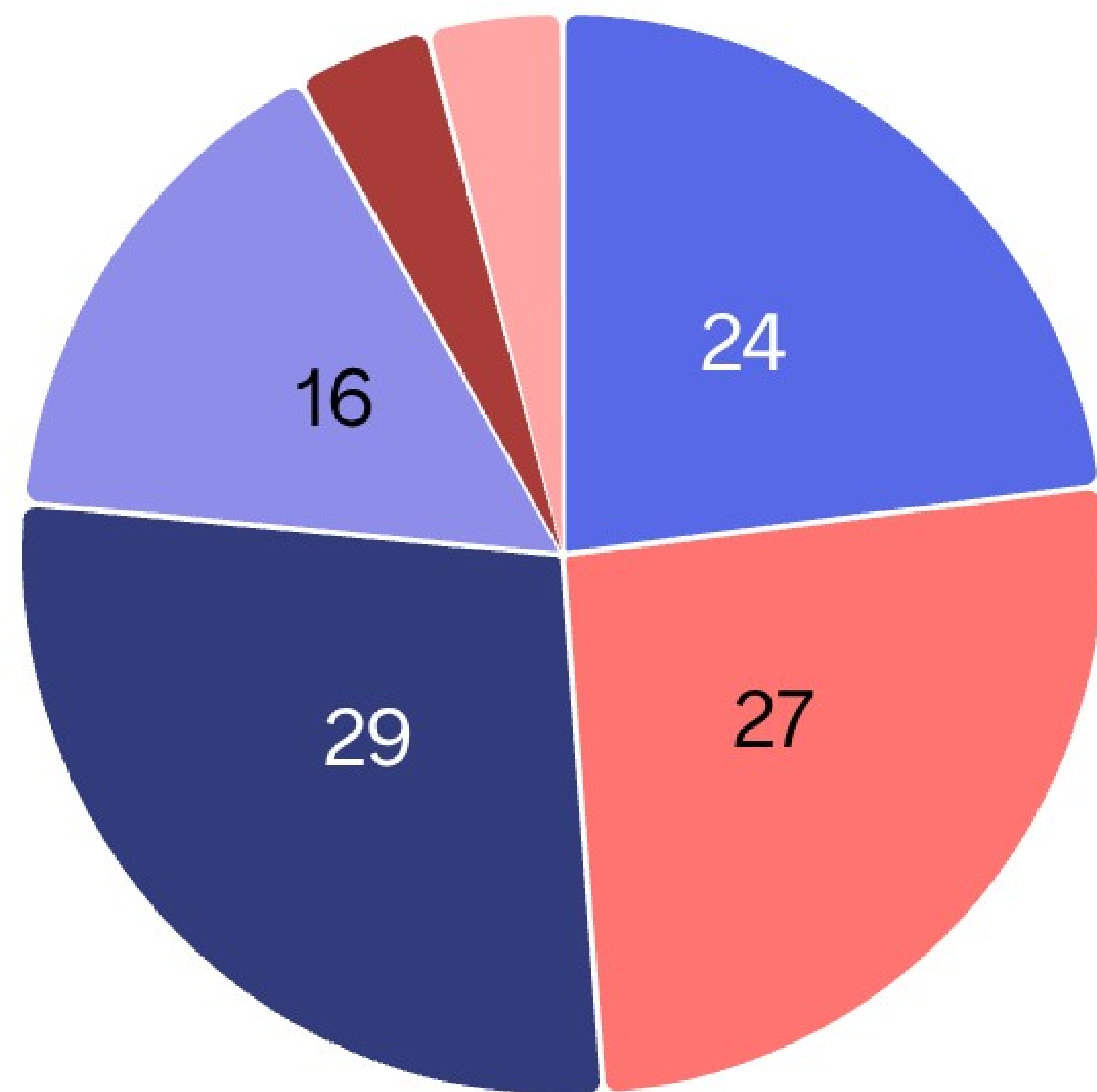
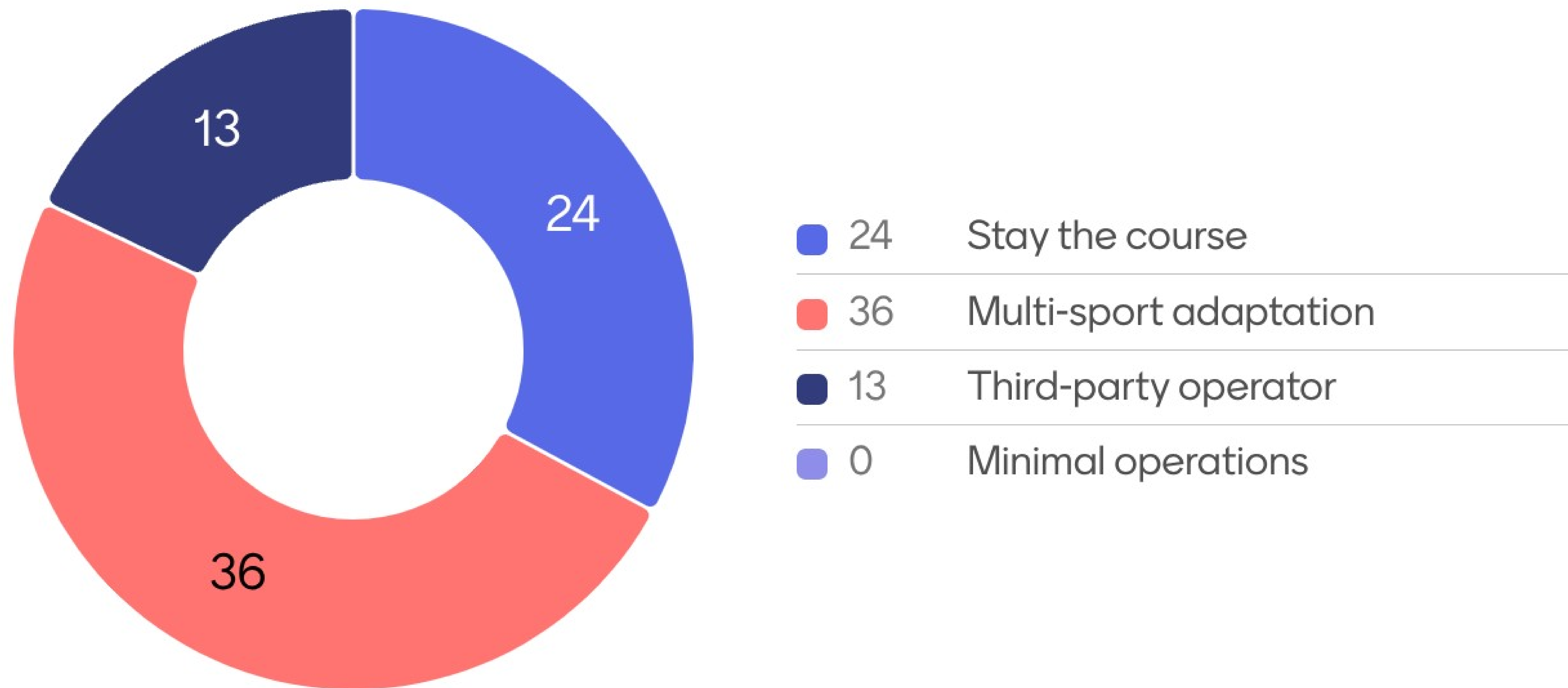


