for the Central Plaza at the Pavilion.

Canada Island: The Spokane Tribe of Indians partnered with the Park Board to develop a “Spirit of Cooperation” resolution. The resolution was signed by the City Council, Park Board, Park Director, Spokane Tribe, and Canadian Consulate.

Timeline

Promenades:

Summer 2016 – Winter 2019

Recreational Ice Ribbon & SkyRide Facility:
Early 2017 – Fall 2017

Loeff Carrousel:

Early 2017 – Early 2018

Regional Playground:

Spring 2018 – Winter 2018

U.S. Pavilion:

Spring 2018 – Winter 2019



Park Planning & Development

Construction Projects

- Audubon Park: Installed new tree plantings.
- Ben Burr Playground: Installed a new tot play structure, safety surfacing, and drainage improvements.
- Camp Sekani Park: Installed a new emergency access gate on the centennial trail at Summit Boulevard, and created a new turn-around area along Upriver Drive.
- Cannon Hill Park: Installed a new 200 amp electrical service, transformer and meter to the restrooms; restroom lights will be installed in spring 2017.
- Coeur D'Alene Park: Repaired damaged bollards.
- Comstock Park: Began installation of the last phase of irrigation upgrades; the project is 50% complete and will finish in Spring 2017. We also replaced the roof of the Manito office building, replaced a damaged rock wall, and installed a new donation bench.
- Corbin Art Center: Replaced the ADA ramp.
- Division Street Boat Take-Out: Installed new interpretive signage.
- Installed new irrigation and (I) planter box to the future community garden in Poly Judd Park.
- Main Avenue pilot project: Installed new plantings in coordination with the Planning & Street departments.
- Manito Park: Upgraded & expanded the north Playground with new play equipment, curbing, walkways, benches, and trash receptacles. This project featured the first installation of a 'net climber' toy in Spokane city parks.
- Overlook Park: Installed new interpretive signage.
- Pacific Park: Installed a new park sign.
- Park Boulevard: Installed new tree plantings.
- Peaceful Valley Park: Installed new lights to the picnic area beneath the park on Water Avenue.
- Riverwalk Park: Installed new interpretive signage, ADA compliant gravel pathways, native plantings & basalt stone benches.
- Rochester Heights Park & Mission Park: New lights installed at the basketball courts, and upgraded all existing light fixtures to LED.
- Thornton Murphy Park: Installed new lights to the restroom
- Veteran's Court Park: Installed new interpretive signage.
- Webster Park: Installed new tree plantings.

Design Projects

Master plans completed

- Edwidge Woldson Park Master Plan
- Dutch Jake's Park Master Plan
- Sky Prairie Park Master Plan

Design

- Mission Park Ability Ballfields (Phase I)
- Coeur d'Alene new park entryways & pathways
- Wall repair along Rockwood Boulevard
- Corbin Park tennis court renovation

Design & Bidding

- Sky Prairie Park signage, planting, and walkway improvements. Project will install in spring 2017.
- Shadle Park new event pad. Project will install in spring 2017.
- Peaceful Valley tennis court renovation. The court will be re-purposed into a futsal court.
- Manito Mirror Pond new pathways, plantings, and amenities. Project will install in spring/summer 2017.

Inventories, Grants, & Analysis

- Conducted an inventory of park sidewalks, assessed parks for potential new walkways, completed design and bidding for the 2016 sidewalk repair and installation project. Project will install in spring 2017.
- Completed the initial Indian Canyon Golf Course irrigation renovation analysis.
- Applied for grant funding to purchase the Sister's property along T.J. Meenach drive and the Spokane River to ensure continued public access.
- Applied for grant funding for park improvements at Southeast Sports Complex.
- Took orders for 9 new dedication benches.
- 1,200+ hours to graffiti abatement
- 1,335 service and repair orders for golf and park maintenance equipment completed
- 11,000+ people attended annual Holiday Lights event at Gaiser Conservatory



2016 Completed Projects - Highlights

- 3 park master plans
- 4 new signage installation projects
- 2 playground renovations
- 1 major park irrigation installation project
- 1 golf course irrigation renovation study
- 4 park lighting upgrade projects
- 1 new park electrical service
- 1 roof replacement project
- 2 new emergency access gates

There are 9 park construction projects designed and ready for construction in 2017 with several more in progress.

Golf

Creek at Qualchan

- Experienced continued growth in the First Tee program, introducing more children to the game of golf. The course also saw 400 more Junior rounds played in 2016.
- Drive, Chip and Putt Qualifying had its largest year since inception
- Hosted the State 4A Boys Tournament in May
- Fred Marchant, Mike Vandervert and crew had the course in the best condition ever since opening in 1993
- Planning and fund raising continues for the First Tee and the 3 hole course
- Preparing to celebrate 25 years in 2017!



