



# CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

## AGENDA

### CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

TROUTDALE CITY HALL  
104 SE KIBLING AVENUE  
TROUTDALE, OR 97060-2099

#### Mayor

Paul Thalhofer

#### City Council

Pat Smith  
David Ripma  
Bruce Thompson  
Jim Kight  
Paul Rabe  
Doug Daoust

### Tuesday November 13, 2001 – 7:00 P.M.

- (A) 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE
- (A) 2. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 2.1 Accept Minutes: September 25, 2001 Regular Meeting.
- (A) 3. PROCLAMATION: American Education Week – November 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.
- (I) 4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.
- (A) 5. RESOLUTION: A Resolution adopting a revised Columbia Park Master Plan to include a skate park facility. Rich Faith, Community Development Director
- (I) 6. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:
- (A) 7. ADJOURNMENT:

  
Paul Thalhofer, Mayor

Dated: 11-7-01

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Mayor Thalhofer called meeting to order at 7:02pm

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL, AGENDA UPDATE**

Mayor Thalhofer lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Smith, Ripma, Thompson, Thalhofer, Kight, Rabe and Daoust.

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Faith, Galloway, Keebaugh, Sercombe, Stickney and Williams (8:15).

**GUESTS:** See Attached List.

Mayor Thalhofer asked are there any agenda updates?

Galloway replied, Mr. Mayor we have no update.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**2.1 Accept Minutes: September 25, 2001 Regular meeting.**

Mayor Thalhofer read the consent agenda.

**MOTION: Councilor Thompson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Kight. The motion passed unanimously.**

**3. PROCLAMATION: American Education Week – November 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Mayor Thalhofer read the proclamation.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Please restrict comments to non-agenda items at this time.**

Mayor Thalhofer asked is there anyone here to speak to us on a non-agenda item?

Chief Nelson stated I wanted to thank Spiro Sassalos of SKS Development. He has been a generous donator to the Troutdale Hawkeyes. He purchased the new uniforms for the team and he has also helped with the DARE Program and PAL and I just wanted to thank him.

Ellen Graham, Team Mom for the Troutdale Hawkeyes, stated I have been with the team for three years now and this will be my last year because my son is moving on to 7<sup>th</sup> grade and the Hawkeye program is for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade kids. I wanted to thank the City of Troutdale for allowing these kids to represent them. I think they have done an excellent job in doing that. They have participated in the Halloween clean up on main street the last two years and this last summer they participated in the parade. It gives them a sense of community to know that they have a city as great as Troutdale behind them, that is important to these kids. I would like to present the City Council members with an official Troutdale Hawkeye hat.

Jon Cramblett, Coach of the Hawkeyes, presented the City with a trophy. The Hawkeyes were runner-up in a "B" Tournament this year. I want to thank Troutdale for supporting us and giving us a home. I also wanted to thank Chief Nelson. You don't know how much work that man has put into this program. I also wanted to thank Spiro for what he has done for us.

The Troutdale Hawkeye football players and cheerleaders introduced themselves to the City Council.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated I would like to compliment you, Ellen, Chief Nelson and Spiro Sassalos and all of the others that have helped put this team on the field. I am impressed by the fact that the kids that play for the Hawkeyes learn the fundamentals of football and they learn sportsmanship. I am really proud of the players, cheerleaders and the whole program.

Councilor Kight stated volunteers are the core of the community. This program has grown dramatically. Is there anything that the city can do to help enhance your program?

Cramblett replied as you are probably aware, we are fighting to get a home field. We try to work with the school system to secure a home field, but we really don't have one. We don't play any games out here at all because we don't have a home field.

Councilor Kight asked how many kids do you have in the program?

Cramblett replied 70.

Councilor Kight stated one of the subjects that we are going to be addressing tonight is the addition of a skateboard park at Columbia Park. Maybe this is also the time that we should look at considering a football field at Columbia Park in the area immediately to the west. Do you think that area is big enough for a field?

Cramblett replied we have looked at that area recently. Chief Nelson and Ellen Graham put in a lot of time into that, so I would like them to respond.

