

Minutes
Skateboard Park Advisory Committee
Steering Subcommittee
June 11, 2007

Committee Members Present: John Carr, Scott Shinn, Ryan Barth, Matthew Lee Johnston
Guests: Tony Davies, Morris Wainwright, Laura Weigel

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Citywide Skatepark Plan

The plan was unanimously adopted by the City Council today. Discussion ensued regarding community input and participation moving forward, the need to promote awareness of skateboarding and skatepark issues, the role of skatedots and skatespots in the initial round of skatepark construction, and mobilization of single-issue voter groups.

SeaSk8 Skatepark

On 5/10, 5/17, 5/21, and 5/31 SPAC delegates met with Vulcan and the Executive staffs of the EMP, the Space Needle, and the Pacific Science Center respectively, to discuss and review options for a skatepark on the Seattle Center campus. These meetings extend the SPAC's previous meetings with Seattle Center to build bridges between the skateboarding community and the major stakeholders at the Center.

The Seattle Center and Century 21 Committee will formally provide their recommendations for the SeaSk8 replacement location at the next meeting of the City Council's Parks Education, Libraries & Labor Committee on June 20th. Discussion ensued regarding timing and siting for the Pavillion and Broad Street sites, with the demolition of the building next to the Pavillion site as the key factor, not the DNS/EIS analysis for both sites. Matt and Ryan plan to attend and speak at the meeting.

River City Skatepark

River City received a \$90,000 Department of Neighborhoods matching fund grant and will proceed with construction! Kim Schwarzkopf and Mark Johnson have expressed their willingness to share their experiences at River City with other skatepark advocacy groups in other neighborhoods.

Lower Woodland Skatepark

The Lower Woodland Neighborhood Association lost its DNS appeal in King County Superior Court on May 22nd but filed another appeal. The City is proceeding with a cost analysis and bond hearing. Ryan to follow up with Kim Baldwin on status of builder bids.

Bidder Qualifications

Discussion ensued regarding the City's current Request for Qualifications language when seeking project bids, the need to support connections between the design and build of a skatepark by qualified concrete workers with an "eye" for proper construction, the quality of construction documents for various skateparks, plus various design and build techniques. Matt is to follow up with Brock McNally,

Wally Holiday, and Tom Sahli on next steps for Lower Woodland. Morris and Ryan are to follow up with Kim Baldwin on RFQ language and Request for Proposal process.

May 21 Meeting with Parks and Mayor's Office

SPAC delegates met with Jackie Kirn from the Mayor's Office, and B.J. Brooks, Christopher Williams, Kevin Stoops, Carol Everson and Charles Eng from Seattle Parks & Recreation on May 21st to discuss details of SPAC process moving forward under the Citywide Skatepark Master Plan.

Skate Advocacy Event

Matt is continuing to follow up with various vendors and personalities regarding a skate awareness event. Others to help as details unfold. Date, time and place TBD. Discussion ensued regarding permitting and permission issues for the event.

Capital Improvement Program

Review of process and policy for allocating funding for projects within Seattle Parks and Recreation based on recent meetings was discussed. Matt is also to follow up with Joyce Moty regarding forthcoming Parks Levies. More information about the CIP can be found on the following web page:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/Publications/DevelopmentPlan.htm>

Youth Event

A date and initial details for the 2007 Fall SPAC Youth Event will be discussed at the July 9th meeting.

West Seattle

Matt is working on an action plan for West Seattle skateparks, including photos, renderings, documentation of constituency and community outreach, budgets, timelines, etc.

Skate Dot Pot

Discussion ensued regarding the need to mobilize youth in specific neighborhoods around skatedots and the forthcoming "skate dot pot" of funds that will assist in the construction of these facilities.

www.seattleskateparks.org

The site is up and running, with new content added frequently. The intent of this website is to make this the most comprehensive Seattle skateboarding resource available.

Action Potential: Skateboarding and its Influence on Architectural Spaces

Stuart Haury is a graphics student at the University of Washington who has written an excellent publication about the skateboarding and public space. The SPAC hopes he will make this work available for distribution, and seeks to work with him toward this end.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next Meeting

Full SPAC meetings meet on the Second Monday of odd-numbered months. SPAC Steering Subcommittee meetings meet on the Second Monday of even-numbered months at locations to be announced by the Chair.

The next meeting of the full SPAC will occur on Monday, July 9 at 100 Dexter Ave. The next meeting of the SPAC Steering Committee will occur on Monday, August 13 at a location to be announced by the Chair.