Sherwood Skatepark

Parks Board

Informational Meeting
Project Description

- To provide a place where the community skateboarders and future skateboarders will be able to skateboard safely.
- The skatepark will be inviting from beginner to advanced levels of skateboarders.
- A place where the community skateboarders will be excited about.
The Vision For a Community SkatePark

- Large scale
- Serve a variety of users, abilities and styles
- Unique features
- Quality design & construction
- Attracts community skateboarders
Parks Board & City Council adopt Sherwood Parks Master Plan, which included the design & construction of a SKATEPARK.

Skatepark Was Identified In The Top 10 List Of Priorities In The Park Boards Project Priority List.

City Council Discusses Funding Of A Skatepark - No Decisions Were Made.

Community Skateboarders Present Approx. 1,000 Signatures Of Support To Parks Board & 1,200 Signatures Of Support To City Council.


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Oct. 2006

Staff Contacts Dreamland For Assistance In Evaluating Skatepark Locations.

Oct. 2007

Staff, Dreamland & Several Council Members Visit Police Facility & YMCA Site.

June 2009

Staff & Dreamland Recommend YMCA Preferred Location Of Skatepark.

July 2009

Parks Board Recommends YMCA Property Preferred Location Of Skatepark.

Sept. 2009

Skatepark Open House / Information Meeting.

Oct. 2009

Parks Board Meeting - Skatepark Feedback.

Nov. 2009

Dec. 2009

Jan. 2010

Feb. 10, 2010

March 1, 2010
Project Timeline and History

- **May 2017**: Public Works initiates start of skatepark Construction Document Phase
- **Sept. 2017**: Construction Documents submitted to the City for review of Construction Documents
- **Nov.-Dec. 2018**: Site Assessment of adjacent CWS Buffer performed
- **Jan. 2018**: Parks Board Meeting
- **April 2018**: City submittal for OPRA Grant
Why a Sherwood Skatepark?

- Recommended in Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Community Need
  - Sherwood youth do not have a safe place to skateboard.
- Major Community Support (over 1,200 petition signatures!)
- Top 10 Priority of Project and Priority Plan (adopted 2007 by Parks Board)
Why YMCA Site?

- City Owned Property
- Well suited
  - next to Teen Center
  - Natural Vegetative Buffer from Residential Properties
- Correct scale
- YMCA staff available
- Restrooms available
- Accessible location
- Available Parking
Proposed Project Area

- YMCA
- Possible Viewing Area
- Skatepark Zone +/- 10,000 SF
- Emergency, Public Access & Maintenance Access

[Diagram showing the proposed project area with the YMCA and skatepark zone indicated]
Well Connected!

- Located in the current high use youth facility.
  - Skatepark hours will not extend beyond YMCA hours
- After school shuttle bus from local schools
- Just two turns off 99W gets you there, conveniently located for Community.
- Nearby trail system
Sherwood is a Youth-Friendly Community

- A community skatepark will attract families to Sherwood by prioritizing youth recreation and health.
- Skateparks are the number one parks and rec choice for teens according to SPAUSA (Skate Park Association of the United States of America)
- Skateboarding is the third most popular sport in the nation for 6-18 year olds according to SGMA International (Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association)
- Skateboarding offers a tough workout.
- An athletic pursuit for all.
A Skatepark Will Become a Sherwood Landmark

- People know where skateparks are and almost every community that has one uses it as a point of reference. While statues and fountains have their place, skateparks quickly become the heart of a community.
Providing this safe Skateable facility keeps public plazas, bike paths, steps, and other public spaces safe from conflicting uses.

If your city doesn’t have a skatepark, then your city IS a skatepark.
The site currently sits relatively unused and offers great opportunities for a public skatepark.
Public Safety at Sherwood Park

- Visible from parking lot and YMCA Building
- Accessible location
- Skateboarding has less injuries than basketball, baseball and soccer when done in a facility built for skateboarding according to NEISS (National Electronic Injury Surveillance System – a division of the Consumer Protection Safety Council)
Budget

- Council authorized staff to spend up to $15,000 to engage a skatepark consultant.

