

Carmichael



RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT

Memo

To: Advisory Board Directors
From: Mike Blondino, District Administrator
Date: July 18, 2024
Subject: Skatepark Concept Rendering and Construction Cost Estimate

Introduction/Discussion:

There is significant community interest in developing a skatepark within our park facilities, reflecting the growing popularity of skateboarding among both youth and adults. Creating a dedicated space for skateboarding supports our commitment to providing diverse recreational opportunities for all residents.

At the February 27, 2024 Special Meeting, the Advisory Board approved an allocation of up to \$35,000 from Park Impact fees for a concept rendering and construction cost estimate, along with a facilitation fee from the Cumming Management Group (CM). After a thorough search, CRPD and CM staff selected Wormhoudt Inc. to provide the rendering and cost estimate. Zach Wormhoudt and his team, based in Santa Cruz, are internationally renowned for their skateparks. As part of their contract, an online survey was conducted from April 15th to 26th. Using this information, Zach met with focus groups on May 7th and June 11th, organized by CRPD staff, followed by a Community Meeting on June 27th. For the Community Meeting, postcards detailing the date, time, and location were sent to residents beyond the usual 500-foot radius of the proposed skatepark, extending as far north as Engle Road, west to Garfield, south to North Avenue, and along the Carmichael Park border on Fair Oaks Blvd. Attendance and input from the skateboard community increased with each meeting.

Working with Zach and the skaters has been a true collaborative effort, evidenced in the rendering and presentation.

Recommendation: Staff recommends accepting the concept rendering and cost estimate provided by Wormhoudt Inc. and proceeding with identifying funding sources to build the skatepark at Carmichael Park through community fundraising efforts.