



Delridge Playfield Skatepark
Public Meeting #1
Wednesday, July 30, 2008
7:30 – 9 p.m. Delridge Community Center

Attendees:

Kelly Davidson, Project Manager Seattle Parks and Recreation
Karen O'Connor, Public Relations Specialist Seattle Parks and Recreation
Micah Shapiro & Gridline Design Team
Fred Ogram, Abbotswood Design Group

Notes:

Introductions by Kelly Davidson

Introduction of Project:

Seattle Parks and Recreation is requesting \$600,000 solely for construction of this project. The request is part of the overall Parks budget for 2009/10 and goes through the Mayor's office for approval followed by the city council in November.

Main purpose of this meeting is to explain project and get public feedback on the best location to site the park.

The parks website will have links to several other related websites for the project.

Gridline presentation:

They gave history and pictures of completed projects including: Missoula, Bellevue, Duvall, and Yakima.

Many opportunities and strengths were identified at the Delridge Playfield site.

The design team is reviewing site constraints including – sewer lines, noise, site lines.

Three potential sites were presented at the meeting. They are listed below in the order the community members ranked them, one being the strongest site of interest to locate the skatepark.

1. Site 1: - NE Corner
 - Busy street
 - Bus stop
 - Primary access to parking
 - Highly visible
 - Lights
 - Louder site
 - Least amount of programmed open space use.
2. Site 2
 - Open Grass
 - Open sun light
 - Zone of trees
 - Fronts 2 neighborhood streets



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- Drain lines and Utilities
 - Open and Flat
 - Most programmed open space at site.
3. Site 3
- Near Tennis Courts
 - Elevation Changes
 - Transitional area
 - Nice access to CC
 - Restrooms and water close
 - Tree buffer
 - Possible site restriction

Questions and Concerns from public:

- What would happen to trees?
 - Parks answer - Design would take into account mature trees and work around trees. Designers would work with park's arborists. Parks is not going to cut trees down
- Parking is limited?
 - Parks answer - should not be too negatively affected. This would be a neighborhood skate area, there is bus access directly to the site.
- Safety concerns?
 - Citizen concerned that this park is highly used by neighborhood kids and he had a concern where they would go and how safe the skate park would be.
 - Parks answer - Intent is not to use whole park
 - Parks met with staff of Delridge CC and walked the property discussing best option to be compatible with all other current park activities.
 - This site was designated one of the best locations for a skatepark in the Citywide Skatepark Plan based on the criteria used for all sites.
 - What are park hours?
 - Dawn to dusk.
 - Citizen comment -Investment of community in skatepark is important for success of park. Skateboarders are good stewards of parks and good mentors

Group mingled and looked at boards with site recommendations. Participants put stickers on their first, second, and third sites. The first and third sites were highly favored.



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Where we go from here – Two more design meetings will be held later this year. The timeline for construction will be contingent on the approval of the construction budget in the 2009/10 budget to be approved by the Mayor and Seattle City Council.