

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: July 25, 2016
	Agenda Item No. 52 Roll Call No. <u>16-1240</u> Communication No. <u>16-424</u> Submitted by: Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving donation and construction agreement between A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS), Sally Boeckholt, President, and the City of Des Moines for a new downtown regional skateboard park located on the east side of 2nd Avenue, north of the Rotary Riverwalk Park, east of Wells Fargo Arena and south of I-235.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the proposed agreement with AMOS to fund and construct a downtown regional skateboard park. To aid in fundraising efforts, AMOS shall have the right to designate the naming of the skateboard park and its features for a period of 20 years, subject to compliance with the City’s policy for naming of streets, facilities and park land in the City of Des Moines.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- In the fall of 2004, several youth gathered for an AMOS house meeting at Grace United Methodist Church (UMC) in Des Moines. One (1) of the primary issues that emerged was the need for more recreational opportunities for youth and more specifically, a large quality skateboard park, which could be centrally located in the City of Des Moines.
- A community meeting was held at Grace UMC with over 50 skateboarders and parents, City staff and AMOS representatives. The Des Moines Regional Skateboard Park Committee was formed to provide vision and leadership to move the project forward. Through a series of regular meetings, the committee discussed possible sites, the composition of the Skateboard Park, designers, and preliminary costs for a world-class park in Des Moines. The consensus was to build a large regional skateboard park accessible to skateboarders of all ages, skill levels, and means.
- In 2010 the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines awarded a \$50,000 leadership grant to the group enabling the design to be completed and a fundraiser to be hired.
- The Des Moines Regional Skateboard Park Committee decided to move forward and raise funds privately to build the park in 2012. Premier designer and building California Skateparks was chosen to prepare a Conceptual Site Plan for the project. Downtown Regional Skateboard Park preliminary design and construction costs were valued at \$3,500,000. Now the conceptual design

for a 65,000-square-foot skateboard park, one (1) of the largest open skateboard parks in the United States has been completed, and fundraising is continuing.

- The preferred site for the Downtown Regional Skateboard Park is located on a portion of property north of the Rotary Riverwalk Park, along the west bank of the Des Moines River. The development area along West River Drive is south of University Avenue, north of the Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge, west of the Des Moines River and east of Second Avenue. This area of interest was originally considered for residential/commercial development; however, due to grades and sanitary and storm water utilities coming through this area it became unfeasible for development. Recreational development of this area would provide a positive impact and anchor to the northwest end of the Principal Riverwalk.
- Construction of the skateboard park shall not begin until AMOS has received at least 50% of funds to be raised and pledges for the remainder. The construction period shall begin no later than March 1, 2018 (weather permitting) and shall end no later than November 30, 2019. In the event that construction is not completed by November 30, 2019, AMOS may request an extension of time for the construction period for up to three (3) additional years, and the City Manager may grant such exception at his sole discretion.
- The Park and Recreation Department is currently providing services for the area slated to become the downtown regional skateboard park as part of our operational responsibilities. An increased level of responsibility is estimated at \$30,000 for standard operating per year, which upon acceptance of the project (anticipated for November 2019) will become the responsibility of the Park and Recreation Department. To help offset future maintenance costs for skateboard park improvements, the agreement requires AMOS to fundraise \$225,000 for a maintenance fund and transfer all assets in the maintenance fund to the City upon Council acceptance of the skateboard park improvements.
- The work that AMOS and the donor group has completed to-date, on the ambitious Downtown Regional Skateboard Park, is commendable. The Park and Recreation Department recommends Council action on this agreement and looks forward to the added diversity to the communities' recreational offerings.

Some excerpts above are from www.desmoinesregionalskatepark.com.

Project Location



Des Moines Downtown Regional Skate Park

Preliminary Project Plan



DES MOINES REGIONAL SKATEPARK
 W. River Dr and 2nd Ave, Des Moines, Iowa

Conceptual Site Plan
 03.30.2012



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: September 22, 2009

Resolution Number: 09-092

Action: Approve the conceptual development plan for West Riverside Drive.

Board: Park and Recreation Board

Date: January 25, 2005

Resolution Number: 05-011

Action: Park and Recreation Board established a Citizen Advisory Committee to review skate park locations and designs.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Normal Council actions for implementation and acceptance of the project.

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