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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
 (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending ,

<p>B Check if applicable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending</p>	<p>Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.</p>	<p>C Name of organization Urban Sparks</p> <p>Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 4229 Baker Ave NW</p> <p>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Seattle WA 98107</p>	<p>D Employer identification number 72-1541261</p> <p>E Telephone number (206) 992-2779</p> <p>F Group Exemption Number</p>
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• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.urbansparks.org

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) -- 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **106,959.**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)

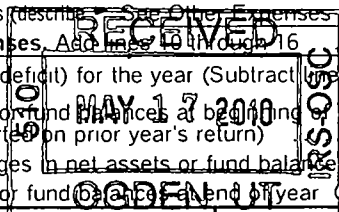
R E V E N U E	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	102,542.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	4,417.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe ▶)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	106,959.	
E X P E N D I T U R E S	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	66,282.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	81,237.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	428.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2,506.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Other Expenses Statement)	16	23,855.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	174,308.	
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-67,349.	
A S S E T S	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	114,953.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	47,604.

Part II Balance Sheets. If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)					
		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year		
22	Cash, savings, and investments	115,256.	22 48,047.		
23	Land and buildings	0.	23 0.		
24	Other assets (describe ▶)	0.	24 0.		
25	Total assets	115,256.	25 48,047.		
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>Credit Card Payable</u>)	303.	26 443.		
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	114,953.	27 47,604.		

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
35b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0.		
37b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
38b	If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
40c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
40d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____		

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Jack Tomkinson Telephone no ▶ (206) 992-2779
 Located at ▶ 4229 Baker Ave NW Seattle WA ZIP + 4 ▶ 98107

		Yes	No
42b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		X
42c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____		X

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** – Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ | **43** | _____

		Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ _____

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

▶ Jack Tomkinson Signature of officer Date May 14, 2010

▶ Jack Tomkinson, Executive Director Type or print name and title

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Firm's name (or yours if self employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Project Accounting Services
603 Stewart Street #819
Seattle WA 98101

Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): 91-1524081
 EIN: 91-1524081
 Phone no: (206) 382 5552

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

BAA Form 990-EZ (2009)

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants')	53,504.	30,322.	187,243.	395,299.	105,809.	772,177.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						
4 Total. Add lines 1-through 3	53,504.	30,322.	187,243.	395,299.	105,809.	772,177.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						21,325.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						750,852.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	53,504.	30,322.	187,243.	395,299.	105,809.	772,177.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				3,486.	1,150.	4,636.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						776,813.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	96.66 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	94.10 %

16a **33-1/3 support test – 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b **33-1/3 support test – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants')						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 33-1/3 support tests – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16

Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)

Supplies	16,453.
Telephone	2,074.
Equipment	1,607.
Fundraising	1,099.
Volunteers	744.
Dues/Subscriptions	477.
Conferences/Travel	1,310.
Other	91.
Total	<u>23,855.</u>

Supporting Statement of:**Form 990-EZ/Line 31, Grants & Alloc**

Description	Amount
Southwest Seattle Historical Society	3,000.
Seattle Parks Department	63,282.
Total	<u>66,282.</u>

Supporting Statement of:**Form 990-EZ/Other Program Service Exp**

Description	Amount
<p>Service House Project: The Service House Project developed a concept for workforce housing for non-profit workers like AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Vista. Service House will provide safe and affordable housing for young workers who are giving a year of service in exchange for a small stipend and education awards totalling less than \$17,000 per year. Without Service House, workers often live in substandard housing which distracts from their nonprofit experience. Service House will have enough members to create a supportive community of like-minded individuals so that they can learn from each other as well as receive training with their peers. The project created architectural drawings and a pro forma budget as well as an advisory group which will carry the project forward.</p>	49,993.
<p>California Place Playground Project: This outreach and design project, funded by the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, created visioning documents for the community as a first step toward designing improvements intended to make a park property more useable, particularly as a learning environment for children.</p>	13,870.
<p>Undriving Project: The Undriving education project builds community and awareness around creative alternatives to driving carbon-producing cars. In exchange for a pledge to reduce driving, participants receive "Undriver Licenses" (1611 "licensed" in 2009) which may include "un-dorsements" for walking, biking, telecommuting, skipping the trip, carpooling, etc. Participants are encouraged</p>	

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Supporting Statement of:

Form 990-EZ/Other Program Service Exp

Description	Amount
to foster dialog by displaying their attractive Undriver Licenses on the outside of their commuter bags.	15,308.
Pinehurst Shelter House: Lighting and heating equipment was purchased to begin the remodeling of the Pinehurst Park Shelter House.	12,523.
Statue of Liberty Project: We finalized Phase 1 with creating and burying a time capsule as well as funding the project's webpage to support Phase 2. Phase 2 was a second round of fundraising, using donor bricks to create a maintenance fund so that the plaza and statue could be maintained to the level preferred by the community and with their guidance. The money raised was granted to the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation with a memorandum of understanding limiting the expenditure of funds to a maximum of 10% per year for ten years.	69,853.
Aerial Tram Study: We engaged an intern to investigate the feasibility of aerial trams as public transportation in Seattle. The multi-cabin type used in ski resorts hold promise, as they leave every 12 seconds and can carry 4-8 people with bicycles rolled aboard.	2,883.
Other Urban Sparks Program Expenses: Urban Sparks continued its mission of facilitating and leading numerous community projects, including acting as a community resource for other community-based organizations. We act as a resource to many groups with whom we never have a fiscal sponsor relationship. Hazel Heights is such a project. We facilitated a large gift to the P-Patch Trust to purchase a property in 2004 and we helped raise funds for the design and development of the P-Patch while the P-Patch Trust acted as the fiscal sponsor. Hazel Heights was opened in early 2010 after 5 1/2 years of work.	3,243.
Total	167,673.