Chief Nelson stated there were two groups interested in the property. The Hawkeyes and a girls softball league. We had taken measurements and some drawings were made up to include a football field and one or two softball fields. We went before the Parks Advisory

Committee numerous times and they voted down the project. The primary reasons they did not want us to proceed with it was concerns about traffic and ...

Councilor Kight stated when you say traffic, are you aware that Reynolds High School is going to be expanding their parking lot and adding another 170 spaces?

Chief Nelson replied yes and that was included in our discussions. The primary concern was the residents in the area. We met with them on numerous occasions, they came to the meetings and we met with them on a Saturday morning and walked the field with them. The Parks Advisory Committee voted it down. There were concerns about the increase in traffic, parking, increase in the number of people that would be there. There were also concerns about the habitat and the trees that would be removed.

Councilor Kight stated I am going to propose to the City Council tonight that at a future meeting we should consider that meadow area for a football field for this team.

Councilor Rabe stated this is a very impressive effort. The organization has grown considerably, so you are to be commended. It wouldn't be growing if you weren't doing a good job.

Councilor Daoust stated we have had a lot of bad news in the world and I just started tearing up when I saw these kids come up here and say how much they are learning about being good citizens.

Councilor Smith asked how are you collecting money, I know this is not a cheap sport.

Cramblett stated we have a fun run that raises a lot of money.

Councilor Ripma stated I am curious how you got the name of Hawkeyes. I grew up on Iowa, the Hawkeye State, so I was just wondering.

Cramblett replied we were looking at a couple of places. We were going to call ourselves the Lions because we were trying to get the Lions to support us. We had to throw this together real quick and Hawkeye Construction was down here so that is where we got the name.

Councilor Ripma stated congratulations to you, the Hawkeyes, the cheerleaders and everyone involved.

Councilor Thompson stated I would echo those sentiments. I am impressed with your program.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated perhaps we could work with the school district to see if we can get something going for a home field.

Councilor Kight stated as you know the city is short of money, if for instance we were able to have the meadow area set aside for a playing field, would you be able to organize volunteers to put that field into condition so that you could use it as a football field?

Cramblett replied we have a gentleman here that has already indicated that he probably would have done that.

Graham stated we had volunteers in place to put that field in, excavate, anything that needs to be done.

Councilor Kight stated so if that property was dedicated for a field by the city, and given the fact that we do not have the funds to make those improvements, do you feel that you have enough commitment from the community that you could build that field?

Chief Nelson stated we did have that commitment at one time, I would have to go back and revisit with those people to see if that commitment was still there.

Roman York stated I am here on behalf of the petitioners that sponsored the referendum on Ordinance 708. We would like to give you the box in which the petitions were delivered which has a couple of signs on it that say "our opinion matters" and "our vote counts". We felt that the City Council was not representing the community and was rubber-stamping what is put in front of them by the staff. As you are aware we have formed a committee called American Citizens for Honest Government and Ordinance 708 will be put to the vote of the people on March 12<sup>th</sup>, that is the ordinance that establishes the urban renewal agency and declares a large portion of the city blighted. I am also here to ask a couple of questions. The companion ordinance to #708 was ordinance #710 to which there was an exhibit. We found that this ordinance is now registered in Multnomah County. Ordinance 710, section 2 states that the City Recorder shall forward a copy of the ordinance to the agency. The City Attorney, at the public hearings, clearly stated that by virtue of filing the referendum, ordinance 708 was suspended as of August 14<sup>th</sup> therefore there is no agency. Section 3 says the agency shall cause a copy of the plan to be recorded in the records of Multnomah County. If there is no agency there is nobody that can register that plan because it is a companion of ordinance 708. Clearly the other place we have noticed, I have received a copy from Multnomah County microfiche and there are slight differences. Could someone please explain to me why what was previously called the Troutdale Town Center Urban Renewal Plan is now called Ordinance 710? I would like to know where in the city code and applicable ORS which provide for conversion of an exhibit into an ordinance. There are also a couple of flaws in violation of the City Charter, it was recorded in Multnomah County on 9/18/01 at 3:55pm, if there is no agency who registered this?

Mayor Thalhoffer stated we will have our City Attorney get into touch with you on these matters.

York stated I would like to hear from the elected officials, because you folks declared yourself as the agency.

