



**City of Spokane Park Board
Recreation Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 2, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Corbin Art Center
507 W. 7th Ave., Spokane, Washington
Carl Strong – Interim Recreation Director

Committee Members:

X Pendergraft, Lauren – Chairperson
X McGregor, Ted
A Sumner, Nick
A Fagan, Mike (Council Liaison)

Parks Staff:

Conley, Jason
Dickson, Fianna
Strong, Carl
Griffin, Ryan

Guest(s):

Finn Baker
Kelly Baker

SUMMARY

- Carl Strong and Jason Conley presented background information and progression in providing a third wheel park for the Spokane Community. Since the closure of the Under the Freeway Skate Park, many locations have been considered but with no definitive results. Finn Baker contributed a document that provided helpful information about various wheel park design, size, and implementation cost.
- Carl Strong shared information he acquired from Integrated Capital Management regarding funding options available for developing unimproved roadways, in connection with the Southeast Complex.
- Carl Strong presented 2016 spring and summer program registration statistics and resulting revenue. He also included additions to programs upcoming for the 2017 seasons.
- The Financial Report was not available.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Lauren Pendergraft. Introductions were made.

Action Items:

None

Discussion Items:

1. Skate Park

Jason and Carl presented background information on the possibility of a third Wheel Park for the Spokane community, in replacement of Under The Freeway (UTF) Skate Park. Due to troublesome activities occurring there and expiration of the City's lease on the property, the UTF Skate Park was abandoned. Many city locations have been considered for a new wheel park, but nothing confirmed to date. Finn distributed information he collected on various wheel park concepts and sizes, reflecting implementation costs ranging from \$40,000.00 to \$180,000.00. Considerable discussion ensued regarding funding possibilities and processes, as well as how to proceed on finding an appropriate location for a future wheel park.

2. SE Complex Street Improvements

Carl presented information regarding City processes for developing unimproved roadways, in connection with the Southeast Complex. Funding options consist of grants or through a Local Improvement District (LID), which would involve majority approval from and incur cost to adjacent property owners.

Standing Report Items:

1. Recreation Report

Carl reported statistics on and revenue resulting from the 2016 spring and summer program registrations. He also included upcoming additions to current programs for the 2017 seasons. Program possibilities for students who are home-schooled were also discussed.

2. Financial Report

A financial report was not available.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is **April 6**, 2017, 3:00 p.m., in the **Administration Building at Park Operations**, 2304 East Mallon Avenue.

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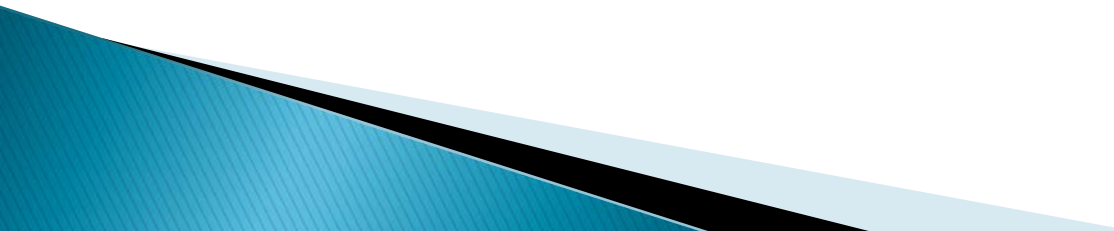
Skate Park Discussion

Recreation Committee
March, 2017

Timeline–Circa 2013

Southgate Neighborhood engages in discussion about a skate facility in Ben Buhr Park.

Project did not move forward.
Proposed skate location was an issue as well as funding.



Timeline–December 2013

The Park Board passes a resolution moving Parks and Recreation Director to prepare a transitional plan for closing UTF Skate Park.

Elements of Transition plan include proposing a wheels facility in the Riverfront Park Master plan. A wheels facility was adopted in the Riverfront Park Master plan, but was not approved for tier one funding using bond proceeds.

Staff began exploring other parks sites within the Parks and Recreation system to replace the UTF Skate Park in the downtown/south side of Spokane.

Park Board adopted a policy in early 2015 stating any future skate park/wheels facility is to be constructed as part of an existing Parks and Recreation facility.



