



Citywide Skatepark Plan

2006 Task Force Members and Meetings

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Task Force Meetings

The agendas and summaries for the 2006 Task Force meetings will be found in the pages below.

Skatepark Advisory Task Force

100 Dexter, Room #128

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

3/9/2006

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| 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Welcome, Introductions, |
| 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm | Public Comment Period,
(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit) |
| 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | Recap of City Council Resolution,
Proposed Project Timeline,
Draft Consultant Scope of Work,
Public Outreach Plan, |
| 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm | Subgroup for Consultant Screening Process & RFQ. |

Next Meeting Date

100 Dexter, Park Board Room

4/20/2006

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Skatepark Advisory Task Force

Meeting Summary

3/16/2006

Task Force Members Present: *Joe Bell, George Blomberg, John Carr, Susanne Friedman, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Christine Larsen, Joyce Moty, Scott Shinn, Nin Troung*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett, Susan Golub, Scott MacColl, Tatsuo Nakata, Peter Whitley*

Introductions

Susanne Friedman, Parks staff, started the meeting off by welcoming everyone to the Task Force (T.F.). Those in attendance introduced themselves, spoke about their background and what they bring to the T.F. Ms. Friedman then outlined the "Rules of Engagement", which the T.F. agreed to abide by at all future meetings.

Public Comments

Peter Whitley introduced himself, stating that he had no comments at this time, but was present to listen and learn.

Review of Background Material

Recap of City Council Resolution,
Draft Consultant Scope of Work,
Project Timeline,
Public Outreach Plan,

The T.F. was familiar with the resolution and draft scope of work, which had been sent out earlier. The majority of the discussion focused around the project timeline and public outreach plan, but the necessity for gathering demographic information and developing an educational component for the public meetings were also discussed.

Get the 'older' crowd and businesses educated – dispel the myth, but also listen if they say, 'not in this park.' Good visibility is necessary for a safe park environment. Different ages should be able to mix – little kids, older kids, young adolescents and folks who just want to observe. Parks need to be easily accessible by bus for the younger children. Having parks located with some overhead cover in this environment would extend the use hours of the park – Marginal Way was one example, I-5 Colonnade with a mix of users might be interesting.

At the first round of public meetings, establishing site criteria, integrated with the community is important. It helps to have proponents at the public meetings, such as senior citizens from Ballard who signed the petition. The question is, "what does it take for this (skatepark) to be a good neighbor?" Process, research, filter, apply, make site selection. Think it is necessary to have a non-Parks facilitator at the public meetings.

The T.F. and consultant need to be very clear in the message that this process is not delivering skateparks, but creating a master plan of where they will go in the future.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

A discussion was had on lessons learned with previous efforts, such as Ballard Bowl and Lower Woodland, and that perhaps a 'skate-neutral' consultant might be good – an objective party needs to do diligent research and be strong in overall planning – this is not a skatepark design exercise.

One point on the draft RFQ was to have an assessment of need – a map of where the kids are in the city, perhaps a GIS generated map, but to not get focused on specific locations but rather to look at the city as a whole – # kids/total population. Referencing national trends would also be critical.

Discussion was had on firms that were interested in the project, their strengths and weaknesses, and what the T.F. felt was important. The T.F. agreed to have a subgroup for the consultant screening process & RFQ – Scott Shinn, John Carr, Tatsuo Nakata and Susanne Friedman will review the RFQ's and make a consultant selection on behalf of the T.F.

Key Points

- Have a white board present at future meetings for folks to write down key issues that come up at the meetings.
- One of the public meetings should be held during the day, so as to encourage the participation of children.
- Utilize the website to solicit input and to disseminate public information.
- Public outreach should include the (T.F.) getting out to District and Community Councils. Tap into the network, utilize SPAC to communicate project information.
- Education is the key to dispelling the myth. Need to be reaching the 'older crowd,' businesses and neighbors.
- The project needs to be clear in its message of 'what does it take to be a good neighbor' (reference to the development of responsive siting criteria, the development of appropriate skate typologies and the application to specific sites).
- This process is not about delivering skateparks, but about the development of a strategic plan for the future development of skateparks in Seattle.
- John Carr will lead a skatepark field trip for those interested – information to be sent out.

