Skatepark Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
6:00—7:30 pm  
Via Zoom

IN ATTENDANCE:
Anthony Johnson  
Cybil Kipp  
Darrell Rogers  
Tom Long  
Kate Lewis  
Kirsten McWilliams

Agenda

I. Approve previous meeting’s minutes  
II. Planning board application update  
III. FOAA and how it applies to fundraising update  
IV. Fundraising goal update  
V. Art in the Park event  
   a. Assign event coordinator(s)  
   b. Artist outreach (e.g. local artists, students, etc)  
   c. Original artwork procurement (e.g. paintings, photographs, illustrations, decks, etc)  
   d. Additional ideas, resources, and needs  
VI. Community Center skatepark unveiling event  
   a. Assign event coordinator(s)  
   b. Activities and amenities (e.g. skate demo, auction, food trucks, live music, etc)  
   c. Additional ideas, resources, and needs

General Notes

• A quorum approved last minute’s meetings  
• No update from planning board. They have not had a chance to review it. Anthony has reached out to them a few times. He will reach out to them again.  
• Kate and Jack met with Sally Daggett, corporation counsel. How can we operate in confidence with donors. Correspondence with potential donors can become public document. Could we form a friend’s group for fundraising that is not a city committee but this would take a ton of time and work to create a separate entity. The short answer is that everything we are doing is under public FOAA mandate. So, we should keep it all swift, official, professional, knowing it can be public.  
• Our google spreadsheet and every version of it is a public record. We should not add notes, amounts, no need to summarize. We could use spreadsheet as a contact list. Contacted? Visited? Considering? Complete?  
• We need to update the spreadsheet to reflect the work that Michele and Kirsten’s neighbor Jenn have done on behalf of the committee. Kate will create a new form of the
spreadsheet to make it more of a contact/to do list. She will add Michele’s work and Kirsten will add Jenn’s work.

- Kate or Cybil will reach out to Tom Reynolds to add what he has been doing so it is also reflected on our new spreadsheet.
- Anthony created a skatepark email address. It is skatepark@southportland.org. Start to CC that in all correspondence in all communication.

Fundraising Update: We are at $388,000 plus for fundraising right now.

Art in the Park
- Anthony reached out to Michelle Howard. Her concern is that they have never had a city committee with a table selling art that would take away profits from other artists. Anthony shared that profits were not our only goal. Other groups have booths for promotion but not sales. She is going to approach the committee and get back to Anthony.
- Michelle was confused about what exactly we would be selling, not skateboards but art on decks. A raffle would be okay, but not really selling art. Could we pay the fee to be a part of Art in the Park. They are strict about whom they allow to participate in terms of numbers, types, etc... She needs to talk to Mary.
- Event Coordinators will be...

Artist outreach
- We have ten skate decks. Cybil will bring them to the artists. If everyone can reach out to their artists to confirm their commitment. Before we start asking artists, we need to know what we are doing. We need to make some decisions. Anthony will follow up with Michelle again tomorrow, CC Cybil as well. Could we be positioned in the city non-profit/interests area instead of in the art section. Could we accept silent auction bids.

Community Center Skatepark Unveiling Event
- Event Coordinators will be
- August 29th, Sunday, parking lot side, Nelson Road, 3 to 6 pm.
- Lucas emailed Tom about bringing ramps
- Lucas will make a schedule of events for skaters and organize skaters
- We will use speaker and microphone.
- Who will marshall the public to make sure it is safe. Tom is not worried. He can manipulate the area and numbers.
- Demo type scenario? Can public come and skate it as well? If public used it we would need to get them to sing a waiver. The city of So Po might have a waiver. Anthony could put it on a form to sign.
Tables:

- Table with bracelets from the Small School girl
- Table with fingerboards from the Peter and Paul Sames family
- Table with paper footprints of boards with why we skate
- Table with silent auction of artists’ decks
- Table with tools for repairs
- Community Center has tables, chairs, pop up tents

- The parking lot itself is not skate able. The Nelson Road street in front is as well as the drop off area for the high school. Anthony would need to submit an event application to close this street. The turn around at the high school would also be good. Anthony prefers to keep it closer to the rec center.

Food?

- Trucks or local businesses to donate food for sale as fundraiser

Music?

- Local radio stations. We have one at Foden Road. Chuck Igo. He retired last year. He was connected to the oldies station.
- Could the rotary be involved. Maybe they could have a grill, or offer some contribution
- Could So Po Unite help us with set up, take down, etc...

Next Steps:

- Anthony will apply for event application with the city
- Anthony will reach out to Michelle at Art in the park, and CC Cybil
- Anthony will reach out to planning board again
- Kate will reach out to radio station
- Kirsten will ask about garage band
- Kate will organize new spreadsheet, include Michele and Tom’s work
- Kirsten will add Jenn’s work once Kate is ready to let us all update spreadsheet
- Cybil will reach out to rotary
- Cybil will reach out to Lee Ann Downs at So Po Unite
- Tom will work with Lucas on ramps/ space. Other businesses to add to our new spreadsheet

Bull Moose
Other comics store?
Cookie Jar
Scratch
Terra Cotta
Dicks Sporting