Mayor Thalhofler stated we don't usually have an agenda item under public comment. We will be glad to put this on a future agenda and we will have our City Attorney research all of your points.

Tim Sercombe, City Attorney, stated I would like to suggest a procedure. If Mr. York would like to put those questions in writing and I will then respond to the City Council and if you want to share that with Mr. York you can do that. I want to remind everyone that my job is to advise the City about the laws and not to advise Mr. York. He can send me the questions and I will then coordinate with the Mayor and Council as to whether or not you want legal advice about those questions and if you do I will give you legal advice and you can choose whether or not you want to share that legal advice.

York asked should I write my questions to you or who?

Sercombe replied you should write to the City Administrator.

Shannon Turk, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), stated at last weeks CAC meeting I brought up an issue that I thought might come under the Citizens Advisory Committee and I asked them if they would like to study it and the consensus was that they would. The issue is compensation for the council. As you know I work for a local jurisdiction where this is currently a big issue. We thought that it would be proactive to look into it now. Many of the members of the CAC were not aware if there was a stipend, per diem or reimbursement of expenses for the council. I thought it would just be a good idea for the CAC to look into this.

Mayor Thalhofler stated we do have an old ordinance on the books, would you recommend that we do something with that as well?

Turk replied we could. The committee did not discuss exactly what we would be looking at.

Councilor Kight asked who initiated this?

Turk replied I did.

Councilor Kight asked based on what?

Turk replied based on my proximity to the issue at another jurisdiction.

Councilor Kight asked are you talking about Gresham?

Turk replied correct.

Councilor Kight stated traditionally Troutdale's Mayor and Council are volunteers. I think we all get a fax machine and we can turn in receipts for out of pocket expenses. It is my hope that it remains a volunteer body.

Turk stated that is more information than what I knew about this subject.

Councilor Rabe asked so you would characterize this as more of a study or inquiry to develop a particular position?

Turk replied absolutely.

Councilor Daoust stated we do have an old ordinance that says something about being paid for hours taken off of work and we do need to deal with it somehow, either get rid of it or have a recommendation on how to deal with it. The second thought that I have is pay particular attention to the Mayor's position. I am not looking for more money for myself but I am concerned about the Mayor's position. If we put in five times more time than the average citizen then the mayor puts in ten times more time than we do. I don't know what we would do with any kind of recommendation that comes before the body that supposedly would get paid by such a change, that presents a dilemma but I think maybe we can have the CAC determine what would be the best way to make those changes.

Councilor Ripma stated it is very commendable for you to think of this. I think Gresham is making the biggest mistake by even considering compensation in my opinion and we will see how the voters treat it. I wouldn't dream of even entertaining the idea of referring it to the CAC until at least we see the outcome in the neighboring city. The idea of citizen volunteers on our council is an excellent one, it is important to Troutdale. It is important that we do not do this for money. I felt that way before I was on the council. I put in a lot of time as we all do but it is so important that we don't try to have people that could use a few hundred dollars and want to do this as a job. We do best when citizens earn their living out in the real world, pay their utilities like the rest of us and have the same view of the world as the voters and not get compensated. So I couldn't disagree more with the idea. I appreciate you being proactive but I cannot agree to this at all.

Councilor Thompson stated I would echo Councilor Ripma's sentiments.

Turk asked can I take it to the CAC?

Mayor Thalsofer stated that the Council would have to refer this item to the CAC to study.

Turk stated I am getting no direction from the Council right now...

Councilor Kight stated let me give you my direction and I will make it crystal clear. I don't want it to go any further.

Councilor Rabe stated I think the way it is working now is fine with me.

**5. RESOLUTION: A Resolution adopting a revised Columbia Park Master Plan to include a skate park facility.**

Mayor Thalsofer called this item.

