

Minutes
Skateboard Park Advisory Committee
July 13, 2009

Committee Members Present: Matt Johnston, Ryan Barth, Kristen Ebeling, Scott Shinn

Staff: Susan Golub

Guests: Morris Wainwright, Adam Christopolus, Conqland Mah, Jaytee Teav, Tommy Teav, Ian Elliott, Tony Davies, Forrest Wedmore, John Logic

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include discussion of a new skatedot on Beacon Hill.

Public Comments

Ian reported that he is working on a campaign in Bellevue to build a skatepark in the downtown area there. He has submitted petitions to the Bellevue City Council toward this end, with Ashwood Park being the area of focus. He has spoken to Joe Moorman and other Bellevue Parks officials. Discussion ensued regarding skatepark square footage and funding allocation in Seattle, prior information campaigns, lobbying strategies, communication, networking with skatepark advocacy organizations, etc.

Delridge Skatepark

Matt reported that the third design meeting for Delridge was well-attended and that the process is continuing to move forward, with money from the Myrtle Reservoir skatepark to be reallocated to this project in September. Current issues include the fact that design meeting funding has been spent but more feedback would be helpful in meeting the needs of the community, and that the “fluidity” of the overall budget is difficult to track as the project moves forward. In general however, the project is proceeding smoothly. Kristen noted that sharing the design on Internet forums would be helpful.

Parks for All Levy

Susan reported that the Jefferson Park improvements are beginning and that the skatepark funding is also moving forward, with an estimated timeframe of 2010. The Roxhill skatepark is also moving forward along the same timeframe. The Levy Oversight Committee will discuss the overall process for the Levy Opportunity Fund at its next meeting on July 27th.

Dahl Playfield Skatedot

Scott reported on the current status of the project and noted that the next public meeting will occur on July 21. Discussion ensued regarding work on the state law that requires parks departments to accept the lowest bidder for construction work, and existing Parks policy regarding Requests for Qualifications. The uniqueness of skatepark design and construction, and the need for skatepark specialists was discussed.

SeaSk8

Ryan reported that the park opened on Saturday and that it was an excellent event with large attendance. Discussion ensued regarding management issues and park presence. Committee members and guests reported that a problem already exists with a group of non-skating park users who are threatening other users, using drugs and alcohol in the park and engaging in

criminal behavior. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement and communication with Seattle Center and Seattle Police moving forward.

River City

Morris reported that another geotech report is required in order to move forward with the engineering process.

Lower Woodland

Susan reported that the SnoCon lock box will go in place tomorrow and that a “Friends of” agreement will be required to make the relationship official so that skaters can have access to it in order to store brooms and perform park cleanup tasks. Discussion ensued regarding the desire for skatepark lighting, graffiti control, maintenance and surveillance cameras.

Skate Like a Girl

Kristen reported on the history and mission of SLAG, and provided details about the Bite This event coming up next weekend, upcoming tours, the San Francisco chapter of SLAG, and continuing public relations for the organization.

Benefit Park Skatedot

Adam, Jaytee, Tommy and Conqland, reported that the Beacon Hill Shredders’ Association is a new skate advocacy group that is mobilizing to create a skatedot at Benefit Park, where about 20 skateboarders have been using the public space for the last three years. There is already a good culture there and good relationships with neighbors. The group provided a schematic drawing showing proposed bank, boardstop curbing and manual pad locations, as well as existing ledges. Discussion ensued regarding further networking with the neighborhood, petitioning, skatedot funding, specific skate feature details, working with a builder, obtaining cost estimates, and next steps moving forward.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

The next SPAC meeting will occur on Monday, September 14, 7 PM, 100 Dexter Ave.