Timeline– 2015

April–September 2015

SE Complex Visioning exercise begins.
Stakeholder meetings, Southgate Land Use
Committee, workshops–skate facility discussed

May 2015

Grindline Skate Parks Inc visits Spokane and
conducts 3 park evaluations, along with hosting a
community outreach meeting

July 2015

Grindline Report is presented to Parks and
Recreation Staff



Timeline– 2015 continued

August 3, 2015

UTF Skate Park Permanently Closed

August 2015

Recreation Committee briefed on Grindline Report.

September 2015

SE visioning exercise presented to Recreation Committee

Timeline– 2016

February–March 2016

Engaged stakeholders and Southgate Neighborhood in SE Complex Master Plan Process

April 13, 2016

Master Plan presented to Southgate neighborhood Council

Timeline– 2016 continued

May 6, 2016

The Park Board approved a motion to authorize staff to draft a contract amendment with Berger Partnership for 30 percent design for a Wheels/Skate Facility, not to exceed \$30,000 from non-bond dollars.

July 21, 2016

The Park Board agreed to defer a wheels park 30% design until Berger Partnership has completed the design and site assessment for the new Park Maintenance/Operations building.

Timeline- 2017

SE Complex development is in the works.
Working on 30% design of street scape
(defining final elements of street scape). At
this moment skate features are not in design.

Waiting on YAF & Community Parks Grant
process to know if funding is possible to
develop community park



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- ③ ENTRY PLAZA AND TRAIL ACCESS.
- ④ PAVILION AND MEADOW.
- ⑤ REGAL RIBBON - ACTIVE STREETScape WITH TRANSIT STOP AND LINEAR SKATE ELEMENTS.
- ⑥ NEIGHBORHOOD GATEWAY SIGN AND COMPLEX ENTRANCE.
- ⑦ SOCCER FIELD (FULL).
- ⑧ SOCCER FIELD (U11).
- ⑨ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMPLEX.
- ⑩ BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAZA AREA.
- ⑪ LARGE PICNIC SHELTER AND GATHERING AREA.
- ⑫ NEIGHBORHOOD PARK RESTROOM.
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Linear Skate Element



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Skate Park Style Options & Examples (text and photos)

(a) Concrete, Large multi-component parks:

Example 1 : McInnis Skatepark, San Rafael, CA, \$1.6m

The park is a collaborative project of the City of San Rafael, the County of Marin and Marinwood Community District.

Link to info on building of McInnis:

<http://www.poolrider.com/content/articles/2.html>



Example 2: Dwight Merkel Sports Complex Skatepark, Spokane, WA, Built by funds from a 2007 voter-approved Parks Improvement Bond



Example 3: Hamilton Skatepark, Novato, CA,



(b) Smaller, concrete skateparks

Example 1: Leavenworth, WA - Grindline, Small concrete park, Sept 2016 - \$175,000 bid

Example 2: Liberty Lake skatepark, WA, \$180,000



Example 3: Kandle Park skate dot, Tacoma, WA



(c) Modular Skatepark examples, much cheaper option

Example 1: San Anselmo memorial skatepark, CA, \$40,000 link to community group's efforts to get park built and fun:

<http://www.marinij.com/article/NO/20151106/NEWS/151109831>



Example 2: Kodiak Skatepark, AK, A little over \$96,000





Skate Park Locations, Spokane

- Riverfront Park - centrally located for many city neighborhoods, possible security built in with park dept, multiple alternative activities for parents and families with younger siblings, commerce and retail conveniently located. Maybe shade structure?
- South Sports Complex - natural fit for community sports and outdoor activities, open visible area with neighborhood and retail / commercial access. Alternate sports and play activities for families, possible shade structure option?
- Ben Burr - great neighborhood park, quiet and residential environment
- Grant Park, Perry District - centrally located, growing commercial and changing residential area, lots of different groups could access.

What we know about costs

- * Modular Skateparks are by far the cheapest, because of their pre-made ramps and features.
- * Obviously, costs will drop as the size of the park gets smaller, and the quality of the park is always more important than the size.
- * Depending on the choices of components, modular skateparks can be better than concrete.

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Recreation Report

Recreation Committee
March, 2017

Spring and summer programs

Spring/Summer Registrations

2016	7,087	\$577,696.53
2016 YTD	261	\$47,856.11
2017	438	\$64,039.60

Corbin Art Spring Break Camps

Corbin spring break—full with wait lists—adding more classes

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