



MEETING DATE: 11-5-07
ITEM NO: 8
DESK ITEM

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: PAMELA S. JACOBS, INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Pamela Jacobs

SUBJECT: SKATE PARK INITIATIVE

- A. ADOPT RESOLUTION CALLING ELECTION ON THE QUESTION WHETHER THE TOWN MUST CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A SKATE PARK ON MILES AVENUE
- B. AUTHORIZE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT IN THE AMOUNT DETAILED IN THE FISCAL IMPACT SECTION OF THIS REPORT DEPENDING UPON THE RESOLUTION OPTION APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL
- C. ACCEPT CLERK ADMINISTRATOR'S CERTIFICATION OF THE SUFFICIENCY OF THE SKATE PARK INITIATIVE PETITION

The desk item contains letters for and against the skate park initiative measure which were received on Monday, November 5, 2007.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Pamela Laurence
- 2. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Joanna and David Snyder
- 3. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Scott Lamson
- 4. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Joanne Rodgers
- 5. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Marguerite Padovani
- 6. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Audra Leonardis
- 7. Letter dated November 5, 2007 from Abraham Wagner

PREPARED BY: **ORRY P. KORB**
Town Attorney

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Reviewed by: _____ Assistant Town Manager OK Town Attorney
_____ Clerk Administrator _____ Finance _____ Community Development

Jackie Rose - Fw: skate park - letter #2 -pro- skatepark from resident that cannot attend

From: "K. Deloumi" <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
To: pamela jacs <pjacobs@losgatosca.gov>, <jrose@losgatosca.gov>,
<steve@blvdfinancial.com>, Elizabeth Veazie <elizabeth.veazie@sap.com>,
<plaurance1@yahoo.com>
Date: 11/5/2007 8:21 AM
Subject: Fw: skate park - letter #2 -pro- skatepark from resident that cannot attend
CC: <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>

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From: Pamela Laurence <plaurance1@yahoo.com>
To: Karen Deloumi <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2007 8:03:15 AM
Subject: skate park

My name is Pamela Laurence, I live at 234 Johnson Ave, in Los Gatos. I could not attend the meeting tonight so I am asking that my letter be read for me. I am disappointed that Los Gatos is having such a hard time getting a skate board park for our kids. First let me state that I have no children and that a park does not benefit me personally. What I do see is kids skating down the street- starting at Cypress on down Johnson- along with the cars! Talk about unsafe!!!- I would like a place where they could go and skate where they do not have to share the road with cars!

ATTACHMENT 1

I see skate parks being built all across the state- in cities large and small-- Groveland- a tiny town near Yosemite even has one. Los Gatos is one of the riches areas around- why can't we give our kids a place to play--get them off the streets- please.

Pamela



Jackie Rose - Fw: In Favor Of The Skate Park

From: "K. Deloumi" <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
To: pamela jacsobs <pjacobs@losgatosca.gov>, Joanna Snyder
<joanna@twobagsfull.com>, <jrose@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 11/4/2007 11:51 PM
Subject: Fw: In Favor Of The Skate Park
CC: <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>

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From: joanna snyder <joanna@twobagsfull.com>
To: Karen Deloumi <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 4, 2007 8:41:52 PM
Subject: In Favor Of The Skate Park

Dear Karen,

Just in case we are unable to attend the Monday night Nov. 5th meeting in the Los Gatos Town Council's chamber, we want all members of the Town Council to know that we are in support of a Skate Park on Miles Avenue.

We believe that the Town Council should take on the responsibility of making a much needed skate park facility happen; and that it should happen sooner rather than later. For several years we have watched skate boarders roll down our street (Johnson Avenue) because they have no where else to go for the challenge of perfecting their sport; but we feel certain that at some point a terrible accident will occur with one of these skaters, perhaps resulting in devastating injury. We also believe strongly that a park devoted to skate boarding could prevent the possibility of an accident waiting to happen.

To the Town Council, please do the right thing and approve the Skate Park now !

Very truly yours,

Joanna and David C. Snyder

353 Johnson Avenue
Los Gatos, CA 95030

ATTACHMENT 2

Jackie Rose - council distribution

From: <MWasserman@aol.com>
To: <JRose@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 11/5/2007 10:25 AM
Subject: council distribution

Jackie,

I just received the following and with Pamela gone, I didn't know the appropriate way to forward it to Council. Maybe as a desk item? Whatever you think. Thanks....Mike

Mike, I understand the skate park is up for vote on Monday night. I just wanted to let you know my thoughts. While I think a skate park is a nice thing for the youth of Los Gatos, I do not think the funding of \$1 million by the city for construction and an annual \$50,000 for supervision is fiscally responsible. The skate park will only benefits a very small segment of the population. I think the funding of sports turf at the high school and Fisher would benefit many more of Los Gatos' youth. I urge you to vote no on the skate board park initiative.

