

## Community Assembly Meeting Notes – April 2, 2026

25 neighborhoods present

The Land Use Committee is working on reviewing the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan update – there are concerns about water quality.

The permission to place docks on the Spokane River at Iron Bridge and the Ruby Hotel was discussed. Particular note was made that the relevant Neighborhoods did not receive notice re Ruby River Hotel. The CA decided to ask for a pause in approval of that project until such notice was provided. The link to the project is here:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/projects/ruby-river-recreational-dock/>

The Iron Bridge Dock is earlier in its approval process.

PICCE.org is a collaborative organization of local higher education providers and many other community organizations to encourage and provide opportunity for students to engage in civic activities. They have a symposium scheduled from 3:30 – 6:00 PM at Gonzaga. The link is here:

<https://www.picce.org/student-symposium/>

The City Council will begin meeting on Wednesdays on July 15.

There will be a significant reduction in property taxes for lower income households, per SB6162, effective 6/11/2026. For example, for households with incomes less than \$56,000, a house valued at \$300,000 will now have a taxable value of \$60,000, resulting in a tax of \$225, rather than \$3,043. The tax benefit ends at \$74,000 or more of household income.

The District 2 Townhall meeting with the City Council is June 3 at the MLK Center. Southgate should decide if we wish to participate.

There is a townhall meeting coming up regarding building a new jail – to include Spokane County residents and elected officials.

April 13 is the deadline for requesting placement of mobile-feedback speed limit signs.

Nick Hamad of the Spokane Parks Board spoke at length about the large Parks Levy. Togetherspokane.org is the link. There will be changes and upgrades to every park,

especially to the South Sports Complex. About \$8M per year will be available. Also, they will hire 8 new park rangers, to total 12.

Spencer Gardner, Spokane City Director of Planning spoke about the “Preferred Alternative” for the EIS and Comprehensive Plan. The link is [planspokane.org](http://planspokane.org).

The revision of traffic on Division to accommodate more bus traffic is planned for the next 5 years. The next hearing is April 14 at 2:00PM in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

The report from the CC/CA workgroup will be reviewed by the Administrative Committee.