Meeting # 5: Skatepark Committee Meeting Agenda
January 09, 2019
4:00 pm

PRESENT:

1. Anthony Johnson
2. Tom Long
3. Jeff Woodbury
4. Lucas Brown
5. Kate Lewis
6. Kirsten McWilliams
7. Darrell Rogers
8. Jack Gundling
9. Cybil Kipp
10. Michelle Danois

AGENDA:

1. Utilization of So Po Unite, JMG, and Boys & Girls Club
2. Preparation for CDBG Q and A in February if necessary
3. Preparation for City Council presentation on March 26th
4. NEXT STEPS: Things to work on for next meeting
5. Next meeting date/time

I. Utilization of So Po Unite, JMG, and Boys & Girls Club

They should attend and be involved with the March 26th workshop. We have gotten the go ahead and support from all three of these three groups. Get people to attend, youth, residents, citizens. The more the better. Each speaker gets two minutes.

II. Preparation for CDBG Q and A in February if necessary

February 6th is the CDBG grant presentation night at the old Hamlin School, planning and development office
CDBG $ will be awarded in March and available in July
How much time will we have to present?

III. Preparation for City Council presentation on March 26th
Councilors will want specific top locations, they will want to know that the research has been done, they will cost analysis between one location and the next, names of possible builders, timeline(think before Olympics), informal quotes

1. What we want $ for this year - to ID that the locations we have already vetted are feasible and to plan and design
2. Narrow our already researched locations to the top three
3. Builders will work with community to decide what features they want
4. Show visuals of possible parks that range possible costs but do NOT place them in any one determined space
5. Explain why a certain high level and cost of an inground concrete park is necessary
6. Explain funds and fundraising for construction and completion? Good idea to
7. (There is a specific cost to waiting. We cannot get the park that Portland built two years ago for $250,000)

Jeff’s list of slides/topics for powerpoint

Map of bus routes
Locations and point system
Top three locations - recommended and two alternates
Partners
Show examples
Concrete - why?
Phases and timeline
Money
Health Benefits
Summary

IV. Next Steps:

1. Who will attend the CDBG meeting on February 6th? - Anthony
2. How much time will we have to present there? - Anthony
3. Jeff to share powerpoint by noon on Thursday, March 21st- as a public packet goes out of information - Jeff Woodbury
4. Reach out to partners and youth to attend March 26th workshop meeting - Cybil & Kirsten and Lucas
5. Ask Lee Ann to offer talking points of healthy risk options and how skatepark will benefit youth health in city - Kirsten
6. Contact Baxter Academy - Jeff
7. Richard Yerxa - in Rotary - contact him - ask him to get involved - Michelle Danois
8. Create Instagram page for social media input and community awareness - Lucas Brown

V. Next meeting date/time - March 6th, 4:00 at So Po Rec Center

Location Updates
77 Waterman Drive - easement of lines, need access to lines if park is built underneath it, so no longer on our recommended list.

Pine Street Little League Fields - They believe not enough space, not on board, maybe an agreement or compromise to improve the location if there are improvements made to the property

Bug Light - all space out there is already spoken for by historical society and Stonyfield

**Public Comments**

Troy Chase - Did we ask about easement on Legere Park and running powerlines under the park? When will the pole be moved? Are we considering setbacks on both sides, residential and street side. He spoke about utility easements and possible conflict with those easements at Legere Park.

**Kate Lewis’s Notes Added:**

The group approved the minutes from December meeting. Jack: Suggested agenda change to bring up City Council stuff in March. Anthony just submitted memo to Mary Perry about work so far and possible locations with workshop request. We are on docket for March 26th for workshop.

Skate park CIP request will be in Kevin’s budget. The March 26th meeting will be about why we need a skate park, etc. And all of the detail to date. Have renderings of parks that would fit in certain areas--what they would look like and cost.

Group decided to put presentation together and have other groups present information during the workshop session on March 26. Presentation should include top locations; pros and cons etc. Want to focus on why we need a skate park.

Kate outlined the process for a workshop presentation.

There was much discussion about the detail of information to share, and if it should include locations or just the overall general project.

Companies will want to explore where we want to build. Narrow it down to primary spot and they will go forward and do testing.

Jack: Location part has been Achilles heel and the town might be different than other places that have built skate parks. List has excellent options.

Suggestion about leaving ALL the options in the spreadsheet and why or why not they made it into the top picks. Include Olympics in the presentation.
Reference vendor quotes because these 2 vendors. Construction costs and what it might look like in the locations that are picking. Renderings of what the parks might look like, but not a custom rendering.

Square footage we can afford? Base size on how much it will cost or what population it might serve? Flow, Street, Competition, Indoors. Kate suggests showing all of this.

Anthony: Would it be beneficial to have a public meeting before the 26th to have people in the skatepark community weigh in on elements etc? Long=whoever gets the job will do this. Show Council various size parks, different shapes/sizes, what they would cost, and throw recommendations out there. Once firm does study, they will be holding public meetings, etc. This expenditure will cover that very important part of process, which is design.

Presentation outline:
What we want $$ for, what the $$ will do-to make sure locations we vetted will also be able to be built by skatepark builders. Builders will also be able to decide what features to use, and what it’s reasonable to build. Show location suggestions and $ possibilities. Give examples of local parks. What it would take to build Portland size, for example.

Metal vs. concrete and maintenance budget or it's unusable within 3 years. Talk about this, and use Scarborough as example, and Windham and Biddeford.

Michelle: What about combinations of metal and cement?
Tom: Concrete lasts longer, and our climate has a lot to do with it. Ramp parks in the south work fine, but b/c they don't experience winters. Concrete technology has changed, also.

Kirsten: Planning for CDBG presentation. Anthony and a couple others to present and answer questions. Feb. 6 (15th?) is CDBG open mic night to present application and advocate for why you need the $$. Jack: Cull down presentation and use it as dress rehearsal. When do we find out about CDBG $$? Awarded in March and available in July is the last info we have, so we should know before 3/26 unless it is at the very end of March that they make their decision. Who will attend and how much time will we have there?
Jeff can start building presentation. Will be away 1/22 to 2/8 or 2/9. He will break big PowerPoint into sections and can get it to the Council. Will get stuff to the whole committee first so that people can ask questions.
Include photos of failing ramps, etc. Getting youth involved is always more successful.
Baxter School youth also doing projects every Friday; ask if there are groups of students who want to do this.

Last major component is recommended site and 2 alternates. CMP regarding 77 Waterman: have easement for lines that travel above triangular parcel, and transmission department has concerns about access to lines if there is a park beneath it. Not in recommended list. Pine Street little league field= believe there is not enough space. Not absolute no, but will take more work.
Legere
Bagley Ave (Yerxa Park)
Mahoney MS Field
High School Park
Data on benefits of parks being located near schools. Is there data from other skatepark development guides? Accessibility.

Health benefits to community and citizens having a skatepark.

Richard Yerxa very involved in Rotary, and Rotary has been very involved in supporting skate parks.

Troy Chase from the Knightville neighborhood spoke from the public at the end about utility easements and possible conflict with those easements at Legere Park.