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PARK BOARD ADOPTS 2012 BUDGET

Stakeholder Meeting to Begin Discussions on
Long Term Funding for Centers to be Held October 26

At its regular monthly meeting for October the Spokane Park Board unanimously adopted a 2012 budget. A copy of the adopted budget can be found on the Parks and Recreation web site, www.spokaneparks.org.

The 2012 budget includes funding to senior, community and youth centers at the same level as the centers received in 2011.

Looking forward in the coming years and what are almost assuredly going to be even leaner times, Center representatives, Parks and Recreation and City staff will soon work to develop a process to evaluate funding and organizational structure of the Centers. The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 26th.

This initial meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. at in the Upper North Room at the Corbin Senior Center, 827 W. Cleveland. The meeting is open to the public, but discussion will be limited to City staff, center directors, and center board members.

A series of 10 to 12 community meetings will be held after the first of the year that will include opportunities for public input in the process. A recommendation on a future funding and operational strategy will be presented to the Mayor by July 1, 2012, with implementation planned for the 2013 City budget.

About Spokane Parks and Recreation

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit www.spokaneparks.org

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