Which sporting groups do you identify with? (choose all that apply)



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| 24 | Tennis |
| 27 | Pickleball |
| 29 | Field sports (soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, football, etc.) |
| 16 | Basketball, Volleyball, or other court sports |
| 4 | Other |
| 4 | No sports, interested community member |

Of the four options presented tonight, which do you prefer?



What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

True intentions of the donor - multi sport facility

The facility was designed for raquet sports. Other sports can find a generous donation to fund their facilities.

Jim and Ginny's desire was it was to be for racquet sports.

I would like to see a similar setup to the MAC floor at the University of Idaho which allows for all sports to be played on the same surface.

Stay the course with the new manager Ryan and evaluate every 6 months

The field usage you discussed for the outdoor parks are only used seasonally. I'f those were available all year, those numbers would be much higher.

The presentation said it quite clear. The majority of this is funded by the rec department funds from tax payers. If the majority want multi sport then it should convert to the demand.

if you do not have multi sport adaptation it is going to continue to lose money and draw negativity from the remainder of the community

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Our youth needs a better indoor facility for baseball and basketball.

Our youth is Sandpoints greatest asset. The multi sport option is an investment in them!!

All kids deserve a space to play that include more than one type of sport

No business becomes profitable in their first or even second year in operation why not stay the course and allow more paddle sport players to join. Jason Welker Miss spoke when he said that the inten

Increase recreation fund % to help cover the cost of JER

That this was designed for raquet sports. Cost considerations should have been researched prior to accepting this donation.

I believe there is a lot of potential to reduce labor costs and increase membership

Adding sports courts or turf will not maximize the usage. It's only a trade off for one member group to another.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

I haven't heard anything regarding the family and that their donation was to fund a racket sports complex. Additionally, a multi sport facility will not meet the needs of all sports so you pick favs.

Give it time to work itself out. Have the director organize a few tennis and pickleball tournaments to bring in more revenue. Honor the Giftor's wishes!

Give the tennis/pickleball community a chance with programming options, clinic options, social options that the CITY SUPPORTS AND PROMOTES!!!! There has been literally NO promotion or marketing.

