

SKATE PARK SPECIAL MAYOR'S COMMITTEE

September 10th, 2018

The Merrill Skate Park Special Mayor's Committee met on Monday, September 10th, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merrill City Hall.

Members Present: Dan Wendorf, Kyle Gulke, Kate Baker, Dakota Branski, Ryan Bartz

Members Absent: Shawn Molley, Justin Novitski

Visitors Present: Mayor Woellner, Anthony Kromrie (MP3)

Wendorf called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

***Motion Baker, seconded by Branski to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

***Carried unanimously.

There was no public comment to begin the meeting.

The next item on the agenda was to begin discussion on future skate park design. Wendorf began the discussion by summarizing the action that was taken at the 9/5/18 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting regarding location. Wendorf stated that after a lengthy, and very positive, discussion the Commission ultimately felt more comfortable with placing the new skate park at the MARC. He stated that with the location out of the way it is time to begin discussing what we want the new skate park to look like. Wendorf said this is the part where we really need to lean on our skater members of the Special Committee, along with all other skaters in the community. Wendorf stated that at this meeting he would like to collect a list of the "must have" features of the skate park first, followed by the "dream list" of items that would be nice but if we could not afford them in the end we could do without.

Discussion amongst the committee yielded the following list of "must have" items in the new skate park:

- *double set
- *4 stair with handrails on each side
- *A frame in middle with hip
- *down rails
- *stair sets (4-6 stairs)
- *manual pads
- *random flat rails (round & square)
- *flowing design with ample open space
- *1/4 pipe on other side of stairs
- *small bowl like Weston

Discussion continued amongst the committee yielding the following list of "dream list" items:

- *Euro gaps like St. Point
- *wall ride area
- *graffiti area(s)
- *seating area (or use bleachers For potential competitions)
- *fire hydrant for tricks
- *mock street curb area
- *skateable picnic tables
- *as many unique features as possible to set our park apart from others and draw people to our community from outside to showcase our new facility

After design discussion Wendorf was asked how the process would proceed. He stated that he sees it moving forward similar to the Aquatic Center process. Wendorf said that he has requested money in the 2019 budget to allow for design consulting fees and we might have to wait until funding is approved in order to devise a final design. He said there might be some companies that will agree to do design work for free that can help get things started. Wendorf stated that for the Aquatic Center, ideas and sketches were gathered and shared with the designer electronically, and via virtual meetings, to allow for

efficient revisions that led to a final design. The committee agreed to take extra time at this point in the project to ensure that we design the best possible skate park we can. Wendorf asked the committee to keep brain storming and continue to pass ideas along so that we capture them all to see if we can incorporate as much as possible into the overall design. It is always easier to dream big and revise what we don't need or cannot afford to do than it is to try and add something later in the process.

There was no public comment at the end of the meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 8th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Merrill City Hall.

***Motion Baker, seconded by Branski to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

***Carried unanimously.

Dan Wendorf
Recording Secretary