

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: SKATE PARK REVIEW

From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Community Services
Date: October 23, 2007

OBJECTIVE

To provide City Council with additional information related to the development of a skate park in Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

At the July 10, 2007 City Council meeting, staff introduced and reviewed an analysis regarding the potential development of a skate park in Garden Grove, including locations, development costs, operating costs and funding options (Attachment A). At this meeting, staff was instructed to return to the City Council with additional information pertaining to surrounding skate parks and potential locations for the development of a skate park.

The development of a skate park was listed as one of the capital improvement projects submitted to Supervisor Nguyen's office. The project was rejected because it did not meet the criteria established by the Supervisor's office.

DISCUSSION

Surrounding Skate Parks

Staff conducted a brief survey of cities in Orange County (Attachment B). Of the 23 responding cities, 14 currently operate skate parks. In addition to these skate parks, the Vans Skate Park at the Block of Orange was included in the results because of its proximity to Garden Grove. The following statistics are based on this survey:

- 10 of 14 municipal facilities are fenced
- 11 of 14 municipal facilities are unsupervised
- 3 of 15 municipal and commercial facilities have some type of corporate sponsor (Costa Mesa, Lake Forest and Vans)
- 2 of 15 municipal and commercial facilities charge an entry fee (\$3-\$15)

Attachment C shows the seven skate parks from the survey, which are closest to Garden Grove, with a three-mile radius around each. Based on the results of the

survey, staff recommends a secured, unsupervised concrete skate park as a feasible development option in Garden Grove.

OCTA Right of Way Skate Park Development

It was requested that staff explore the option of developing a skate park along a portion of the OCTA Right-of-Way, at the northwest corner of Brookhurst Street and Bixby (Attachment D). This location is approximately 16,200 square feet, which is large enough for a modest-sized skate park. Other benefits of this location are proximity to a major street, nearby parking and distance from residential neighborhoods. The disadvantages to this location are lack of available restrooms and an accessible water source. In addition, it is likely that all the skate park features at this location would have to be above ground (i.e. rails, boxes, ramps), without "bowls" or other below ground elements that are common to most skate parks.

The cost to develop a secured, unsupervised, multi-use concrete skate park at this location is estimated at \$580,000. There are not sufficient funds within the Park Development Fund to pay for the development of this facility. The City could seek additional funding through additional budget allocation, grants and/or local vendors or sponsors to develop this project.

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting direction regarding the development of a skate park along the OCTA Right-of-Way or within an existing park.

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Attachment A: July 10, 2007 Council Report
Attachment B: Survey of Orange County Cities
Attachment C: Local Skate Parks
Attachment D: Right-of-Way Map