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4/20/2006

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| 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Public Comment Period,
<i>(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit)</i> |
| 5:45 pm – 5:55 pm | Accomplishments, Shift in Schedule, New Meeting Dates <i>(Susanne Friedman)</i> |
| 5:55 pm – 6:00 pm | Introductions and Welcome to Arai Jackson & U.W. GIS students |
| 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm | Discussion on Public Meeting Format, Content and Information Gathering <i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education Component- Siting Criteria- Typologies- Site Selection |
| 7:15 pm – 7:25 pm | Public Meeting Flyer Content <i>(Catherine Anstett)</i> |
| 7:25 pm – 7:30 pm | Upcoming Skatepark Tour <i>(John Carr)</i> |

Next Meeting Date

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4/20/2006

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Task Force Members Absent: *Jeanne Krikawa, Nin Troung,*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett, Steve Arai, Laura Weigel, Mark Green, Meagan Snow, Kevin Kelly,*

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Accomplishments, Shift in Schedule, New Meeting Dates *(Susanne Friedman)*

Ms. Friedman summarized the Task Force (TF) accomplishments since the previous meeting, which included:

- Unanimous selection by the sub-committee of a project consultant - Arai Jackson, with Hough Beck and Baird, and Grindline as sub-consultants. Scott Shinn and John Carr summarized the sub-committee's decision making process and strengths of the final consultant choice.
- Progress of intern, Valerie Porter's work on regional and national siting criteria used by other municipalities,
- Progress on U.W. GIS course work to supplement Arai Jackson's GIS work.

After reviewing the scope of work with the consultants, the decision was made to hold the first round of public meetings in early June '06. As a result of this decision, the initial TF meeting schedule was modified slightly to work around the public meeting dates. Briefings to the Park Board and Councilmember Della's PELL committee remain the same. Meeting dates for the Task Force and public meetings are listed on the project's webpage:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/Skatepark.htm> .

Introductions and Welcome to Arai Jackson (AJEM) & U.W. GIS students

- Steven Arai, Laura Weigel
- UW - Mark Green, Meagan Snow, Kevin Kelly

Discussion on Public Meeting Format, Content and Information Gathering

(Steve Arai & Laura Weigel)

Steve and Laura presented an outline agenda to the TF as a way to receive feedback and direction from them on the format for the first round of public meetings. The agenda was presented and discussed in five parts.

Framework

AJEM went through the framework portion of the presentation. In response the TF asked AJEM to; define urban planning, define what the master plan is and to explain why the master plan is being created.

TF wants the public to understand that public involvement is a critical element of the planning process. AJEM should explain how the community can participate in the planning process and later in the design process. It is important to explain that the master plan is not site design specific. (Once sites are identified, the community will be engaged in a public planning and design process that will focus on specific design elements for that site.) Through the first phase of the public process the TF wants to uncover community concerns, identify advocates, start neighborhood dialogues, and identify "hotspots." The process will be transparent from planning stage through design stage.

There was also consensus that we need to identify the post master planning process. How do the parks get built? What is the implementation recipe?

Education Component

AJEM outlined a number of topics to present. TF directed AJEM to continue developing the perceptions of skateboarding and skaters section of the presentation and to specifically address concerns related to: graffiti, senior citizens, the business community, and skaters concerns that ticketing by police will increase once legal skateparks are created.

Typologies

AJEM presented typology frameworks based on the typologies identified in the City of Seattle's adopted "Skateboard Park Policy" issued in August 2003, Portland Parks and Recreation typologies, and other identified typologies.

Task Force tentatively agreed upon 4 typologies to present to public for discussion, although full definitions were not crafted:

- Skatedots
- Skatespots
- District Skateparks
- Regional Skatepark

TF pointed out that there are no good models for the "skatedot" typology. Skatedots are unconstrained skate "paths" or features as opposed to constrained "park" which enable skate venue dispersion, and are an urban solution to creating more legally skateable terrain without the funding that is required to build larger skateparks. See Matt Johnston's "Skateable Cities" paper for further explanation of "skatedots."

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TF asked AJEM to illustrate comparables - both skateparks and other types of recreational facilities, such as: a skatespot is approximately equal to the size of a tennis court. Seattle has the Ballard Bowl, which is a "skatespot" and Lower Woodland, in the design phase, will be a "district skatepark."

TF also asked AJEM to research King County skateparks to determine if they have a typology system.

Siting Criteria

AJEM presented lists of siting criteria based on the typologies identified in the City of Seattle's adopted "Skateboard Park Policy" issued in August 2003, Portland Parks and Recreation typologies, and other identified typologies.