Rich Faith, Community Development Director, stated in 1995 the city embarked upon a program to update the Parks Plan and we adopted a Parks Recreation and Greenway Plan in November of 1995. In conjunction with that effort we also took a look specifically at a Master Plan for future improvements to Columbia Park, which was largely undeveloped at that time. The Council held a series of public hearings to look at various options for how to develop that park. The Council approved the Master Plan in August of 1995 by motion and it has served its purpose. Some of the things that have been built that are consistent with the approved Master Plan are the baseball fields, Imagination Station, a soccer field and the building for the concession stand and restrooms and a picnic area. The Little League baseball fields have been among the highest use activities when it is baseball season. Because of the demand that it puts on the park we have had to use the open grassy area that is located immediately to the east of the ball fields for overflow parking. That was specifically identified on the Master Plan and because of the need for overflow parking it really has not been available for any other type of use. On another note, since 1997 there has been an effort put forward by a group of Troutdale citizens to try to locate and construct a skate park facility. When they came to the Council in mid 1997 to present this idea the matter was referred to the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC). The PAC spent a considerable amount of time studying the issue and looking at each of our parks as a potential site for a skate park. For a variety of reasons we could not find any available or suitable site within our existing parks. Columbia Park was looked at and the most suitable site would have been the grassy area immediately to the east of the little league ball fields, but as I pointed out, that area was in demand for overflow parking. The conclusion of the PAC was that we really have no available location within our parks. However there is a change in circumstances that has recently occurred that has brought this issue forward again. That is the issue of overflow parking is going to be addressed in the near future with the construction of an auditorium at Reynolds High School, which is immediately adjacent to the park. In conjunction with that facility they will be constructing two new parking lots; one is 170 spaces and the other is 51. Through our land use permitting process and in discussions we had with the school district, we expressed to them the desire to have the use of these new parking lots for patrons of the park and they have expressed a willingness to assist in that and in fact have signed an agreement that formerly acknowledges that those two new parking lots will be left open and available for use by patrons of Columbia Park. We think that with these new parking lots, which will be accessed off of Imagination Way and located mid way between Cherry Park and then end of the current parking area, that it is going to be easily accessible to the little league players. We anticipate that there will no longer be a need for the grassy area to the east of the little league fields for overflow parking. With that information the PAC now endorses the idea of siting a skate park facility within Columbia Park immediately to the east of the little league ball fields. There are several reasons why the committee and staff believe that this is an appropriate and suitable location for the skate park. The first is its compatibility with other park uses. Columbia Park is the city's most extensive athletic park in the sense that we have two little league ball fields, a soccer field and imagination station. Also, Columbia Park is only one of two city parks that has a restroom facility, the other being Glenn Otto Park. A second factor is the high visibility of this location. The site that we have selected is immediately at the south end of Imagination Way and the existing parking area and is highly visible from Cherry Park Road. The third factor is the proximity to Reynolds High School; we see that as



a plus because certainly a large number of users would likely be students at Reynolds High School. It would be located between the little league fields and the existing high school baseball field, so we have athletic fields on both sides. A final factor in its location here is it has adequate separation for adjacent residential uses. The site is approximately in the middle of the park but on the eastern boundary. It would be approximately 100' to the south of the end of the parking lot area and the closest residential house is about 260'. The residents to the north, Cherry Ridge Subdivision, would be buffered by the concession building. We think there are number of pluses for locating this facility at Columbia Park. The PAC did discuss this matter at their September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and they forward this proposal to the Council with their recommendation for approval and for the reasons that I have stated staff would concur with that.

Mayor Thalhofer asked have you talked to Reynolds School District about this?

Faith replied yes I have. I have been talking with John Dieder, the Assistant Superintendent. Today I asked him if we could expect anyone from Reynolds School District here tonight or anything in writing from them; he told me that they are not taking an official position. They really have no opposition to it but they would like to be able to discuss the details of this proposed skate park facility to see if there are any impacts.

Mayor Thalhofer asked shouldn't we have that discussion before we make a decision?

Faith stated we could certainly have that discussion with them. They were advised of this meeting. We sent notices out to all of the adjacent property owners.

Mayor Thalhofer stated I talked with Superintendent Hud Lasher today to find out what his position was and he said they would like to have a chance to go over this before they say yes or no. I think that before we make a decision we ought to have that discussion with the school district and see what they think the impacts of this facility would be on their parking.

Faith replied they are fully apprised of the demands that Columbia Park has for parking and they fully understand that during little league season there is going to be a need to use their parking facility and they have agreed to that.

Mayor Thalhofer asked could we have a time when we could go up to the park and have you lay out the area where the skate park facility would be?

Faith replied we could put cones out so you could see what it looks like.