That they need to give the facility up to 2 years in order to fully develop membership for piccabal and Tennis

This facility was donated because of the sport of tennis PERIOD! Other sports can find a donor for their facilities. If you're worried about cost LET SPONSORS COME IN. You mentioned a matching donor

Give Ryan Wells a chance to develop membership

This building has NEVER been run correctly since day 1. There is huge potential and if it is allowed to be run correctly.

Give the new rec facilities manager a chance to run the JER as it was envisioned with dynamic programming that takes full advantage of this world class racquet and paddle facility.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

No facility's future should be based on it's performance in the first 6 months

Tournaments to add more revenue

Hirong ryan wells will hopefully be able to present ways to increase revenue and more engagement from locals as well as transit folks visiting Sandpoint. It is a racquet sports complex, keep as such.

Each school in this district has both basketball and volleyball. A 10 mph lacrosse ball will damage walls, netted curtains, etc. More programs, lesson, engaging youth needed.

Give Ryan a chance

The James E Russell center was donated as a gift in memoriam for the court sports tennis and pickleball. All sports need indoor winter amenities, regardless of which is chosen one will felt left out.

The funds for JER, the facility itself was earmarked for tennis and pickleball. As the gift recipient, the city of Sandpoint SHOULD have either accepted the gift knowing it would run a deficit.

Matching donor but will not allow sponsors? I'll personally find \$100K in sponsorship through various local businesses

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

The current fee structure is not working. The membership retention is low because members do not see value for the money spent. Members should get priority reservations and not pay additional fees.

With the new Rec Manager let's give it 6 months and focus on programming

1. Shouldn't the intent of the Russell family gift be honored?
2. It is very shortsighted to change course only 6 months into the management of the facility.

Our beautiful gifted facility has only been open 6 months and you want it changed. USTA has stated 3 years to see great change and you want to do it now. Going against the wishes of the Russell family

Implement a structured volunteer network to run events. For example, I lead a large religious org that could provide many youth and adults who are already involved in the community who could help.

The purpose of the gift. The long term for the community. Think of money generating possibilities. Tournaments etc

Give the new rec facilities manager a chance to implement a plan. We haven't given this facility a true opportunity to shine.

Put the time and resources to expand clinics and use of the facility. lowering the cost or changing the fee structure to be more desirable for seniors and families. The cost has been prohibitive

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Work to improve interest in Russell. leagues lessons tournaments clinics let tourists, visitos be more aware of this fantastic facility better managent

I would say keeping kids and youth sports at the forefront in whatever decisions the city makes. Cast a wider net to keep this facility more inclusive to all user groups.

Programming,
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programming!!

We should invest in the community for which the building was designed. Changing course is not a good answer. Build the current program for the future.

Opening up this facility to be more things to more people will cement its status as a true community resource. Kudos to staff for recognizing this opportunity and engaging the public on this decision.

Fully automate access control, lights, and HVAC,, utilizing facial recognition CAMERAS... . Any floors turf etc should roll up towards the ceilings but still look good.. Must be easy!!!

LPOSD is considering how much we can offer financially to support more sports at the JER building including tennis. That number will be determined as we understand what our multisport options are.

The Russell family donated the money to be used as a tennis and pickleball facility only. The city could have declined the gift knowing it was too much of a financial responsibility for the city to be

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Think about the unused time of this facility when the "future" user groups are in school. Seems like these youth groups would all be vying for the same time and leaving the daytime open.

Programming
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programming

Consider the original gift from the Russell family for a racquet center. In under four months you mismanaged JER with no programming to grow the sports. All these user groups will covet the same time.

There are only 100 current members. Annual members are unlikely to renew based on current membership retention rates. The loss of lifeguards at city beach is unacceptable to me

3. You need the give the facility at least a year before making changes. 4. The current fees are very & almost too reasonable. Charge the racket sports the same amount of daily fees.

The city should prioritize brining back lifeguards at city beach over this facility.

See the previous response... ask that the city council do its due diligence in supporting modifications within the current tennis/pickleball use to increase revenue

The donation was specifically made for "racket " sports. Have you explored the options of the senior citizens regarding Silver Sneakers and similar programs.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Youth sports creates safer communities adult sports creates healthy seniors...

It is early in the process memberships will go up in the next year. If you make it a multi sport complex you will start losing tennis and pickleball memberships. Bring in programs tournaments to help

Concentrated professional local marketing, thru media and advertised programs. Charge a flat monthly fee and a reduced fee for all youth.

We have a large youth pop. of this community that plays baseball and softball and have extremely limited space for them. We have 2 batting cages to serve almost 400 kids, and 0 space during winter.

This was given to the city for racket sports. Give your new management hire time to see if revenue and player retention can help.

