

Skatepark Site Selection Committee Minutes

Thursday April 3, 2014

Meeting called to order: at 5:21 P.M.

Members present: Joe Bushey, Marty Fitzgerald, Betsy Gentile, Elizabeth McLouglin, Dan Sontag, Jacob Roberts, Andrea Watkins

Others present: Carol Lolatte, Jeff Clark, Melissa Clark, Deborah Sontag, Francine Vallario, Howard Weiss-Tisman, Patty Fitzgerald

Agenda:

1. Public Participation

None

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes from March 27, 2014 meeting

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting March 27, 2014 approved without modification

3. Public Input Via E-mail

Peter Whitley of the Tony Hawks Foundation sent an e-mail concerning criteria which was discussed in detail during agenda item #5 (value on criteria).

4. Report on phone calls of potential sites and review potential sites

Two privately owned sites were removed from the site list after updates from committee members. Eight potential sites remain on the list.

Private Properties

1. Cedar Street Properties (Windham Foundation: Ski Jump, Outing Club, Retreat)

School Properties

2. BUHS/BAMS
3. Crowell Lot
4. Fort Dummer Field

Town Properties

5. Elm Street Lot
6. Living Memorial Park
7. The Common
8. Elliot Street Park ("Thomas Lynch Park")

5. Begin to put a value on criteria

Peter Whitley's e-mailed points on criteria were read and discussed. They seemed to correlate more closely to Les Montgomery's criteria than the ones created by SSSC. It was decided that SSSC's criteria addressed Mr. Whitley's points and that the committee's existing criteria would be used for site evaluations. It was then determined to use a point system for grading with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest. Betsy Gentile proposed testing the criteria by "role playing" with a site not chosen. The parking lot behind the Gibson-Aiken Center was suggested and everyone went outside. In the process of applying the criteria the committee agreed to slight

changes to a few of them for clarification purposes. The point system chosen seemed to work well for grading.

6. Confirm Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, April 10 - 5:15 P.M. (Will be starting site visits)

Wednesday, April 16 - 5:15 P.M. (Site visits)

Tuesday, April 29 - 5:15 P.M. (Site visits)

Thursday, May 1 - 5:15 P.M.

7. Next Meeting Thursday April 10, at 5:15 P.M.

The committee will meet at the Elliot Street Park (“Thomas Lynch Park”) at 5:15 P.M. for their first site visit followed by viewing the Elm Street Parking Lot at 5:45 PM and will then go to the Gibson-Aiken Center at 6:15 P.M. to finish the meeting. Site visits will happen rain or shine.

8. Other business

Liz McLoughlin will update criteria lists to reflect changes made at this meeting. Carol will print out criteria sheets for site visits and each member will bring their own clipboard. It was suggested that current safety reports for each location be available prior to the site visit. Betsy Gentile said she would be responsible for arranging that.

Meeting Adjourned: at 6:59 P.M.

Submitted by Patty Fitzgerald