



Addenda
Minnetonka Park Board
Meeting of Wednesday, February 3, 2021

ITEM 5 – Citizens wishing to discuss items not on the agenda

- Attached are emails received after distribution of the packet.



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- **EMAILED COMMENT AFTER PACKET WAS DISTRIBUTED.**

Emailed on Jan. 28, 2021

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Meeting date

February 7th, 2021

Agenda item

Skatepark

Comment

City of Minnetonka, Hi! My name is Elena DonFrancesco. I have three kids, two of which skateboard. I have to say, skating has been a huge blessing for our family. Before my children started skateboarding, they didn't play outside much. Now that's all they wanna do! The problem is, I just don't have enough time to drive them as much. That's why I feel like a new skatepark would bring light and joy to not just our family, but so many others. Thanks for your time, Elena DonFrancesco

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February 3rd, 2021

Agenda item

Skatepark

Comment

Hi! My name is Elena DonFrancesco. I have three kids, two of which skateboard. They're always bugging me about driving them to the skatepark which can get very obnoxious because I usually just don't have the time to do it. I grew up in Kyrgyzstan as a child, so i didn't have many options for entertainment because it wasn't as established as America is today. That's why I always feel bad when I see their disappointed look after I say that I can't drive them. If they were able to walk to a skatepark It would benefit not just our family, but many others in the City of Minnetonka. So as a parent I ask you to please at least consider building one. Thanks, Elena DonFrancesco

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Skate park

Comment

My names Ava I'm a 9th grader at Mhs and I've been skating for about a year now and I skate at third lake and mound. I would greatly appreciate having a local skate park I can skate to or bike too because my parents are really busy with work or other important errands so I can never get a ride to 3rd lair or mound plus gas money is expensive and it's a longer car ride. I have gone to the skate park in glen lake but it it absolutely horrible and almost unskateable and was poorly put in the ramps are halfway sunk into the ground and they are horrible

slippery material so I would skate at that one even though it isn't walking distance either but that park is way to small and really dangerous I feel. So with that I would greatly appreciate a local skatepark to spend my free time and summers at.

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Agenda item

The construction of an accessible and enjoyable skatepark in Minnetonka

Comment

I believe that Minnetonka deserves a quality and easy access skatepark that is both enjoyable and welcoming. I for one am a little bit tired of having to either skate in parking lots, or drive 20-30 minutes away to make it to a quality skatepark. Skateboarding has helped me tremendously during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is a good form of exercise, the community is one of the most welcoming communities around a sport that I have ever seen. I believe that it is crucial to have a quality skatepark as it can make the area seem more inviting for a wider audience and not just baseball and soccer players. In a community I believe that it is important to have a large spread of recreational activities readily available, all you can give people options to enjoy the outdoors. I believe it should be built sooner rather than later because you may have heard, there is a large group of people at MME who currently come together to enjoy the sport together. If we wait too long to construct it then the chance is that it won't be that inviting without a community around it. It's harder to enjoy something hard alone without people to encourage you to continue on. The community is one of the best aspects of this sport, if you wait until the community is in college to install the skatepark there will be a far smaller audience to enjoy it. That is why I believe it is crucial to construct a quality, visible, and easily accessible skatepark sooner rather than later