

RE: El Segundo Sub Committee Teen Center/ Skatepark Meeting

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Bullet Points for skate park subcommittee.docx;

Attached are my bullet points for the subcommittee meeting.

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COMMUNITY NOTES FOR TEEN CENTER SKATEPARK RENOVATION

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

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Following up on Baldino's good questions raised at the last meeting. The bullet points below will give some guidance in determining and finalizing the layout of the Teen Center renovation.

- ADA accessible. The main focus and/or hurdle we need to comply with is having an ADA parking spot. Why would we go through all the trouble of designating a new handicap parking spot when the handicap ramp dumps you out on the basketball court? Imagine the scenario where a mother is wheeling her kid down and must play dodgeball to get him or her into the building because the ramp ends at the beginning of the basketball court. The ramp needs to have a landing pad. This is doable by shifting the basketball court at a slight angle to align with the fence on the north side of the lot.
- Shifting the ADA parking. From what I see here, is that shifting the parking is only to accommodate the "in-place" curb cuts. If we shift the ADA parking spot back (east) we will have to make new curb cuts to adjust to the new park. Pro = bigger skatepark and Teen Center activity place. Con = the cost of moving curb cuts. There is a big manhole on the sidewalk just east of the existing curb cuts. I don't think it will be cost effective to move those curb cuts back to accommodate the shifted parking. Which means we'll have to go with the option of not shifting the parking. Unfortunately, this means smaller skatepark and Teen Center activation spaces, thus solidifying why we need to shift the basketball court. What we lose from not shifting the parking, we gain in shifting the court. Glass half full, right?
- Parking spots available. I don't think there's a question or debate here, however, the city is trying to go greener, less cars, and encourage people to get out there and walk/ride/etc. The front area will be a drop off area and have bicycle parking (and charging, if necessary, but I don't see why the kids can't just charge their bikes at home). That's their cost of owning an electric bike, just like us adults have to pay for our own electricity to power the EV cars.
- Let's be progressive. It's not just the skatepark that is getting renovation, it's the whole Teen Center. How would El Segundo be perceived in the other cities/communities if we did a desultory job? How would the citizens of our community feel about having a new skatepark and a slurry sealed basketball court? The non-skaters would be furious. Let's think about the big picture. Do it right the first time, have the entire community stoked on the best of both worlds.
- If money is the only thing that the parks and recreation department is concerned about, then we can do the old-fashioned fund-raising amount to get that extra \$500k to build a Teen Center that is forward thinking about the youth of tomorrow, not yesterday. If we have \$1.6mm to spend and the upgrades we NEED are another \$500k, let's rally the troops, the community to raise that money. But we need to present them with a Teen Center that their kids will be taking their grandchildren to utilize. Look at the fundraising that just launched for the Urho Saari pool.
- Resurfacing aka slurry seal is not an option. Ryan Delgado has fixed that crumbling basketball court cracks time and time again in the past 20 years. Would you restore a classic car and keep the bald tires on it? You're just going to have to replace them down the road when they blow out. Work smarter, not harder.
- If we vote to shrink the skatepark and go budget style on the entire renovation, we WILL lose contractors. Spohn Ranch has been putting in so much work and effort into presenting

professional level options. You think a designer will stick to a project if you come back and ask them to make it smaller and cost less? Why would they want to put their name on a project of that sort? Again, a car metaphor, if you are restoring a classic car and the owner comes in and tells you to keep the old baldy tires, the artist will stop the project. Why would they want their name on a piece of art at an art show that isn't framed? Have you ever seen a brand-new house with the old 1950's asphalt driveway? That's ludicrous. Do it right the first time.

- Shifting the basketball court takes a dead zone of activity from the back to the front to make it useful. Which also allows it to be a landing area for ADA accessible community members and opens an area for all sorts of possibilities. No one uses that dead zone right now. I've been to the Teen Center for all sorts of events with 3 of my (now grown) children. No one is using that area for "tag" or "pickleball" or whatever was said at the last meeting.
- Drainage. Why did an outside contractor who is surveying the park need to inform the Parks and Rec department that the skatepark sub pump is broken? Isn't that the job of parks and rec? Why is that cost in the rebuild of the park? That's standard maintenance. A contractor should be coming in not solving our maintenance issues for us. We should have told them "The pump has been broken for years; can you please add that into your quote?" My thinking is that the original park contractor (Purkiss Rose) added the sub-pump out of overbuilding. It doesn't seem necessary. But I might be wrong.
- Do we need filtered drainage? I went to the newly built Manhattan Beach skatepark and there is zero drainage. It rains, the park floods, no one uses it till it dries. We are fortunate enough to have the park on the side of the hill. Let's take that cost out and just plumb it to match the basketball court which just goes down a pipe and drains to the parking lot nearly 40 feet below. Gravity will take its course and do the work that a \$55k sump pump will do. Why would we pump it up to the street? That old design is nonsensical if you ask me. "Less is more" has been quoted a few times in past meetings – we are not working with polluted water. This is rainwater being sent to the gutter. Let nature and gravity take its course.
- Volcom put up \$10k a year for Costa Mesa skatepark just to pay for their local park. All they had to do was call it the Volcom Skatepark. Maybe Hot Wheels would be interested? Just spit balling ideas here.
- In conclusion, shifting the basketball court is a must. I don't see a future of the Teen Center where we just slurry seal the current basketball court and have happy residents about that decision because we are cutting corners to save money. Let's find that money through fundraising, if necessary but honestly, I think we can just present it to city council with the obvious pros of having this extra cost and how beneficial it will be in the long run of beautifying our city and forward thinking instead of cost-cutting corners.



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