Thanks Scott Lamson

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Jackie Rose - desk item

From: <MWasserman@aol.com>
To: <JRose@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 11/5/2007 10:43 AM
Subject: desk item

I am not planning to go to the Council meeting on Monday.
But I do have some comments about the skateboard park.
Is the way to approach the council about spending money on this park by intimidation and threats?
I received the email from Karen D. and was surprised by the tone of her letter.
I would like to add the LG Theatre to the list of projects for youth that we are raising money to complete. Just for Karen's information.
What do other town's do for insurance and supervision at a skateboard park? What about mixing adult skateboarders with the kids? Will the kids go to the site or will they prefer to skate on the school railings?
This is a hard one. I can understand why it hasn't happened yet.
Joanne Rodgers

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To: Los Gatos Town Council

From: Marguerite Padovani
Resident at: 16951 Cypress Way
Los Gatos, Ca 95030

RE: Skate Board Park in Los Gatos

As I am unable to attend this evening, this letter will provide my view as a concerned resident and parent regarding the "Pros" in placing a Skate Board Park in Los Gatos.

My home is located on the corner of Cypress Way and Loma Alta and have seen too many young people skate boarding down Loma Alta, which happens to be very dangerous. Vehicles are always on this road and in some cases, ignore the stop signs. Last year, a young man skate boarding hit a tree on our corner. He could have been killed, but suffered injuries and was taken to the hospital.

I have often called the police as I young people as times laying on their backs on their Skate boards down Loma Alta – again, a very busy street. I called the police several times and they did come out and thanked me for the call and concern.

I see many signs all over town such as parking lots and shopping centers prohibiting skate boarding. So where are they to go ? The Streets?

POSITIVES IN THE PARK

It would provide a venue for these kids – a safe place to enjoy their sport and sense of community.

It would foster an advocacy acknowledgement to our kids that demonstrates concern and care for their well being and enjoyment.

Rules would need to be put in place on managing the skate park of course in terms of hours the park is open, and behavior rules as well.

The park should also chaperoned by adult(s) to ensure safety rules are in place, etc.

Overall, it would be a wonderful place and keep our kids off the streets and provide a place for them to enjoy their sport- skate boarding.

Those are my thoughts,

Marguerite Padovani, Advocate for Skate Board Park

Jackie Rose - Re: Skateboard park support - letter number 4 supporting park - Nov-5th meeting.

From: "K. Deloumi" <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
To: pamela jacobs <pjacobs@losgatosca.gov>, JackieRose LosGatosTown <jrose@losgatosca.gov>, <jpirzynski@losgatosca.gov>, <JPIRZ@aol.com>
Date: 11/5/2007 2:27 PM
Subject: Re: Skateboard park support - letter number 4 supporting park - Nov-5th meeting.
CC: Audra Leonardis <starnotary@yahoo.com>

Yet another supporter of the park who cannot make the meeting takes the time to write.

Please - listen to the wishes of the community - do the right thing - the hard choice - the one the community is begging you to do - and start building today.

Regarding portable equipment: Such a park is similar to a bunny slope for skiers. It is not a solution, would waste taxpayers dollars - plus has inherit safety risks over time and higher maintenace costs.

Please read on for Audra's email.

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----- Original Message -----

From: Audra Leonardis <starnotary@yahoo.com>
To: kdeloumi@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2007 1:44:10 PM
Subject: Skateboard park support

Hi, my name is Audra Leonardis and I fully support the building of a skatepark for the kids to enjoy! I cannot attend the meeting tonight but wanted to show my support. Where is it safe for the kids to skateboard?? Nowhere. Streets are far too dangerous and there are signs up everywhere saying "No Skateboarding". This park should be built for the kids, because they are what matters here.

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ATTACHMENT 6

Jackie Rose - Fw: Support for Los Gatos Skate Park - letter #5 received supporting park for Nov. 5th meeting

From: "K. Deloumi" <kdeloumi@yahoo.com>
To: <JPIRZ@aol.com>, <jpirzynski@losgatosca.gov>, pamela jacobs
<pjacobs@losgatosca.gov>, JackieRose LosGatosTown <jrose@losgatosca.gov>
Date: 11/5/2007 2:37 PM
Subject: Fw: Support for Los Gatos Skate Park - letter #5 received supporting park for Nov. 5th meeting
CC: <abwagner1@yahoo.com>

Here's another letter!

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From: abe wagner <abwagner1@yahoo.com>
To: kdeloumi@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2007 2:18:50 PM
Subject: Support for Los Gatos Skate Park

Kim,

I would like to voice my support for the new Skate Park in Los Gatos, as it will certainly be a great asset to the Towne and productive asset for the community. By providing a new park for the kids of Los Gatos, the community will allow our youth to develop in a positive way in a contained and safe environment.

thank you for your efforts on putting this new Park into place!

Abraham Wagner
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