

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Lyndsay Lyle <lynzlyle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 5:27 AM
To: Participate
Subject: P&Z YMCA Agenda Item

For public comment:

Ketchum has extraordinary natural and cultural resources — you all know them well. But we have a significant and increasingly visible gap in our community infrastructure.

I first felt it while coaching track at Hemingway Elementary. We canceled practice after practice due to late snow. When the snow finally melted, we paced off estimated distances because there is no track in Ketchum. Our student-athletes deserve better.

I saw it again when my son began playing basketball. We struggled to find gym space. We practiced half-court at Hemingway late at night, sharing the other half with another team, simply because the school nurse happened to be one of the other team moms who could unlock the building. That is not a sustainable system.

When my daughters started playing volleyball, the gap became even more apparent. My oldest practices at 9pm in Hailey because that is the only available gym time. She typically practices in the school cafeteria because the main gym is already booked. The Valley has a significant shortage of public indoor court space, and Ketchum has none.

Beyond athletics, the need for dedicated teen space has been voiced repeatedly in this town. I have personally worked with Mayor Bradshaw and the Sun Valley Museum of Art to explore options at Forest Service Park, but significant structural and logistical barriers prevented that project from moving forward. Our teens need a safe, welcoming indoor space, especially during the long winters.

The same is true for our youngest residents. While many of them love the snow, families need indoor play options during our coldest months. Currently, there are very few.

The YMCA proposal addresses all of these needs in one comprehensive vision: track space, court space, teen space, and indoor community space for families (and more). It is rare that a single project has the potential to meet so many clearly demonstrated needs at once.

I strongly encourage the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City of Ketchum to partner in supporting this community-driven solution. Opportunities like this do not come often. I'd like to see this project move forward thoughtfully, efficiently, and with urgency.

Lyndsay Lyle, Ketchum business owner and mom of three Ketchum kids



Public Comment For Submission To The Ketchum P&Z

The Ketchum Business Advisory Coalition (KBAC) would like to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed expansion of the Wood River YMCA. This has been part of the YMCA's plan from the very start and will be a valuable addition to our community. The plans include facilities that will help meet the needs of growing families and our active senior population, both of which will be important as our community works to be more attractive and livable for residents of all ages. This expanded version of the 'Y' will be an incredible amenity to the Wood River Valley, with indoor toddler play-space, a teen center, athletic courts, an indoor walking/running track, auxiliary learning facilities and much more.

We remain concerned about the City's parking plan for the YMCA expansion, but recognize that the parking issue is unrelated to the expansion itself. Parking solutions will advance separately, according to the City's established procedures, and we remain committed to providing support for that process when appropriate.

Thank You for this opportunity to provide public comment.

Sincerely,

The KBAC Board Of Directors

Representing our more than 270 business and community members



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From: SUSAN PASSOVOY <sjpassovoy@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 1, 2026 3:36 PM
To: Participate
Subject: WMCA expansion

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear P&Z Commisioners and the Planning and Building Department:

I am writing with a couple of questions regarding the pre-design review proposal by theCommunity YMCA.

1. There does not seem to be any analysis or calculation of the parking demand for the existing AND the expanded operation, and a plan to address those parking needs. It would seem to be in the best interest of the applicant, the City and the public to have at least a preliminary analysis and a plan at this stage, and not leave it to final design review.
2. I understand that there is a complicated history regarding parking issues between the Y and the City. It would be helpful for the Commission and the public to have a narrative of those issues at this hearing to aid them/us in understanding any legal, operational and political issues around addressing the parking needs.
3. Also regarding parking, at one point a representative of the applicant suggested that the parking demand would be solved by the City providing parking along Saddle Road. Whether or not this was a serious suggestion, using any portion of Saddle as a “solution” is replete with obvious issues, including the health and safety of pedestrians (especially those with any disability) and drivers, especially in winter. This only emphasizes the need to address the parking at the earliest stage possible in the planning and design process.

Thank you for your attention,
Susan Passovoy

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From: Wendy Jaquet <wendyjaquet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 9:25 PM
To: Participate
Subject: P & Z review of YMCA proposal

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear P & Z members,

I want to voice concerns on behalf of myself and other Y users regarding the proposed 25,000 square foot addition. We are Y members participating in the Y's Time to Move classes which occur three times a week and were started in the outdoor basketball court during COVID. Currently we have close to 35 participants, many who arrive seasonally. Class sizes are normally between 20 and 25 attendees.

The Eye in Sun Valley article mentioned that focus groups were held to determine the design concept, Our class was not asked to participate so we will make our comments here:

1. The Y has been unable to staff our class with a permanent instructor for many months. We believe this is because of inadequate compensation. We would like you to determine the number of new employees to be generated by the expansion. Where will they find these employees if they are unable to staff our class consistently? Additionally, much to our dismay, the software program for our class sign ups has not been operational since the new year. Again, is this a compensation problem. Should the Board be looking at employee recruitment and compensation instead of expansion?
2. If the expansion is to add additional employees, we ask that you ask the Y to provide housing for these employees. We believe that workforce housing is also the responsibility of the employer and should not just be a City responsibility.

We suggested that a User Group Advisory Committee be created by the YMCA Board, but it was not embraced due to the time constraints around the expansion. Since this Advisory Group was not formed, we intend to use this Planning and Zoning avenue for dialogue.

Thank you
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From: Jon Meyer <jmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 8:54 AM
To: Participate
Subject: YMCA

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hello - I am a Ketchum resident writing to support the YMCA expansion plan. As a parent of 3 kids and a volunteer coach for Sun Valley Lacrosse and BCRD Basketball I believe the north valley has a shortage of athletic facilities, which this will help address. Wood river valley kids need year-round places to play basketball, soccer, lacrosse and other sports. Adults will also benefit from access to pickleball, running and other uses. Other mountain communities like ours have comparable facilities; these facilities are essential for offering year-round recreation opportunities to the entire community.

Regards,
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From: Lacey Wadsworth <laceywadsworth@gmail.com>
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To: Participate
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Subject: YMCA Support Letter

We are writing to express our support for the proposed new YMCA development. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend the Thursday meeting because both of our boys have BCRD basketball games in Hailey.

The new development sounds like a fantastic opportunity for Ketchum. Our children are in elementary school, and we spend a great deal of our free time at the YMCA. The facilities are excellent, and making use of additional space to expand programming and activities would be a valuable asset to our community.

With so many active children and families in the valley, it would be a wonderful gift to have another place to gather, stay active, and connect—especially during the winter months, but truly all year long.

Thank you!

Jordan and Lacey Wadsworth