There was concern that Seattle's criteria is outdated. The Task Force agreed that revised criteria should be based on a tiered system like Portland's. TF agreed that even if every criterion is met it is not a guarantee that the site will be selected. TF discussed the possibility of identifying site criteria as criteria considerations.

The TF discussed how the term "existing use" should be defined. City policy will not allow skatepark sites to replace an existing use like a tennis court or baseball field, but inactive open space may be considered for development.

Due to time constraints AJEM requested that each TF member take home the siting criteria spreadsheet and develop a proposed list of siting criteria based on the information provided. Revised spreadsheets are due to AJEM by noon, April 27.

Site Selection

AJEM outlined the how site selection process will work, which is as follows:

- Solicit ideas at public meetings in June
- TF subcommittee to identify Parks, Port, SDOT and School District Property that might be available for potential skatepark sites along with sites suggested by community
- Narrow down sites during the summer based on evaluation criteria and public feedback
 - Process to include analysis of adopted neighborhood plans and park planning already underway
- Present revised site list to public in the Fall
- Based on feedback from public narrow list of proposed sites to present to:
 - The Parks Board – then revise based on feedback and present to:
City Council

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Public Meeting Flyer Content *(Catherine Anstett, Seattle Parks and Recreation)*

Catherine Anstett distributed a draft flyer for the three public meetings that are being planned for June, as well as a draft list of groups and mailing lists to be included in outreach for the meetings. The Task Force will provide additional contacts to be included in the outreach. The three public meetings will be held in Southwest, Southeast and North Seattle. Exact meeting locations are still being determined. They will include two evening meetings, as well as a daytime meeting on a weekend.

Upcoming Skatepark Tour *(John Carr)*

John Carr has put together an agenda for the Task Force's Saturday skatepark tour. The first group will be leaving from 100 Dexter at 10:00 am, on 4/22/06, returning early afternoon, the second group will be scheduled the following weekend, 4/29/06. Sites to be visited are listed below.

Ballard - <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/parkspaces/BallardCommonsPark.htm>

Lower Woodland - <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/maintenance/lowerwoodland.htm>

Mukilteo – <http://www.ymca-snoco.org/Locations/mukilteo/skatepark.ashx?p=394>

<http://www.policygov.com/skate/mukilteo.html>

<http://www.policygov.com/skate/muk.html>

Mill Creek - http://www.cityofmillcreek.com/parksrec/parks/skate_park.htm

Shoreline -

<http://www.skateboardpark.com/skateboardpark/viewpark.asp?ID=3023>

Kirkland - <http://www.skatespots.com/wa-krk.html>

http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/parks/Youth_Services/Youth_Council/KYC_Projects.htm

Redmond - <http://www.skateoregon.com/Redmond/Redmond.html>

Sea Skate -

http://www.seattlecenter.com/events/location/detail.asp?VE_VenueNum=107

Marginal Way - <http://www.marginalwayskatepark.org/>

<http://www.rivercityskatepark.com/>

Renton - <http://www.ci.renton.wa.us/commserv/parks/skateprk.htm>

Des Moines -

http://www.concretedisciples.com/skateparksdb/skateparks_display.php?id=830

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Kent (dent) - <http://www.policygov.com/skate/kent.html>
<http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/maps/map.exe?poi1name=Kent+Lion's+Skate+Park&poi1streetaddress=West+Smith+Street+and+6th+Avenue+North&poi1city=Kent&poi1State=WA&poi1zip=98032&poi1iconid=204&icontitles=yes>

Kent (clover) –
<http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/maps/map.exe?poi1name=West+Hill+Skate+Park&poi1streetaddress=Reith+Road+and+42nd+Avenue+South&poi1city=Kent&poi1State=WA&poi1zip=98032&poi1iconid=204&icontitles=yes>

Burien - <http://www.djc.com/special/concrete01/skatepark.html>

Milton - http://www.pps.org/great_public_spaces/one?public_place_id=779

Sprinker - <http://www.policygov.com/skate/sprinker.html>

Key Points

- Education is the key to dispelling the myth. Need to be reaching the 'older crowd,' businesses and neighbors.
- The project needs to be clear in its message of 'what does it take to be a good neighbor' (reference to the development of responsive siting criteria, the development of appropriate skate typologies and the application to specific sites).
- Public participation in the process is critical to achieving a citywide plan that citizens embrace.
- This process is not about delivering skateparks, but about the development of a strategic master plan for the future development of skateparks in Seattle.
- Four skatepark typologies were agreed upon for the citywide system:
 - Skatedots
 - Skatespots
 - District Skateparks
 - Regional Skatepark
- The North end public meeting needs to be held in a central location. Ballard already has a skatebowl, need to pull in other neighborhoods.