Downriver

- Celebrated 100 year anniversary
- 2016 "Best Of" from Spokane Coeur d'Alene Living Magazine
- Home of the Dan Kleckner Golf Classic supporting the Northwest Golfers for Warriors—benefiting our local military veterans
- Observed the most rounds played of any City course in 2016

Esmeralda

- Tripled our "Books for Buckets" and "Math for Math Time" pilot project from one school in 2015 (Cooper) to three schools in 2016 (Cooper, Regal, and Bemis).
- Instituted "The Race to the Ezzy Cup" which rewarded the most frequent players in our Men's Club and Women's Club with a trip to the Idaho Club to play golf with Head PGA Pro Rex Schultz and Assistant PGA Pro Kathy Brown.
- Reopened the driving range in late April after damage sustained in the November 2015 windstorm rendered it unusable. We survived 47 days without a driving range but got it open just in time to start Parks department lessons and our First Tee Spring schedule.
- Experienced a 19% increase in Junior rounds played over the previous year.

Indian Canyon

Indian Canyon saw several renovation and maintenance projects throughout the year including:

- Golf shop and driving range received new paint, carpet, display walls, lighting, fixtures, range ball dispenser and balls.
- Clubhouse got fresh paint and carpet, tables and chairs for the restaurant and patio, new kitchen equipment including a pizza oven, freezer and refrigerator, a renovated service counter, expanded menu and liquor license to include spirits. Several private parties were held in the refreshed space!
- Indian Canyon earned two awards:
 - > 2016 Public Course Merchandiser of the Year – IEPGA
 - > 2016 Best Public Golf Course – The Inlander

Recreation

Corbin Art Center

- 40 Summer Art Camps totaled close to 850 campers.
 - > Offered 12 new Summer Art Camps including Harry Potter Week that resulted in 65 registrations, setting a registration record for our 6-11 year old weekly camps.
- Created a new partnership with Monarch Arts, a non-profit outreach service art program for those 50+ years of age. The organization is committed to bringing art to the community, especially to populations that typically have no access to the visual arts. The group plans to offer seminars and workshops on various topics at Corbin Art Center in 2017.
- Partnered with Worksource Next Generation Zone, a career skills training and education program for young adults ages 16-24. Corbin received 3 young adults in 2016 who assisted with our Summer Art Camps as well as our fall pre-school classes and no-school camps where they gained experience working with children.
- Continued our six-week after school art program with Hutton Elementary where 30-35 students learned the Art of Clay.
- Partnered with Central Valley School District's E-Cap Art Program to offer a field trip to Corbin Art Center for a children's art workshop.

Athletics

Adult Programs

- Softball League: 165 teams, 2,640 players with 1,200 hours of play.
- Flag Football League: 88 teams, 1,410 players with 450 hours of play.
- Volleyball: 91 teams (22 more teams than last year), 1,335 players with 2,350 hours of play.
- Outdoor Volleyball: Partnership with Spike & Dig, 21 teams (5 new), 125 players with 440 hours of play.
- Adult Soccer: 36 teams, 790 players with 430 hours of play.

Adult Tournaments

- Softball: 4 tournaments, 68 teams (20 from out of town), 815 players with 205 hours of play.
- Flag Football: 2 tournaments, 27 teams (9 from out of town), 430 players with 80 hours of play.

Youth Programs

3,460 players with nearly 100,000 hours of play. **Partners:** Seattle Sounders, Skyhawks, Spike & Dig Volleyball League, Spokane Adult Soccer League, Spokane County, Spokane Public Schools, Spokane Softball Umpires Association, SuperTots, USA Softball, and US Tennis Association (USTA) of the Pacific Northwest.

Awards / Highlights:

- USTA contract renewal and \$100k grant
- Inspiring Communities to PLAY saw 104,250 participant hours



Aquatics

- Following success of the Aqua Duck Swim Team program, a second team was added at Comstock Aquatic Center resulting in a 100% increase in enrollment and a \$7,350 revenue increase.
- Hosted 2 novice swim meets at Witter Aquatic Center with 14 teams and hundreds of swimmers and spectators.
- In partnership with Local Firefighters Union 270, we hosted a Free Swim Week benefiting over 3,110 participants.
- The Spokane Park Foundation and Spokane Lions Club provided Free Swim Fridays throughout the summer, also benefiting thousands of community members.
- Thousands of dollars of grant and scholarships funded by the Spokane Park Foundation and USA Swimming Foundation provided local youth access to swimming suits, swimming passes and swimming lessons at no charge.

