

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 21

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: November 15, 2006

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Public Works Department

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF SITE SELECTIONS FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD SKATEPARKS PROJECT WITHIN THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE PARK SYSTEM**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council select Melba Bishop Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, the Alex Road and Foussat Road sites as the locations for the neighborhood skateparks within the City of Oceanside park system.

BACKGROUND

The Oceanside skatepark system is unique, formally established in December of 2001 with the opening of the Temporary Downtown Skatepark. Since then the Parks and Recreation Division has built three more Neighborhood Skateparks expanding upon the original concept. In April of 2002, City Council approved a Skatepark Development Plan at a workshop, which outlined three Neighborhood Skateparks located at Balderrama, Landes and Libby Lake Parks. These Skateparks were opened in June 2003.

In 2005, the Temporary Downtown Skatepark and the Balderrama Park Skatepark were removed from our system. The Downtown Park, which was constructed out of wood was demolished and recycled. The Balderrama Skatepark was relocated to Landes Park and integrated into the existing skatepark.

With the removal of the Downtown Park and the Balderrama Skatepark, the Oceanside Skatepark system currently has two of the original four skateboarding facilities remaining. The loss of the two skateparks has created a gap in service within Oceanside. The Parks and Recreation Commission's FY 2005-06 Workplan has identified the placement of additional skatepark elements within current City Parks as a way to close the gap in service and satisfy the need for additional skateboarding areas.

ANALYSIS

Staff, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Commission's Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee, has completed the community outreach meetings, which were held within the Library Community Rooms on July 26, August 3, and August 15, 2006. The intent

of these meetings was to provide information about the skatepark project process and to solicit input on proposed skatepark sites. Based on community input, staff with support of the Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee, have made the recommendation to develop smaller skateparks, with the goal to provide a comprehensive skatepark as part of the El Corazon development.

The top two priorities for development of neighborhood skateparks within the next 12 to 18 months are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Exhibit A); and
2. Melba Bishop Park (Exhibit B)

In addition, the group also prioritized the Alex Road and Foussat Road site as a priority to be developed within the next two to three years, understanding that planning and environmental review is needed. The proposed skatepark site is located on the same property as the existing trailhead parking for the San Luis Rey River Trail. The intent to develop the 1 acre site is to enhance the existing recreational land use and not to conflict with any other potential development of the area (Exhibit C)

The group also discussed the existing Landes and Libby Lake Park sites and is recommending that those locations be refurbished within the next two to three years. The Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee agreed that those locations can accommodate a new design and elements.

In addition, the Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee agreed that for a well-balanced skatepark system in the City of Oceanside, a coastal location is still needed for the future. A future goal and recommendation will be to identify a location that would be compatible with the surrounding community and land uses. At this time Buccaneer, Tyson and Capistrano Parks will not be part of the recommendation as a result of community input.

After City Council's approval of the locations, the Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee and staff will select the most qualified design firm to begin the site development process.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY 2006-07 598 Parks CIP Fund allocation for the Neighborhood Skateparks Project is \$500,000 (598.845650.5702). Cost estimates for each site will be available after the design development has been completed. Staff anticipates completion of plans and specs for the Melba Bishop and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parks within next six months and to move directly into the construction phase.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The City's standard insurance requirements will be provided.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee approved the sites for recommendation at their August 30, 2006 meeting. The Youth Commission recommended approval at their October 10, 2006 meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended approval at their October 12, 2006 meeting.

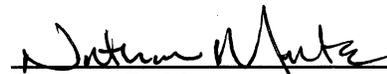
CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council select Melba Bishop Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and the Alex and Foussat Road Sites as the locations for the neighborhood skateparks within the City of Oceanside park system.

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Exhibit A
Exhibit B
Exhibit C



LAND USE CONCEPT PLAN

LEGEND

-  SKATE PARK ENTRY
-  PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION
-  VEHICULAR CIRCULATION
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-  SKATE SPOT C
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PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"

MLK, JR. PARK

POTENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD SKATE SPOT
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BISHOP PARK

**POTENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD SKATE SPOT
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ALEX & FOUSSAT ROAD PROPERTY

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