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| 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Public Comment Period,
<i>(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit.)</i> |
| 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm | Schedule Review and Up Coming Meeting Dates
<i>(Susanne Friedman)</i> |
| 6:00 pm – 6:10 pm | Highlights of the Skatepark Tours
<i>(John Carr)</i> |
| 6:10 pm – 6:20 pm | Approval of Final Draft Criteria
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:20 pm – 7:15 pm | Power Point Presentation & Discussion
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Education Component- Typologies- Siting Criteria- Site Selection |
| 7:15 pm – 7:30 pm | Finalize Public Meeting Format and TF Assignments
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |

Next Meeting Date

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6/29/2006

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Revised Criteria DRAFT
All Types of skateparks
Are compatible with existing uses (ex. Near an active area of the park rather than contemplative space), consider adjacent uses, and adjacent landscaping/surfaces are compatible with safe skate surfaces.
Offer capacity to limit potential off-site impacts to residential communities as consistent with city code, i.e. noise and lighting
Allow for clear, passive observation by parents, emergency services, police and the public
Are in close proximity to public and private transit, and have foot and bike access
Allow for ease of development and construction
Allow for the creation of safe and secure environment; providing for separation from vehicular traffic, adequate visibility of detection of emergency situations, vehicular and pedestrian access, and ease of routine maintenance
Located in a highly visible area with moderate to high pedestrian traffic, in an existing or new multi-purpose park, or in close proximity to other public facilities.
Offer positive mitigation potential for noise concerns and other adverse impacts
Include likelihood of community support
Skatedots - Integrated Skateable Terrain up to 1,500 sq. ft.
ALL criteria listed above, plus:
Skatedot criteria (not applicable to other typologies) seek to seamlessly integrate skateable terrain into small neighborhood parks and throughout the city by identifying existingspaces that already are or that could be used for skating
Skatespots - 1,500 - 10,000 sq. ft.
ALL criteria listed above, plus:
Can be integrated into a larger park space that provides other park amenities.
Consider sun and shade
Include the capacity for spectator accommodation
Will consider the environment for the well-being of skateboarders
District Skateparks 10,000 - 30,000 sq. ft.
ALL criteria listed above, plus:
Offer adequate separation from other facilities/program at site
Are in close proximity to Water Fountain, trashcans, restroom
Offer space for nearby action-oriented sports activities and events, such as BMX or climbing
Include the possibility of lighting, or integration with existing lighting
Have expansion potential
Have access to adequate parking
Regional Skateparks greater than 30,000 sq. ft.
ALL criteria listed above, plus:
Allows for extended, all-hours access
Promotes action oriented sports activities and events
Have the capacity for concessions

Skatepark Advisory Task Force #3

Meeting Summary
5/18/2006

Task Force Members Present: *George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Scott Shinn, Nin Troung*

Task Force Members Absent: *Joe Bell, Susanne Friedman, Christine Larsen, Joyce Moty*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett, Steve Arai, Laura Weigel*

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Schedule Review and Upcoming Meeting Dates (*Catherine Anstett*)

Ms. Anstett provided flyers for the upcoming public meetings and notified the Task Force (TF) that the flyers are also posted on the website. Any changes in meeting dates are listed on the projects webpage:

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/projects/Skatepark.htm>

TF members committed to attending the public meetings as follows:

June 14 – George Blomberg, John Carr, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Joyce Moty
Scott Shin

June 15 - Joe Bell, George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston,
Jeanne Krikawa, Joyce Moty, Scott Shin

June 17 - George Blomberg, John Carr, Jelani Jackson, Matt Johnston, Jeanne
Krikawa, Scott Shin

Highlights of Skatepark Tours (John Carr)

John briefly discussed the recent Skatepark Tours. Several comments were made by those on the tours:

- Another facility visited is located next to the local jail
- Skateparks integrated into a large park appeared to be the most successful
- Having the appropriate amount of space available for a particular design is important creating a successful skateable area
- Fencing around skate facilities can be dangerous for skateboarders because it hurts if crashed into
- Marginal Way is an example of where skateboarders are required to practice their sport without accessible legal facilities. The built-by-skateboarders parks is located under a bridge and isn't a "life affirming experience"

AJEM will make boards for the public meetings showing each of the skateparks visited, the pros and cons of each design and will identify the typology.