Outdoor and Personal Interest

- 2,230 people enjoyed activities throughout the year such as snowshoeing, cross country skiing, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, paddleboarding, hiking, yoga, Kung Fu and more.
- The Youth & Teen Outdoor Adventure Camps enjoyed the outdoors in Riverside State Park. There were a total of 60 teens (ages 12-15) and nearly 100 youth (ages 8-11) who participated throughout the summer. The camps received grant funding through the Spokane Parks Foundation to offer financial support to those in need. 16 participants benefited from fully waived registration fees totaling \$3,372, and 7 participants benefited from half price registration fees totaling \$766.
- Thousands of people attended the 2nd annual Spokatopia Outdoor Adventure Festival at Camp Sekani. They learned new skills, demoed mountain bikes, kayaks, paddleboards and more while enjoying the outdoors.
- Wine, Ride and Dine had it biggest year; 320 people enjoyed wine, the SkyRide over the falls and dinner at Anthony's and Clinkerdagger.
- Fun Unlimited rented paddleboards at the Downtown River Access under the Division Street Bridge. Many enjoyed the convenience of a beautiful paddle on the river!

Therapeutic Recreation Services

- Adaptive skiing and snowboarding had another popular year. We took the Powderhound ski and snowboard program to Lookout Pass for a new experience, and 9 people participated in Langlauf, the community Nordic race.
- We offered a trip to Seattle to watch the Mariners, and all had a great time.
- A new class called Drum & Dance was started with great success.
- 6,825 volunteer hours help make our programs possible – thank you!

Sports Facilities & Operations

- Following our own custom design, we built 110 new home run fences and transit trailers for Franklin Park Sports Complex, saving \$10,000 if purchased from a vendor.
- Continued repair and replacement of chain-link fencing at Franklin Park ball fields.
- Added 130 tons of infield mix and laser coned several ball fields.

Community Centers

Spokane Parks and Recreation affiliates with a number of non-profit community organizations benefitting older adults and younger children. We greatly appreciate our relationship with these centers and their individual recreation programs.

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| Corbin Senior Center | Project Joy |
| East Central | Sinto Senior Center |
| Hillyard Senior Center | Southside |
| Mid City Concerns | Southwest |
| North East Youth Center | West Central |

Volunteer Hours	74,021	65% increase
Attendance	637,516	20% increase
Fundraising	\$ 310,036	12% increase



Marketing and Communications

We're fortunate to have incredible parks, programs, and projects to communicate with our citizens.

Earned Media

We averaged 35 stories/month across all programs and projects. Through media, we work to share successes and build pride in the community's investment in our parks and recreation programs, while increasing utilization.

Social Media

- 17-23% growth in social media followers across multiple platforms
- 52% increase in engaged Facebook users
- Top organic reach of 170,000+ with 2,000+ shares and 65,000+ video views

Additional Marketing & Communications

- Bi-monthly Walk in the Park television shows and several :30 commercials
- Advertising across Pandora, traditional radio, print and digital platforms
- Posters, collateral, maps, direct mail, site signage, press releases, blog posts, web updates and collaborations
- Monthly newsletters for programs to promote individual class and camp offerings
- Monthly internal newsletter to keep staff, Park Board, the Spokane Parks Foundation and City leadership updated so they can be well-informed ambassadors

Riverfront Park Redevelopment Communications

- Website: Dedicated redevelopment website www.RiverfrontParkNow.com contains timelines, budgets, project overviews and details, site drawings, press releases, news clips, recent photographs and community input opportunities
- Earned media: Ongoing earned media outreach to keep the public informed, averaging 13 stories per month
- Newsletters: Highlights and progress updates to nearly 1,000 subscribers
- Signage and collateral: Large fence screens with project overviews; site-specific signs with plan drawings and timelines; wayfinding maps; project banners at shopping centers, libraries and businesses; handouts, flyers, posters, fact sheets and talking points distributed at community events and with partners
- Community presentations: To service clubs, professional organizations and senior centers; ongoing meetings and outreach with community partners; monthly update to the public at Park Board
- Social media: Progress posts with construction photos
- Video: Bi-monthly video updates, time-lapse cameras in place
- Events: Party in the Park groundbreaking celebration with 3,000+ attendance, Open House
- Internal communications: monthly internal newsletter to keep staff informed

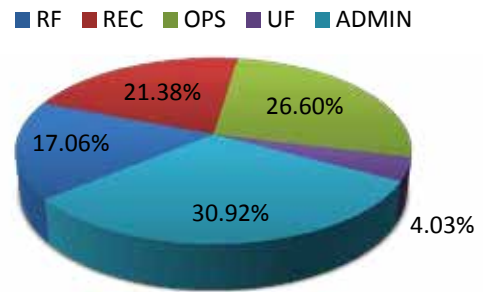


Finance and Budget

The Parks Accounting department is dedicated to transparency, accuracy and communication in daily accounting processes and coordination with Parks and Recreation staff, fellow City departments and personnel, and members of the Park Board.