Jeremy Grimm should resign or be recalled over the removal of the lifeguards from city beach

As a Sandpoint native of 40+ years, a multi sport facility for youth athletics is long overdue. This is a good opportunity to support all sports in a shared facility.

I think that you are moving to fast to change the facility when it only has been open for 6 months lot of repairs to courts by making multiple use. You didn't change other areas this quick.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Jason Welker has shown that he is incompetent of managing this facility.

Would multiple users pay as high a fee as tennis and pb players.

Remember the reason for the gift. Think long term. Tournaments etc. what about facilitators. Volunteers. It worked at the fairgrounds

Survey results presented by Mr Walker were dramatically biased in that less than 10% of those surveyed were part of pickleball and tennis community. The USTA is the best option

We need more space for our youth to play during the winter, especially for baseball and softball. It be great if it's more inclusive of the whole community, especially the kids.

5. Offer court sponsorships to the business community per month or year, per court. A simple way to increase revenues. 6. Remember adding sports will drive away current sports - not a good trade

The donations entire purpose was to support the tennis community. I think to turn it into something it was not intended for is not right. Adding more sports will change the environment.

The JER space was intended to be a multi sport facility, as expressed from the original donor. Opening it to the multi sport community would guarantee much more use of the facility/increase funding.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

The USTA will provide the best option both for facility management as well as increasing community participation.

I wish there were different use costs depending on if you are a city resident. As a city resident I am paying for this facility with my tax dollars. County residents are not.

7. Do you really want to spend more money to set up sports that will request the same blocks of time, leading to a loss of revenues.

The JER has offered nothing other than a space to play. Before you vary from the original intent of the Russell family it seems fair to offer a better experience. Perhaps unburden the JER of Welke

Give it another six months before making judgements. Center has not been promoted very well. Ask for volunteers to help.

Give it time. Five months is not enough time to change the usage especially when no programs have been offered to grow the sports it was designed for. Let the USTA make the effort for a few years.

8. Have you considered going to the racket sport community and ask for volunteers in two hour blocks to man the desk, clean the facility etc?

Give it more time! Give your new rec person the opportunity to market it and make it better. You are caving to pressure.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

The building will sit empty until 4pm waiting for these club sports and then they will all want the same usage hours. Tennis and pickleball people will drift away and memberships will fall off.

The percentage of Bonner County's youth that play racquet sports is a small percentage compared to the percentage that play "multi sports." A multi sport facility is an investment in our future.

I believe the turf user groups will only really want to utilize indoor space when the outdoor fields close. So you're looking at Nov-Mar. If usage drops or memberships in those months, it would help

Specializing into single sports in a space that big seems very difficult.

Closed in child area.

This area is in much need of more fields. Being able to use this for multiple sports will benefit the community and development of our youth sports in the area.

Our community is in need of more sports fields for our growing youth. We need more city areas for our youth sports.

We are in desperate need for kids local sports to have a place to practice and or play! We do not have enough facilities in the winter for the local travel baseball and softball teams that practice.

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

Give the new guy a chance to prove his worth.

I like the idea of staying the course and giving it time. I would suggest that the director should organize tennis and pickleball tournaments to help cover costs and also to honor the donors wishes

Give the new guy a chance to prove his worth.

We are in desperate need of more sports fields in our community for our youth development. There is a constant struggle to find fields. Using this for multi sports will allow for more youth sports.

Its a big building for a few select user groups.

More for the kids not the snowbirds

Community involvement

Community involvement

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

It's really frustrating because there is nowhere for my to practice a lot of different sports especially during the winter even though I see the tennis courts are not often used, the buildings ugly too

The majority of the community does not play pickleball or tennis and do not have anywhere to play sports and we are paying taxes and still don't have any place to play sports which is extremely unfair

It's already operating at a loss. Obviously a change needs to occur. There are thousands of youth that could be a new revenue source for the facility.

Thank you for your efforts to build facilities and programs that better residents' quality of life. They do not go unnoticed or unappreciated!

Consider other sports to be played/practice in there.

Indoor facility for multiple sorts makes the most sense for the community

I think you should take into consideration that Sandpoint is an all sports community and need to give everyone equal opportunity's for facilities and to grow our skills with the sport we play

Field sport athletes (youth) need a facility to practice in during the cold, and mud seasons. These facilities are lacking in our area

What would you like City Council to take into consideration as they determine the future operating plan of the JER Sports Center?

The city/city council doesn't listen to its citizens which is exactly why you're in this mess. We all knew this would happen.

The entire community. Not just the select few of 1-2 sports. We are short on facilities as is and if we could add another it would relieve some pressure on the school district and guarantee booking

The whole community. That place could easily be booked making revenue if it was for more than 1-2 sports.

It was donated for racket sports. Please don't disrespect the donation by making it more "inclusive". Priorities for play after 5 pm for adults that work. Don't change the schedule weekly!!!