John then took the opportunity to discuss the idea of a "media blitz." John provided a list of media contacts and said that with the approval of the TF he would like to inform the media of the skatepark planning process. John will be talking to the media as a citizen not as a representative of the TF. There were no objections to John taking on this responsibility.

Approval of Final Draft Criteria (Steve Arai & Laura Weigel)

Steve and Laura presented the DRAFT Site Selection Criteria based on input provided by TF members over the last several weeks via email. Based on additional feedback Laura will provide a REVISED DRAFT to the TF. After receiving approval from the TF a REVISED REVISED DRAFT criteria will be posted on the project website by June 10, 2006 and discussed during the first round of public meetings.

There was a general consensus that redundancies need to be edited to the extent possible and when feasible the active voice should be used. Several TF members stressed that the criteria should be considered for the well-being of the neighborhoods as well as for the well-being of skateboarders. It was agreed that this will be addressed in the assumptions about all sites:

- No site selected will replace/remove existing active uses (ex. Ball fields, tennis courts)
- No site selected will impact environmentally sensitive areas
- Sites will have adequate area available for appropriate skatepark typology
- Sites will be distributed equitably geographically throughout the city
- Criteria were developed for the benefit of neighborhoods and skateboarders equally

After the criteria have been revised based on feedback today AND feedback through the public process each applicable criteria will be given a weight by typology. Then each potential site will be scored with the weighted criteria. Sites with higher scores will be given priority over those with lower scores.

Specific criteria changes suggestions will be reflected in the REVISED DRAFT Criteria.

PowerPoint Presentation & Discussion (Steve Arai and Laura Weigel)

Based on the outline presented at TF Meeting #2 and feedback from the TF Laura developed and presented a draft powerpoint presentation for the first round of public meetings. Although there were several comments regarding presentation content, which will be addressed in the revised powerpoint, the general consensus was that the presentation framework paints a clear picture of the concerns that both neighbors and skaters will want to discuss.

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Finalize Public Meeting Format and TF Assignments (Steve Arai and Laura Weigel)

The Question & Answer portion of the public meeting will focus on technical questions and comments from the public. AJEM, the TF and Parks will attempt to respond to all questions. Due to time constraints and the desire to hear as many questions as possible there will be a two minute limit per question and per response.

In addition to the Question & Answer portion of the meeting there will be time set aside for people to mill about the room where a number of boards will be displayed:

- City-wide Skatepark Planning Timeline
- General Skateboarding Information
- Typology System
- All 4 Typologies & Criteria
- Location Suggestions
- Site Visit Board/s
- Ways to provide feedback

A TF member will be placed at each typology board and will be prepared to explain each criteria, answer questions and record comments. A TF member will also be assigned to the "Location Suggestion" boards to record the public's ideas for the location of potential skateboard facilities. In addition to recording potential location ideas, sites with strong opposition will also be recorded. A comment box will also be provided.

Laura will contact TF members to identify which boards they would like to present. Those TF members will report to the public meetings half an hour early.

Key Points

- Site selection criteria will be applied considering the concerns of neighbors and skateboarders.

Public Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, June 14 7-9 p.m. Rainer Community Center
Thursday, June 15 7-9 p.m. Southwest Community Center
Saturday, June 17 1-3 p.m. Green Lake Public Library

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Skatepark Advisory Task Force

Meeting #4

100 Dexter, Park Board Room

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

6/29/2006

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| 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Public Comment Period
<i>(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit)</i> |
| 5:45 pm – 5:50 pm | Kudo's to Everyone, Project Schedule
<i>(Susanne Friedman)</i> |
| 5:50 pm – 6:10 pm | Discuss Key Points raised during community meetings
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:10 pm – 6:30 pm | Reevaluate Criteria based on community comments
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:30 pm – 6:45pm | Weighting Criteria (homework assignment)
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:45 pm – 7:15pm | Strategy for site evaluation over the summer
<i>(Steven Arai & Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 7:15 pm – 7:30pm | Outreach and input to/from District Councils & Associated Recreation Council
<i>(John Carr)</i> |

