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Recreation & Facilities Management Department

Sally L. DeLuca, CPRP, Recreation Division Manager

TO: Portland's Skatepark Planning Committee
FROM: Vicki L. Allen, Recreation Administrative Assistant
SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes ~ Wednesday, August 12, 2008
DATE: August 12, 2008

Attendees: Councilor David Marshall, Tom Noble, Barry Sheff, Dylan Verner, Pam Richards, Josiah Webber, Nick Lund, Alex Lund, Jordan Murphy, Luke Rand, Kyle Richards-Connolly, Rocco DiDonato, , Jaye Gorham, Barb Strout, Liza Moore, Eli Cayer, Allysia Melnick, Eliza Townsend, Annie McDonald, Dexter Morse, Sean Randall, Joanna Crispe
City Staff: Tom Civiello, Vicki L. Allen

Skatepark Planning Committee portion of Meeting:

Old Business (Skatepark Committee):

- 1.0 Meeting minutes from July 30, 2008. Councilor Marshall noted 2 corrections:
 - A. The Skatepark Committee has chosen a dollar for dollar match so we must raise an additional **\$50,000 (not \$10,000)** in order to receive the Ollie Fund grant.
 - B. Dylan also agreed to make a myspace page for the skatepark.
- 1.1 The changes were noted and the minutes were approved and accepted.

2.0 New Business

Councilor Marshall introduced Barry Sheff, an engineer from Woodward & Curran and Tom Noble, a skatepark designer. Barry Sheff's role is to show us drawings and schematics of the skatepark as well as draw up a request for proposals and get the drawing, elevation, plans, etc ready for the bid process. Barry also explained we would not want a stamped engineered plan at this time. It would be better to let the contractors provide their information with the stamped plan when they bid the job. It costs them next to nothing, but the cost savings to us is substantial.

Tom Noble's role is to be the liaison between Barry Sheff and the skaters/bikers, keeping the following in mind:

- A. Construction costs with a real-world implementation
- B. Everything that is drawn is realistic
- C. Take into consideration "who" is using the park and build it as safely as possible
- D. The goal is to have affordable, skate-able spectacular park that everyone will want to use



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Councilor Marshall agreed with Tom & Barry to set up weekly meetings over the next 4 weeks to actually design the skatepark with the users of the park. Tom Noble strongly encourages everyone to visit his website: <http://whoskates.com/news.php> and post a private or anonymous comment and their ideas of what they would like to see. If anyone has pictures of what they would like to see, please send them also. The next four meetings are as follows:

East End School ~ 195 North Street ~ Portland, Me ~ 04101

Wednesday, August, 20, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. ~ East End Community School Cafeteria

Wednesday August 27, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. ~ East End Community School Cafeteria

Tuesday, September 2, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. ~ East End Community School O'Donnell Community Room

Monday, September 8, 2008 – 5:30 p.m. ~ East End Community School Cafeteria

Following these, we would want to set up a neighborhood meeting and present the drawings from these meetings.

Sally DeLuca will work with Nicole Clegg to get this information out to the media. As soon as we have more Bottle Drive info, we will add that to the web site.

3.0 New Business

Pam Richards let us know that the company we are purchasing the bricks from has a new smooth brick available that costs less. She will drop one by Sally DeLuca's office. If it is still durable enough for the skatepark, we will consider it.

Dylan Verner is going to contact Jeff Shaw regarding the skate competition fundraiser to see if they can work together. He is still in the process of setting up a skatepark "myspace" & "facebook" page.

Munjfest would like to have a table set-up to sell t-shirts and bricks. They would also like to have a smaller skate competition to help raise awareness.

Dylan expressed concern about a rumor that Larry with Art on Decks received a \$15,000 check from the Tony Hawk organization. Jaye is going to contact Larry to see if a check was received. Tom Noble is going to contact the Tony Hawke organization to see if a check was issued to Art on Decks.

Jaye Gorham described the "Klink" program at Hannaford. They can designate one day a month for a percentage of proceeds collected to go towards the skatepark. The East End Bottle Redemption Center is available to help with bottle drives. Jaye is also going to contact RSVP and the Brighton Avenue Redemption Centers.



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Eli Cayer told us about Dominic, a local East End artist, who will design t-shirts for sale. The t-shirts cost \$3-4 each and we would sell them for \$12-15 each. Councilor Marshall asked the committee to vote to spend

\$300-400 on t-shirts. The committee unanimously voted yes. Eli also informed us of a \$10,000.00 donation from In-Body Calm.

Tom Civiello met with Mick Rogers from the Department of Conservation Bureau of Parks & Recreation and took him on a site tour. We are eligible for a \$25,000.00 grant with 50% matching funds. We have been pre-approved. Alysia Melnick (friend of Eli's who just graduated from law school) has volunteered to help Tom with the grant writing process. The following information needs to be included:

1. History of Portland Skaters (i.e., age)
2. Population
3. Demographics
4. List of Committee Members
5. Site info
6. Timeline and where we are in the process
7. Where we are headed