



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORT

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TO: Mayor and Town Council

September 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution No. XX-2018, accepting the Skate Park Feasibility Study

**BACKGROUND**

The Danville Parks and Recreation & Arts Strategic Plan Update (Plan) was adopted by the Town in 2017. The Plan “establishes a long-range vision and course of action for creating and sustaining a high quality, interconnected system of parks, recreation and arts facilities, services and programs. The Plan includes a number of strategic recommendations for how to provide inclusive recreational opportunities for users of all ages. This includes supporting emerging recreation activities to increase the variety of recreational opportunities available to the community. Skateboard facilities are an example of one such activity.

The 2017/18 Operating Budget and CIP included \$20,000 to fund a Skate Park Feasibility Study (Study). The Study looked at how and where the Town might develop a future skate park, focusing on locations available within the Town’s current park system. The Study was reviewed by the Parks and Leisure Services Commission in December 2017 and February 2018, and is now before the Town Council for consideration. While the Study identifies what is considered to be the best available location for a future skate park, Town Council acceptance of the Study does not approve construction of a facility. Future construction of a skate park will depend upon how such a project fits within all of the Town’s capital needs, and whether or not a potential funding source can be identified.

The Study was prepared by the consulting firm Spohn Ranch, Skate Parks. The consultant gathered input from Town staff and conducted community outreach and a site tour in preparing the study. The Study also includes information about the evolution and benefits of skate parks, design and operation guidelines, public input, site analysis, preliminary schematic designs and construction cost estimates.

At its December 13, 2017 meeting the Commission reviewed the site analysis portion of the study which included the review of potential sites at Diablo Vista, Sycamore Valley and Osage Station Parks. Potential sites were evaluated on selection criteria including visibility, accessibility, design canvas, ease of development, amenities & infrastructure and impact on surrounding environment. Based on the site analysis, the Commission identified Sycamore Valley Park as the preferred location. In addition to the site analysis,

the consultant was charged with addressing how to maximize the space available, developing a multi-sport design, providing for all skill levels and terrain types as well as seating, shade, lighting and fences if needed.

The completed study was presented to the Commission at its February 14, 2018 meeting. This included a summary of findings relating to the initial site evaluation process, planning assumptions, community input and concerns, potential skate park impacts, cost projections and a conceptual design. The Commission received extensive public input which included:

- Support for a skate park,
- Support for a skate park in the Town but not in the specific location recommended in the study
- Concerns based on the size and location identified in the schematic designs included the displacement of passive areas in the park specifically near the pond and large open grass area.
- Concerns about proximity of the potential location being too close to a Camino Tassajara, facilitating illegal pick-up and drop-off
- Concerns about proximity to Sycamore Valley Elementary School, increased noise levels and graffiti.
- Suggestions to focus on the other parks or areas within Sycamore Valley Park as well as the Mustang Soccer complex, which is outside the Town limits.

In accepting the Study, the Commission recommended that further research go into the ultimate site selection.

## DISCUSSION

In bringing the Study forward for Town Council consideration, staff and the consultant have focused on addressing a number of specific concerns that were raised during the February hearing with the Commission. The Study continues to identify Sycamore Valley Park as being the best location for a potential future skate park.

The revised schematic layout for the skate park incorporates the following changes:

- shifting the potential skate park location farther north on the site to create greater separation from Camino Tassajara;
- utilizing currently un-programmed space located above and below the existing park pathway that connects the picnic/bocce ball area with the upper pond;
- reducing the size of the potential skate park course terrain by approximately 30%; and
- eliminating any dedicated night lighting

These changes retain the existing pond and as much of the passive area of the site as possible, while still providing a large enough space to create a high-quality skate park. This supplemental information, and a revised schematic design are now included as a part of the information being presented to the Town Council.

The estimated cost to construct a skate park in this location, given grading, aesthetic and design considerations and some site and soil unknowns, is in a range of \$65-\$85 per square foot. For a 17,500 square foot area, the estimated cost would be in a range of \$1.14 million to \$1.4 million. Additional amenities would increase the overall project cost. These are very preliminary estimates that would need to be refined should the project move forward to a design stage.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Acceptance of a Feasibility Study would have no fiscal impact upon the Town. A future decision to move forward with design and construction of a skate park would require identifying a funding source for the project. No project funding is currently included in the 2018/19 Capital Improvement Program.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt Resolution No. XX2018, accepting the Skate Park Feasibility Study.

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Attachment: A - Resolution No. XX-2018  
B - Skate Park Feasibility Study Supplemental Document and Skate Park  
Conceptual Schematic Design  
C - Parks & Leisure Services Commission Staff Report, February 14, 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. xx-2018**

**ACCEPTING THE SKATE PARK FEASIBILITY STUDY**

**WHEREAS**, the Town's 2017 Parks, Recreation & Arts Strategic Plan Update includes recommendations to examine recreational opportunities for different ages and for emerging recreational activities not currently provided by the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon public feedback received during the Strategic Plan Update process, the Town's Parks and Leisure Services Commission recommended looking at the feasibility of a skate park in Danville; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town retained a consultant to prepare the study, which looks at the physical feasibility of constructing a skate park in a Town park, including access, parking and cost; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Leisure Services Commission reviewed the study at public meetings on December 13, 2017 and February 14, 2018. The Commission accepted the study and recommended that the Town and consultant do additional research to address concerns raised by members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Danville Town Council held a public hearing to consider the feasibility study, including the additional materials prepared by the consultant, and written and oral comments provided by the community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the Danville Town Council that it accepts the Danville skate park feasibility study as presented.

**APPROVED** by the Danville Town Council at a regular meeting on September 18, 2018, by the following vote:

- AYES:**
- NOES:**
- ABSTAINED:**
- ABSENT:**

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**MAYOR**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY ATTORNEY**

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**CITY CLERK**