Next Meeting Date

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Skatepark Advisory Task Force Meeting #4

Meeting Summary

6/29/2006

Task Force Members Present: *Joe Bell, George Blomberg, John Carr, Susanne Friedman, Matt Johnston, Christine Larsen, Joyce Moty, Scott Shinn,*

Task Force Members Absent: *Jelani Jackson, Jeanne Krikawa, Nin Troung*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett, Steve Arai (AJEM), Laura Weigel(AJEM)*

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Kudo's to Everyone, Project Schedule *(Susanne Friedman)*

Ms. Friedman gave highlights of the City Council PELL and Board of Parks Commissioners briefings, she also recapped several community generated e-mails on the project. Copies of recent articles featuring the project were circulated for TF members to read.

Parks planning and development division was briefed on the siting criteria on June 26th, the recreation and operations committee was briefed on July 5th. Additional up-coming briefings include: Parks and Open Space Advocates on 7/7, and Friends of Olmsted Parks on 7/10.

A Task Force meeting has been scheduled for August 3rd, to review the draft site list.

Discuss Key Points raised during community meetings *(Steve Arai and Laura Weigel)*

AJEM provided a summary of all the comments collected during the public meetings. The community consistently mentioned the following topics:

- Where is the money coming from to build the skateparks once they are sited?
- Will BMX bikes be allowed in the parks?
- What is the demand in Seattle for skateparks? There were two sides to this question. Some citizens were concerned about building too many skateparks while other were concerned that skateboarders are not being served equitably by the City as compared to other sports field users such as tennis, baseball, football, soccer players etc.
- There is a concern about replacing green space with concrete.

The Task Force also discussed the criteria that received the most dots during the interactive "open house" segment of the public meetings, which are:

- "Are in close proximity to public transit, and have good foot, bike and vehicular access
- "Can be integrated into a larger park space that provides other park amenities."
- "Include a space for size appropriate viewing."

There were several comments received via email and through the comment box all the public meetings and the Seattle Parks sponsored Skate Open House at the Ballard Commons. The majority of the comments were very supportive of the planning process and of skateparks in general. There was one citizen who provided an alternative set of criteria for the Task Force to

consider. These criteria had some similarities to the existing criteria, but many of the criteria represented a very different intent than the existing criteria.

AJEM also provided the TF with the list of suggested sites compiled from the public meetings.

Reevaluate Criteria based on community comments

After discussing all the public comments the Task Force concluded that the original criteria presented at the public meetings capture the majority of concerns of citizens and skateboarders alike. The Task Force decided to keep the original criteria.

Weighting Criteria

The Task Force was given a sheet with all the criteria listed and asked to rank each criterion in order of importance as they apply to the three different sizes of proposed skatepark facilities (skatespot, district and regional). The assignment was also sent to TF members who were unable to attend the meeting.

There was a lot of discussion regarding how AJEM will compile the results of the exercise and apply weights to each criterion. AJEM will send a draft of the weighted criteria for each size facility along with an explanation of the method used to determine the numbers to the TF for comment. If any of the TF members feel AJEM's calculation method should change the TF can discuss through email.

Strategy for site evaluation over the summer (Susanne Friedman)

The following steps for site evaluation were outlined and discussed with the TF:

1. Compile the complete list of suggested locations included suggestions from the community, Parks, SDOT, the Port of Seattle and the School District.
2. Susanne Friedman and Laura Weigel, will visit all the sites during July and early August. Scoring sheets based on the weighted criteria will be filled out for each site.
3. Although no sites have been selected yet, there are some sites that have received more attention than others. Therefore, members of the TF will work to speak with District Councils regarding popular site suggests (see more information below).
4. Proposed sites will be presented to the TF at the August 3 meeting for feedback.

Outreach and input to/from District Councils and Associated Recreation Council (John Carr)

John requested volunteers to attend Neighborhood District Council Meetings to brief them about the skatepark planning process and inform them about potential site locations that were suggested by the community during the round of public outreach. Ideally, Task Force members will speak to Neighborhood Councils prior to Mid-September, but this may be a challenge due to summer break. If it is not possible to brief the councils prior to Mid-September volunteers should do so as soon as is possible.

Susanne Friedman will provide a list of contacts for the Neighborhood District Councils.