- In support of the Riverfront Park redevelopment project, accounting staff has addressed numerous challenges for budgetary, accounting and financial reporting needs during this exciting time of progress. This included a new financial accounting and reporting format to provide clear reporting to the Park Board, elected officials, and all citizens.
- Parks and Recreation continues to improve budgetary and accounting practices in response to changes in grant applications and awards, and an increased investment in major maintenance and capital improvements.
- During 2016, the Parks Accounting department had high turnover and a new team has taken the helm. While rising to the challenge, accounting staff is working to improve processes and efficiency across the board. Much appreciation goes out to LaVonne Martelle, Sarah Johnson, Lori Harvey, Karla Thompson, Nicole Edwards and Megan Qureshi for your dedication and hard work. Thank you!

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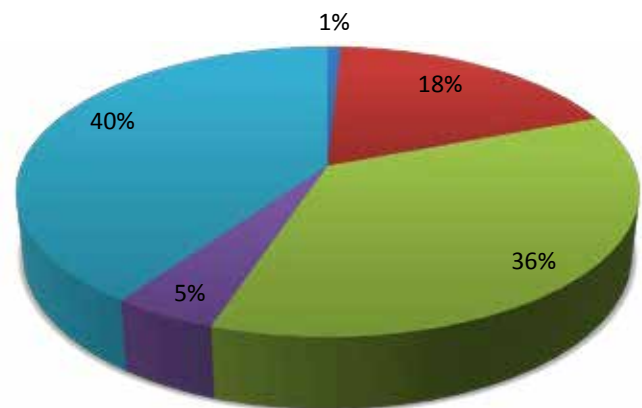


2016 Expenditure:

Riverfront (RF)	RF	17.06%	3,129,122
Recreation (REC)	REC	21.38%	3,922,037
Park Operations (OPS)	OPS	26.60%	4,878,864
Urban Forestry (UF)	UF	4.03%	740,073
Administrative (ADMIN)	ADMIN	30.92%	5,671,496
		100%	18,341,592

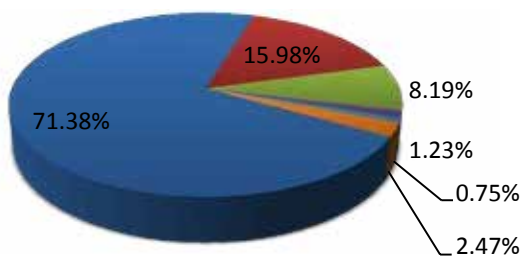
2016 NET EXPENDITURE LESS REVENUE

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2016 REVENUE

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2016 Revenue:

General Fund (GF)	GF	71.38%	13,505,508
Riverfront (RF)	RF	15.98%	3,024,095
Recreation (REC)	REC	8.19%	1,549,392
Park Operations (OPS)	OPS	1.23%	233,343
Urban Forestry (UF)	UF	0.75%	140,964
Administrative (ADMIN)	ADMIN	2.47%	466,648
		100%	18,919,950

2016 Net Expenditure Less Revenue:

Riverfront (RF)	RF	0.81%	105,027
Recreation (REC)	REC	18.35%	2,372,645
Park Operations (OPS)	OPS	35.94%	4,645,521
Urban Forestry (UF)	UF	4.63%	599,109
Administrative (ADMIN)	ADMIN	40.26%	5,204,848
		100%	12,927,150



Park Board

The Spokane Park Board was created in 1910 and granted power by Article V of the City Charter to layout, establish, purchase, procure, accept and have the care, management, control and improvement of all park grounds and parkways controlled by the City of Spokane and used for park purposes. The charter also mandates eight percent of the City's annual expenditures be earmarked for Parks and Recreation. Additional funding comes from fees and charges for programs and services. The City's golf courses are operated as an enterprise fund and are not supported by tax dollars.

Park Board meets the second Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall.

2016 Park Board Leadership

Chris Wright, President

Susan Traver, Vice President and Finance Committee Chair

2016 Members of the Board

Ross Kelley, Lands Committee Chair Pro Tem (November-December) and Bylaws Committee Chair

Kenneth Van Voorhis, Land Committee Chair (January-November)

Andy Dunau, Riverfront Park Committee Chair (January-May)

Ted McGregor, Riverfront Park Committee Chair (May – December)

Dr. Samuel Selinger, Recreation Committee Chair (January-October)

Lauren Pendergraft, Urban Forestry Tree Committee and Recreation Chair (November-December)

Preston Potratz, Golf Committee Chair (January-March)

Nick Sumner, Golf Committee Chair (April-December)

Greta Gilman (August-December)

Rick Chase (November-December)

Candace Mumm, City Council Liaison

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