

I. Call to Order

Members Present: Bruce Wilson, Courtney Blasius, Mary Hausmann, Kim Jordan

City Staff Present: Ray Coffey

Guests Present: David Wood, Mike Beland, Spencer Davis, Benedict Delehanty, Miranda Mariano, Brett LaCour

Call to Order by: Mary Hausmann

Meeting Start Time: 6:30pm

Minutes Recorded by: Kim Jordan

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Decision: Approved

Motion by: Courtney Blasius

Second: Kim Jordan

IV. City and Department Updates

Ray Coffey: June 14th is official opening day for Myers Memorial Pool. Online pass sales will be available this Friday, 3/13. Season passes, payment plans, etc. will be available. Family pass is \$120. Day passes will be available on site. Discount rates for seniors and Winooski school students. We are working with Greater Burlington YMCA to hire lifeguards. Front Desk staff positions for the Pool will be posted after City Council approves them on Monday, 3/16.

Parks Planning Process: We are in the survey part of the process. Commissioners will be receiving link to the survey. Can also be found in SHCP Commission minutes from February.

Some upcoming community class programs:

Ukulele 101 & 102

Thrive Camp - summer Late elementary/middle school-age summer camps

Update on COVID-19: City working with VT Dept. of Health on encouraging safe, healthy

habits. No alterations to programming or public meetings at this time. Please check Dept. of Health website for up-to-date health information.

V. Presentation – Service Rendered (Landry Skatepark proposal)

Skatepark at Landry is popular, invites community and relationship-building. Ramps are aging, and right now seems like a great time for upgrades. A refresh to the park would generate excitement, youth camps, artis murals, competitions.

Currently, skaters take on the burden of cleaning and some repair of skatepark features. Foliage and brush overgrowth also impedes use of the skatepark. Additional upgrade suggestions include additional seating, some path paving, cleaning supplies and lighting so skating can happen after dark.

Next steps:

- site visit w/ builder
- accurate lighting estimate
- finalize budget and plans
- present finished plans to SHCP Commission
- Determine how to fund the build

*see document attachments with skatepark mock-up ideas, upgrade features, needs: <https://www.winooski.vt.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/2503?fileID=2554>

A lot of skaters prefer the Winooski skate park to Burlington's. Burlington paid a lot for their A-Dog Skatepark, but this doesn't require any high-tech features. It's important that the features are all built from materials that withstand the weather/elements. Features should be pressure-treated wooden frame with galvanized steel.

Youth camps are a draw; youth feel empowered and adept at the skatepark, and employs camp instructors from the skateboard community.

Potential cost: \$50-\$60,000. This is a huge price tag, so suggested next step: What are the levels of costs and needs? What are some funders/grants available to the skatepark with ideas about what can Winooski potentially match? It might be incremental rather than all upgrades at once.

From Ray: Explanation about City's funding for parks. It is not SHPC's decision to approve funding or projects, but it is the residents of Winooski who make that decision. The Omnes Parks Planning Project will be wrapping up in the next few months, and the parks survey will be vital to fill out.

Can absolutely do ASAP: cutting back foliage, cleaning supplies, even an inexpensive shed; the City can absolutely make this happen. As the snow melts and the skateboarders assess the state of the skatepark features, email Ray photos of those in need of repair and he hopes to get Public Works to do the maintenance as they have capacity.

City ordinance states that all parks are open dawn-dusk, so installing lighting is another process. Temporary lighting might be an option for occasional night skates.

Make sure to fill out the park survey so interests in Landry skatepark are known.

VI. Adjourn

Motion by: Mary Hausmann

Second: Courtney Blasius

Meeting End Time: 7:30

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