Skatepark Advisory Task Force

Meeting #5

100 Dexter, Park Board Room

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

8/3/2006

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| 5:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Public Comment Period
<i>(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit)</i> |
| 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm | Discuss Weight Calculations for the Site Criteria
<i>(Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm | Up-date on Site Evaluations and Discussion
<i>(Susanne Friedman and Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 6:45 pm – 7:00 pm | Strategy for 2 nd round of public meetings
<i>(Laura Weigel)</i> |
| 7:00 pm – 7:15pm | Update from Task Force members regarding District Council meetings |
| 7:15 pm – 7:30pm | Other business
<i>(Susanne Friedman)</i> |

Next Meeting Date

September 7th, 2006

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Skatepark Advisory Task Force Meeting #5

Meeting Summary

8/03/2006

Task Force Members Present: *Joe Bell, John Carr, Susanne Friedman, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Joyce Moty, Scott Shinn,*

Task Force Members Absent: *George Blomberg, Jelani Jackson, Christine Larsen, Nin Troung*

Guests: *Catherine Anstett (Parks), Laura Weigel (AJEM)*

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Discuss Weight Calculations (*Laura Weigel*)

Ms. Weigel distributed a "draft" of the weight system and explained how the weights were calculated and applied to each criterion according to the size of each facility. A few members of the Task Force requested that the numbers be analyzed again to confirm that indeed the weight calculations are correct. Ms. Weigel agreed to run the numbers again and Scott Shin offered to look at the calculations as a second set of eyes. Once the numbers are confirmed Ms. Weigel will provide the final weight for each criterion in each category along with an explanation of the method used to obtain the weights.

Up-date on Site Evaluations and Discussion (*Susanne Friedman and Laura Weigel*)

Ms. Friedman and Ms. Weigel explained to the Task Force that they analyzed over 130 sites suggested by the community, Parks, SDOT, and the Port. Each criterion at each site was scored on a scale from 1-10. The weights were then applied to each score resulting in a cumulative score for each site. The sites that ranked in the top 25% out of 100% were put forth as possible site locations.

Twenty-six sites were presented to discuss as potential sites. These 26 sites do not include the already planned or existing skate facilities:

Parks existing – Ballard Commons, SeaSkate (Seattle Center)

Parks planned – Lower Woodland, Jefferson, Dahl Playfield, Crown Hill Elementary (Pro Parks Levy plan on hold due to school closures)

Private Existing – Inner Space, Marginal Way (not private, but not publicly managed)

Private Planned – River City Skatepark, 65th & Roosevelt

Each site within each district was discussed and the Task Force agreed with the potential site list. However, there is a concern that the central area of the city including downtown, Queen Anne, Magnolia, Capital Hill, Belltown, etc...are lacking in potential sites for skate facilities. The community did request that the Task Force find appropriate locations in these areas, however this is difficult due to the lack of park properties and available space in the Downtown and surrounding areas. The small number of parks located in these areas combined with high densities result in heavily programmed parks with very little room available for new facilities. The request was made by a Task Force member to attempt to further identify possible locations in this particular area.

The Task Force also agreed that the final plan should include a recommendation that the Downtown areas be acknowledged as target areas in need of more opportunities for the skate facilities and that as new park properties are acquired and or developed in these areas, skate facilities should be taken into consideration during the planning process.

Community members suggested several schools sites during the first round of public meetings. Ms. Friedman and Ms. Weigel reviewed the suggested sites. However, Seattle School District needs time to assess how they are moving forward with the school closure sites, and those were removed from the draft potential list.

The Task Force asked how Ms. Friedman and Ms. Weigel determined the size facility that would be most appropriate for a particular location. Some locations were suggested to be a specific size so that was taken into consideration. The decision was made based on available space, and uses both adjacent to, and within, the park.

There are a few sites that still need to be visited and some that will be revisited, therefore the list of potential sites may change slightly from the original list presented. The final proposed list of potential sites will be posted on the Seattle Parks website by September 8th, 2006. These potential sites will be discussed with the public at a series of public meetings, which will be held on:

Monday, October, 2nd at Garfield Community Center, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Thursday, October 5th at Delridge Community Center, 6:30 – 8:30 pm,
Saturday, October 7th at Northgate Community Center, 1:00 – 3:00 pm,

Strategy for 2nd round of public meetings *(Laura Weigel)*

Due to a lack of time this topic was not discussed.

