

Minutes from November 17, 2022, Board of Commissioners Meeting and Community Presentation of Design:

SKATEPARK PRESENTATION:

Creative Services Manager Douglas Slingerland said that in November of 2021 the Park District established a project agreement with the Bainbridge Island Parks & Trails Foundation and began gathering names of potential committee members to design an expansion of the skatepark at Strawberry Hill Park. A request for proposals for the skatepark design was posted and favorable responses were received from five companies. Park District and BIPTF staff completed evaluation scoring sheets of the firms and selected two finalists. In December of 2021 seven committee members were selected. Two committee members who would vote on the design firm finalists were also selected. In January of 2022 the two committee members selected to vote, along with staff, interviewed and scored the two finalists. Upon tabulation of scoring and review of references, Grindline Skateparks Inc was selected as the design firm. In April of 2022 a public meeting was held where concept ideas were presented, and input was gathered from the community. In June of 2022 Grind line skateparks Inc presented a first draft of the proposed design to the committee and gathered input. In September of 2022 Grindline Skateparks Inc met with the youth advisory group and gathered more input on the design. Then a final draft of the design was presented to the committee reflecting all the ideas and comments gathered. In October of 2022 the committee reviewed the final draft of the proposed design and voted to approve it and to move forward with a presentation to the board and the community.

The volunteer committee members were thanked, including Jessica Miller, Jillian Bateman, Natalie Rodriguez, Kimberly Hendrickson, Gary Bede!, Cyrus Watson, Fionna Yates, Jeremiah Aden, and Sara Suseyi.

James Klinedinst, the project manager with Grind line Skateparks Inc was introduced. The project goals were to add to the existing skatepark bowl with a new state of the art cast in place concrete skatepark addition, to get input from the community, and to get buy in for a final design. The final design is a large diverse skatepark that will be added to the current skatepark bowl. A survey about the skatepark got over 140 responses from diverse user groups. The direction received was to add the street skating element which is like an urban environment and is missing in the current skatepark. He shared images of the design which would be next to the current skatepark. The new area will be more beginner friendly, geared towards younger children, and include more street skate elements. He said it will be a world class skatepark when it is complete. An orca whale, a representation of a ferry boat, and a strawberry are incorporated into the design. The design has been separated into phases. The total budget is estimated at about 1.5 million dollars.

Douglas Slingerland said the plan is to start with phase one of the project and proceed to the other stages as fund raising allows. While a roof for the skate park was requested, that will not be part of the project at this time. The next steps will be revisions of the concept, then construction documents and fundraising.

The expanded skatepark area will be to the southwest of the existing skatepark, parallel with the existing dog park fence line. Minimal maintenance is needed for a concrete skatepark, but basic yearly maintenance is recommended.

Commissioner DeWitt said that it looks like the existing playground will have to be moved. Executive Director Terry Lande said that is part of the master plan for the entirety of Strawberry Hill Park which is

being developed. Park Services Division Director Dan Hamlin said the board will see that report in the first quarter of 2023.

Andy Caro spoke to make some suggestions regarding the skatepark design.

Phil Hendrickson asked when the skatepark expansion will be complete.

Douglas Slingerland said fundraising and permitting are the two challenges to completing the skatepark expansion.

James Klinedinst said it would take about 4-5 months to build the first phase.

Terry Lande said the timing of the permitting process is out of the Park District's control making permitting the biggest challenge.

Kameron Loveless spoke in support of the skatepark.

Matthew Malouf spoke in support of the skatepark and made some suggestions regarding design.

Charlie Olsen spoke in support of the skate park and made some suggestions regarding design.

Jillian Bateman spoke in support of the skatepark.

This portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.