



# Public Meeting Notes

Comments from a May 25, 2021 Public Meeting for a potential skate park follow. This meeting took place on Zoom between 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The statements below are a summary of notes taken by staff based on verbal comments heard. Approximately 41 individuals attended the meeting.

1. The City needs to be more engaged with the community. In order to get a grant through Tony Hawk's program additional engagement is required. Evanston Skates organization needs to be included in developing solutions.
2. The City should hold a design charrette with the community. The project should include multiple sustainability elements such as carbon capture concrete, a solar panel shade structure, EV charging stations at the parking lot, and the use of recycled materials.
3. Can the A-frame structure in the middle of the temporary skate park be modified to have a flat top? It is easier to skate a pyramid shape that comes to a flat top similar to the lower image shown for the potential permanent skate park.
4. Evanston Skates has created an Instagram and Facebook site for outreach. The project needs a user experience person on the project. For temporary site please include a mini ramp. Concerned about the metal ramp surface. If we need temporary (modular) look at Glenview site as a decent option.
5. BMX rider who appreciates being included. Would like to provide input about equipment selections. Falling on asphalt is worse than falling on concrete.
6. The temporary layout shown in the presentation is not interesting. How the surfacing feels is important. Concerned the surface will not be smooth enough. Please include a mini ramp and curbs. Would like to see a bi-level mini ramp where a portion is 5 or 6 feet high and another portion is 2 or 3 feet high. Likes the idea of having small installations around town.
7. Northbrook is a good example for a permanent installation. Doesn't feel we listened to the skaters as it has been stated numerous times that a temporary park is not desired. If the City insists on a temporary site we should use precast structures. The perimeter of the site should have fencing in addition to the jersey barriers as skateboards fly out often. For a better example of a temporary site we should visit Glenview. Highland Park is an example of a poor modular installation. If precast features are used in the temporary skate park, they can be relocated to the permanent site.

8. The temporary design shown in the James Park parking lot will not work. The City needs to establish an advisory board. The design we showed does not provide any lanes – the layout is going to be dangerous. Also, the temporary site is too small. The City is not listening to the skaters and should not build the temporary park. Can the skaters construct a temporary skate park for us themselves?
9. Resurfacing of parking lot is clever and innovative but why is there already a design picked? Skaters won't use this site and the design is very underwhelming for \$50,000. Understands that high schoolers can't wait for the permanent park but wants us to do this right and feels this is a waste of money. Also feels that spending \$60,000 for consulting for a skate park is a waste of money. Spohn Ranch makes precast features. Glenview has some precast features.
10. Would like to build something for the City. Would be willing to create an LLC to build it if there are legal/insurance concerns. The Glenview sites to look at are Community Park West (15,000sf) and Swenson Park (7,000sf).
11. Worked on building the Ridgeville Ramps Project. The temporary option is not in a central location and may be difficult to access by many residents. Access is why kids go to Fountain Square. We don't need to do much to make things interesting. Think quality over quantity for features. Concerned that a temporary skate park may be used by Police to write citations to kids using Fountain Square. Concerned that installing a temporary site will stop us from considering a permanent location.