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**Balfour/Library Site Plan Approved**

**SPOKANE VALLEY, WASH-**After many months of input by community members and collaborative effort by the steering committee, consultants, the City of Spokane Valley and Spokane County Library District (SCLD), the Balfour Park/Library Conceptual site plan was unanimously approved by the Spokane Valley City Council on October 29, 2013.

In his presentation to the Council, Spokane Valley Parks & Recreation Director Mike Stone noted that the plan will "create a public gathering space for Spokane Valley that will also solidify a true sense of place within our city."

The site plan focuses on an 8.4 acre parcel of undeveloped property along Sprague Avenue just east of Herald Road. The site was acquired by the City in 2012 for expansion of Balfour Park as part of a partnership that allowed SCLD to purchase 2.5 acres of the parcel as a location for a proposed new library.

In addition to the area for the proposed library, the layout of the site plan includes room for a multi-use civic space, outdoor entertainment areas, a reading garden, public art, water features, expanded playground and open areas, off-street parking and more.

The site plan now becomes the City's guiding document for future expansion of Balfour Park.

A copy of the [site plan](#) is available for review at City Hall or on the City's website at [www.spokanevalley.org/parksandrecreation](http://www.spokanevalley.org/parksandrecreation).