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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 8:30 PM
To: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Subject: First site assessments

There was an invitation posted online to share one's thoughts about two candidates for the skatepark location.

THOMAS B LYNCH PARK • 190 Elliot St

Street is narrow and looks smoother than the sidewalk. Non-driving skatepark visitors will skate in the street to and from the location, especially if auto traffic is light. If cars happen to pass at dusk and there are skateboarders in the street, it could cause congestion and be a source of concern.

Elevated view from street is terrific for passive supervision.

There does not appear to be enough space to comfortably fit a proper skatepark. A skatepark would likely dominate the character of the park. (That may be okay.)

ELM STREET PARKING LOT • Elm St and Flat St (Community Theater space)

(There are two vertices where Elm and Flat meet.)

Skateparks near a place where youth currently congregate is terrific.

Near downtown is terrific, (and could encourage more retail activity by drawing more diverse people to the vicinity... kids, but also parents dropping kids off at park).

Adjacent green belt is not terrific as it provides opportunity to hide.

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From: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 11:51 AM
To: Eric Morse
Cc: clolatte@brattleboro.org
Subject: Re: Site suggestion

Hi Eric,

The Committee talked about the top deck of the Parking Garage and after reviewing the idea with the Planning Department it was determined to remove that site from the listing of options due to permitting issues.

Thank you for your thoughts.

Carol Lolatte
Recreation and Park Director

Quoting Eric Morse <[REDACTED]>:

- > Dear Committee,
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- > I think a good site for the Skatepark would be the Top Deck of the
- > Parking Garage.
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- > Owned by the Town.
- > Accessible from Elliot St.
- > Downtown but separate space.
- > Easy to monitor for safety and security.
- > Existing concrete with varied slopes.
- > Lost parking revenue could be replaced by use/event fees, fundraising.

> Respectfully submitted by Eric Morse

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> Sent from my iPhone

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From: skateparkideas@brattleboro.org
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 11:55 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: clolatte@brattleboro.org
Subject: Re: Comments for 04/10/14 meeting

Hi Adam,
I will forward your e-mail to the committee so they can review prior to their site visit.]

Thanks

Carol Lolatte
Recreation and Park Director

Quoting [REDACTED]:

- > Dear Skatepark Site Selection Committee,
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- > I have a few more comments to add to the discussion.
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- > When you are reviewing sites please keep in mind whom the target users
- > should be.
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- > I think many people have the image of 17 year old boys as the
- > predominant skater cohort. The reason for this is that there are no
- > good skateparks in area and the vast majority of people we see around
- > here are those kids that independent of their parents and willing to ignore the local bylaws.
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- > In reality, skateboard, rollerblading and scootering is incredibly
- > popular with the 8-15 year old cohort. The best parks are places
- > where parents would feel comfortable leaving their 10-15 alone, and
- > where parents can enjoy themselves while supervising the younger kids.
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- > This in my opinion is one key to success.
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- > So please consider the general environment, not just the site itself.
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- > For instance, the Elm Street Parking lot is centrally located, won't
- > be opposed by neighbors and is already paved, but would you enjoy
- > hanging out there while your child scooters? Or would you feel
- > comfortable leaving your 12 year old there alone? (keep in mind
- > Turning Point Drug and Alcohol Rehab is going in across the street)
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- > On a separate topic; I noticed on the agenda that you have a item for
- > Act

> 250 Properties(Cedar St.). Please keep in mind that Memorial Park is
> also an Act 250 parcel which means riparian buffers and the Fluvial
> Erosion Hazard Area restrictions will be in effect. Furthermore, this
> property would also require a Stormwater Permit. Stormwater permits
> require additional design, permitting and construction of stormwater
> treatment and storage infrastructure. These items will add
> considerable cost and restrict buildable areas to the upper portions of the property.

> As always, feel free to call or email with questions or clarifications.

> Regards,
> Adam
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