Meeting # 11: Skatepark Committee Meeting Agenda

July 25, 2019
6:00 pm

PRESENT:

Anthony Johnson
Michele Danois
Kirsten McWilliams
Darrell Rogers
Jack Gundling
Cybil Kipp
Public Attendance: Paul Cunningham

AGENDA:

1. Potential Locations update
2. Location list for feasibility study
3. RFP Process
4. Open and review RFPs
5. Next meeting date and time
6. Approve minutes from May 29, 2019 meeting

Review of List of Possible Locations

1. Anthoine Street (rating of 17)
2. High School Park (rating of 14)
3. Elizabeth Taylor Lane (rating of 14)
4. Hamlin School (rating of 10)
5. 35 Southeast Rd. (rating of 8 without community block grant funding)
6. Wainwright (Hamlin School (rating of 10)
   *Legere Hamlin School (rating of 16)

Location List for feasibility Study

We took Cash Corner off for safety reasons, accessibility concerns, concerns about current projects, proximity to houses, the wetlands. After doing this, we have a finalized list of our top five.

RFP Process

1. We have decided that all voting members of the committee will score all five proposals using scoring rubric.
2. Jack will create a shared google spreadsheet to collect our scores.
3. Each member will score by Monday, August 5th on google document
4. Michele will score on paper and bring to Anthony at Rec Center
5. Jack will send email and provide scores to committee for final agreement via email. He will then submit our final decision to HR.
6. Let's then meet again shortly after to determine our final list of locations to submit to chosen company.
7. Anthony will reach out to Kristen Stiles to make sure what CDBG money can be applied to what portion of each of these quotes. We can only spend the CDBG money on the feasibility study, not on the design process. He will scan the five budgets to her.

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Next Meeting Date and Time:

Anthony Johnson will create doodle poll for our next meeting date and time.

Feedback from Tom Long who is not in attendance:

Thanks Anthony for forwarding and especially for the extra work scanning so we can review them all. I've read them all over and since I unfortunately won't be around for Thursday's meeting I'll share my initial thoughts here. Feel free to contact me with any questions that I can be of help with. I'll list them in my preference order, starting with top choice first. - tom

1. Stantec: Maine Tie - civil engineer registered in Maine. Their designs are consistently great balances of plaza and transition ensuring designs that will meet needs no matter how trends fluctuate over the life of the park. Referenced 3 public meetings. Develop website for project (most others just mentioned developing social media accounts). They include local skate history into many of their projects (the Boston Hospital Banks recreation at the Boston park is an incredible nod to local skate history). Most importantly, as a skateboarder, their park designs are incredible. Boston's park is my favorite municipal park I have ever skated (I've been all over the country and to many outside the country). Also, they designed Tony Hawk's personal backyard park - it's amazing, it's in videos all the time, and can't get much higher of a vote of confidence than that. Total $38,434

2. Pillar: Maine Tie - Mount Desert Island park, been in communication and helping us already along the way. Skater owned and operated! ALWAYS on time and on budget. 1st green skate park. So involved in every level they helped write the standards for public skate parks. They design terrific skate parks including the Nashua NH park which has consistently held up as one of New England's best parks. Total $36,000

3. New Line: Maine Tie - subcontract with local firm VHB Engineering, also - one of their designers has family in Maine and regularly comes to Maine to skate our parks, he understands the local scene and skates the parks so has another level of motivation. They really did their homework on what we've been doing so far. Staff has ties to skateboarding becoming part of the Olympics. 2-3 workshops and an open web forum. Their designs, although good, in my opinion are not as impressive as Stantec or Pillar's design histories. Total $40,000

Arc and Evergreen are kind of interchangeable in my mind at 4 & 5. I gave ARC a slight edge based on now owning the company that built Portland's park - which was very well made.
4. Arc: Trusted by Vans to do the Triple Crown parks - premiere skate competitions. Did Pier 62 in NYC which is a great park. Their applications seems to point to a little less time meeting in person compared to the other companies. Total $39,200

5. Evergreen: Built Windells Park which is incredible and a staple in skate videos. Total $40,000

Feedback from Jeff Woodbury

Regarding locations, I would like to remove the Cash Corner location from consideration, and I absolutely want to keep Legere Park on our list. There's been no official decree that we cannot consider it, as far as I can determine.

- The committee is unanimous that Cash Corner should be removed.

My gut says Southeast Road is sketchy - too deep into a residential neighborhood.

Out of left field, I wonder if anyone ever talked to the Mall manager about putting one in the corner of that empty parking lot acreage. I know he's been real helpful with the West End Trails committee in getting things done. Just thinking that they might let us have the space for free, since it would attract visitors who'd spend money.

- We can't put it there bc of liability. It must be on city owned property.