Update from Task Force members regarding District Council meetings

Other business *(Susanne Friedman)*

Ms. Friedman provided three draft letters in response to citizen's letters written to the Task Force regarding the project. The Task Force agreed that the letters were well structured and responsive and agreed that Parks should send the letters on behalf of the Task Force.

Skatepark Advisory Task Force

Meeting #6

100 Dexter, Park Board Room

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

9/21/2006

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm

Public Comment Period

(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit)

5:45 pm – 5:50 pm

Schedule Update

(Susanne Friedman)

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm

District Council Meeting Updates

(Task Force Members)

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Power Point Presentation and materials review

(Laura Weigel)

Next Meeting Date

October 12th, 2006

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Skatepark Advisory Task Force #6

Meeting Summary

9/21/2006

Task Force Members Present: *Joe Bell, George Blomberg, John Carr, Susanne Friedman, Matt Johnston, Jeanne Krikawa, Christine Larsen, Joyce Moty, Scott Shinn*

Task Force Members Absent: *Jelani Jackson, Nin Troung*

Guests: *Laura Weigel, Steve Arai*

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

One public comment from Ryan Barth who said "The task force is doing a good job."

SCHEDULE UPDATE (Susanne Friedman)

Public Meetings are rescheduled for the following dates:

Garfield Community Center Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 – 8:30

Delridge Community Center Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 – 8:30

Northgate Community Center Saturday, Oct. 7, 6:30 – 8:30

60,000 flyers were mailed to all residents who live within a broad circle of 300 feet of the sites under consideration. Signs were also posted at all the sites with the exception of the reservoir sites, which are owned by Seattle Public Utilities.

Taskforce Meetings

Next Task Force meeting moved to Oct. 12

Final Task Force meeting date to be determined

Other Meetings

Park Board Interim Briefing Nov. 9

Pell Committee Dec. 6

Park Board Full Briefing and Public Hearing Dec. 14

Park Board Recommendations to Parks Superintendent January 11

DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATES (Various Task Force Members)

Task Force members are in the process of attending District Council meetings and discussing the citywide skatepark plan.

SW District

- Primary comments supportive

Magnolia

- Some concern for graffiti
- Comments mostly positive/supportive

Capitol Hill Stewardship

- Supportive of covered skateparks
- Some concerns about conflict with other user groups at parks where other activities occur

Judkins Park

- Primarily supportive

Central District

Needs to be rescheduled

City-Wide Neighborhood Council

- CD neighborhood council – To Be Scheduled
- Pike-Pine neighborhood council – To Be Scheduled
- Downtown neighborhood council – To Be Scheduled

South Lake Union

- Some negative comments
- Eastlake/Allison

SE District Council

Needs to be rescheduled

Capitol Hill No Functioning District Council

Ballard District Council

To Be Scheduled

Public Outreach (Susanne Friedman)

- Prior to the first series of public meetings Parks and members of the Task Force spoke with a number of press outlets about the citywide planning process and quite a bit of press coverage was received. The Task Force discussed possible follow-up opportunities and volunteered to contact the media again. SW calendar + guest piece

Power Point Presentation and Materials Review for 2nd Series of Public Meetings (Laura Weigel)

Ms. Weigel ran through a draft of the power point presentation for the second series of public meetings scheduled for October to get feedback on presentation materials. She also outlined the format of the meetings, which are to be structured similar to the first series of meetings and is as follows:

15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting for people to peruse the information at each of the stations

5 minutes for Introductions

20 minute Power Point Presentation

30-45 Minutes for Question and Answer Session

45 minutes for an Open House type discussion with Task Force representatives at stations set up around the room. There will be six stations providing information by city sector including: a sector map of the sites under consideration, site images and site characteristics. People will have the opportunity to ask site specific questions, have an in-depth discussion with Task Force members and have their thoughts and opinions recorded. Approximately 10 additional boards, including the framework of assumptions, site criteria and site visit information, will also be set up around the room for folks to peruse.

This format was successful during the first series of public meetings and offers the best opportunity to hear and discuss ideas with the largest number of people.

Skatepark Advisory Task Force

Meeting #7

2300 Seventh Ave

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting Agenda

10/26/06

5:30 pm – 5:45 pm

Public Comment Period

(Please note there will be a 3 minute/person time limit)

5:45 pm – 7:20

Discussion on Public Comments Received and Site
Recommendations

(Task Force)

7:20 pm – 7:30 pm

Additional Items

Next Meeting Date

November 16th

5:30-7:30 p.m.

location to be determined

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