

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

April 7, 2008

CALL TO PODIUM:

Tim Smith

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Michele McGleish
Tim Smith

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

X	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
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Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:
Staff Recommendations on the Site Locations for Skate Spots Within City Parks

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:
<p>The findings of the Ad Hoc Committee for Skate Components within City Parks were presented to the Mayor and Council on December 10, 2007. Guidance from the Mayor and Council included meeting with the Planning and Police Departments to review the plans for a skate spot and safety issues. A community meeting of residents of the neighborhoods near Diamond Farms Park was also requested.</p> <p>Staff is seeking approval of skate spot locations at Lakelands Park and Diamond Farms Parks.</p> <p>Attachments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo to Mayor and City Council • Aerial view of Lakelands Park • Aerial view of Diamond Farms Park

DESIRED OUTCOME:
Proceed with design of two skate spots within City parks.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mayor and City Council
VIA: James D. Arnoult, Acting City Manager *JPA*
FROM: Michele McGleish, Director *mm*
Parks, Recreation and Culture
DATE: March 17, 2008
SUBJECT: Skate Spot Project

On September 7, 2007 the Mayor and Council Resolution R-94-07 established the Ad Hoc Committee for Skate Components within City Parks. The Committee met in September and October to research regional and national trends in skate parks. The findings of the Committee were presented to the Mayor and Council on December 10, 2007. Guidance from the Mayor and Council included meeting with the Planning and Police Departments to review the plans for a skate spot and safety issues. A community meeting of residents of the neighborhoods near Diamond Farms Park was also requested.

Since the presentation to the Mayor and Council, Michele McGleish and Tim Smith met with Greg Ossont, Director of Planning and Code, who suggested a survey of under ground utilities be done at Lakelands Park. This was completed in February 2007. A meeting with Chief John King was also held to discuss security issues associated with a skate spot. Chief King was in favor of the skate spot project.

A community meeting for the Diamond Farms Park Skate Spot was held on February 27. Three spots were suggested by staff; #1 in the open area on the South side of Diamond Drive, #2 in the open area to the North side of Diamond Drive, #3 near the tennis court and entrance to Solitaire Ct., an additional site, #1-A , was also proposed by a citizen at the meeting. This location is further south of site #1 toward the church and child care facilities. Since the meeting it has been determined that this site lies just beyond the 100 ft. stream buffer, but does fall within the FEMA 100 year flood plain and would require a waiver from the Mayor and Council.

- A straw vote was taken of the possible locations;
- #1-A received 19 votes
 - #1 received 0 votes
 - #2 received 1 vote
 - #3 received 8 votes

It is staff's recommendation to proceed with design of site C at Lakelands Park. This site is the furthest of the three possible sites from resident's homes and was also endorsed by the

Lakeland's Board, if the Aquatic/Recreation Facility site was not chosen. It also recommended that the City move forward with design of site 1-A at Diamond Farms Park. Design would commence during the spring of 2008 and construction of both facilities in summer/fall 2008.

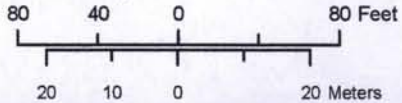
Enclosure:

Diamond Farms Park Map

Lakelands Park Map

Lakelands Park Skate Spot

1 inch equals 89 feet



MD State Plane
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Diamond Farms Park Skate Spot

1 inch equals 183 feet

190 95 0 190 Feet

40 20 0 40 Meters



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