- Estimated construction costs could be $300K to $350K for approximately 10,000 SF

- Currently funds have not been identified for the project
Design Consultant

- Dreamland Skateparks
- In December of 2003, 3 of the “5 Gnarliest Skateparks” ranked by Skateboarder Magazine were designed and built by Dreamland Skateparks.
- Local Design Team

![Image of skatepark]

![Dreamland Skateparks logo]

![Image of person skateboarding]
Dreamland Methodology

Every skatepark starts with a vision

- Starts with as little as one person to multiple people
- Results from multiple reasons and most importantly “safety”
- Skateparks are becoming a more important part of every community from youth to adults
- Every community envisions a community skatepark whether it be large or small.
- A place to gather, a place to skateboard, a place to call your own.
Dreamland Methodology

COMMUNITY SKATEPARK DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS:

- User conflict
- Park flow
- Views from adjacent properties and facilities
- Range of obstacles/features
- Accessibility to various skill levels
- Ages and genders
- Structural considerations
- Graffiti management
- Places for socializing
- Aesthetics of surrounding landscape and access to surrounding amenities
Dreamland Methodology

STRUCTURAL AESTHETICS & SKATEABLE ARTWORK:

- The new generation of skateparks
  - Not typical square or bowl of the past
- Movement of youth culture and contemporary activities
- Creating a signature for that particular skatepark

Jim Griffith Memorial Skatepark “Dinosaur”
Dreamland Methodology

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Active participation
- Open design forum “workshops”
- Development process is critical to the long term success
- Provides for sense of ownership
- Designers past experience encountering challenging issues during the design process
- Providing visual aids:
  - 3D and plan view renderings
  - Progress reports/notes
  - Computerized models
The Problem: Nowhere to Skate

- Skateboarding is a relatively new recreational activity

- Participants have created de-facto “skateparks” in their communities
  - Urban areas
  - Commercial districts

- Recreational activities belong in an appropriate setting, (e.g., a park)

- Participant activity must be “migrated” from de-facto “skateparks” to skatepark facility
The Solution: A Successful Skatepark

Dreamland design metaphor: “Flypaper”

- Flypaper is sticky
  - A successful skatepark must draw skaters by:
    - A) possessing currently popular attributes (stairs, railings, benches, bowls)
    - B) hosting prominent athletes (park becomes “coolest place in town”)

- Skatepark must retain participants long-term by:
  - Remaining an engaging place to skate for 2, 5, 10 years and beyond
Shared Goals: You & Dreamland

Community Goals

- Provide engaging facility for the community’s enthusiasts
  - Migrate participants into appropriate setting
- Create landmark that draws world-class participants
  - Draws local participants into park, plus enables rapid athletic progression
- Generate additional tourist revenue
  - Most towns with Dreamland parks have experienced notable economic benefit

Dreamland Goals

- Create a facility that contributes to our already strong brand equity
Process Overview (Generalized)

- **Phase I:**  Project Initiation *(completed)*
- **Phase II:** Evaluation *(completed)*
- **Phase III:** Design *(completed)*
- **Phase IV:** Construction Documents & Specifications *(in progress)*
- **Phase V:** Construction
- **Phase VI:** Launch
Workshop: Concept ‘A’
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Phase IV: Construction Documents & Specifications

- Const. Specifications
  - ¾” crushed rock, 4” thick min. sub-grade, 3/8” rebar, 12” o/c
  - 4,000 psi concrete, 3” or 4” slump
  - “Controlled Joints”
    - Strategically controls cracking with 1” deep saw cuts, at min 10’ interval
  - Sealed while curing with 1234 sealant

- Detail documented:
  
  Our partner: Troy Mears (Mears Design Group)
  - 20+ years experience in Landscape Architecture.
NEXT STEPS

- Complete land use and permit submittal response
- Submit ORPD Grant application
- Phase V: Construction
- Phase IV: Launch
Phase V: Construction

- Relationship exists between local construction participation and long-term park stewardship

*Dreamland and locals build Lincoln City, Rattenberg, and Newberg skateparks*
Phase VI: Launch

- Professionals will visit an opening, but this often costs you
  - Tony Hawk requires $20,000-$30,000 just to appear

- However, if history is any guide, most leading pros are on their way, for free

Hailey, Idaho’s opening day, June 2003
End Result For Your City

- Participants flock to new facility, because:
  - Safe place to skateboard
  - Media Coverage
    - Magazines, local newspaper
    - Internet
    - Eventually, on skateboarding videos
  - Rapidly becomes the “coolest place in the community”

- Through our experience, this often occurs before opening day
RESULT

Glenhaven Skatepark, Portland, Oregon

Pendleton, Oregon
“A successful skatepark can lure troublesome youth off street corners, burn away energy and aggression, teach motor skills, stimulate motivation, reward practice, instill pride, eliminate boredom, and even become a morale booster for parents and the entire community.”

Questions?

Thank you for allowing us to present the communities vision for a Sherwood Skatepark