Mayor Thalhofer asked have we studied other skate parks for compatibility of younger children and skateboarders?

Faith replied yes. I have asked Clyde Keebaugh to be here tonight because he has looked at different skate parks.

Clyde Keebaugh, Parks and Facilities Supervisor, stated the parks staff and myself have visited six skate parks. I think there are about 114 parks in Oregon. We have looked at the one in Gresham, Oregon City, Portland, Lincoln City and Newberg. The Oregon City park has a play structure within about 50' of the skate park. There are covered picnic areas within about 50' of the skate park and a restroom facility. That skate park is approximately the same size that we would be proposing for Columbia Park. The one comment that we received in visiting with the users of that skate park is that if we were going to design a park be sure to include an area for smaller children to use the facility. The Gresham skate park is adjacent to a grade school. There is a playground within 150', it is adjacent to two ball fields, and there are picnic tables on a walking path around the outside. Lincoln City is a stand-alone facility, it has some benches and tables and is about one block from the grade school. The Newberg skate park also includes a BMX track, picnic area, concession stand, and playground and is approximately five blocks from the grade school. We visited the Portland facility because in talking with the skateboarders they were saying it was designed very well, its location is under the Burnside Bridge. They all seem to be compatible with the other activities going on in the park setting. The most noise we heard was the synthetic wheels on concrete and the occasional clatter of the board.

Councilor Kight asked to your knowledge the school district is in support of this, they are obviously not opposed to it?

Faith replied I don't think that the school district is taking a formal position but in their informal discussions with me they said they do not oppose it but they would like the opportunity to discuss the skate park with us so that they have a complete understanding of where it will be and what potential impacts there might be.

Councilor Kight asked is there going to be outdoor lighting for this facility?

Keebaugh replied it is day use only, the parks close at dark.

Councilor Kight asked what are the comments from the neighbors from the surrounding area?

Faith replied I have received none.

Councilor Kight asked what maintenance would be involved with this facility?

Keebaugh replied primarily there would be an increase in trash.

Councilor Kight asked have you determined what material would be the best to use for a skate park?

Keebaugh replied the ones that hold up the best are concrete with steel reinforcement. Wood has a higher maintenance, it has to be stripped off and refinished. I would anticipate as part of the planning process to bring in some skate park designers and discuss what they have found to be the most durable.

Councilor Kight asked what kind of capacity are you looking at as far as users?

Keebaugh replied my guess is at any given time between 12 to 20.

Councilor Kight asked you mentioned in earlier comments that there are skate parks that are geared for the younger kids, is that something you are also considering or are you gearing it towards teenagers?

Keebaugh replied I would like to see it encompass all age groups and all skill levels.

Councilor Kight asked has there been any comments from the other users of the park like the little league or soccer folks?

Faith replied I have heard nothing from them.

Councilor Kight asked Mr. Sercombe, as far as the liability issue for the city, is there any exposure to the city by having a skateboard park?

Tim Sercombe, City Attorney, stated as I have always told you when you ask me these questions, whenever the city does do something there is always some liability. A lot of times with skateboard parks there are participatory agreements that are done between the user as a membership sort of thing. There are ways to minimize the risk in the operation of a skate park.

Councilor Kight asked how do you do that when you have people dropping in and out of a facility, how do you control that?

Sercombe replied it depends on how you operate the facility. Some facilities you are not able to just drop in; you have to have a signed participatory agreement to use the facility, that is how Lake Oswego does it.

Councilor Kight stated maybe it would be a good idea as this gets further down the track to look at that and see what we can do to minimize the liability exposure to the city.

Sercombe stated the agreement also serves, at least the one that I am aware of, not just to limit the liability but it sets out the rules and obligations of the user.

Councilor Kight stated has vandalism been a problem at Columbia Park?

Keebaugh replied it is an on-going situation. Columbia Park really does not sustain a lot of serious vandalism.

Councilor Kight asked my initial response is to support the skateboard park. Do you see any negative at all?

Keebaugh replied I really don't see any negatives that wouldn't be outweighed by the positives.

Councilor Kight asked Chief Nelson do you have any comments either positive or negative about locating a skateboard park in this particular location?

Chief Nelson replied I don't have any one way or the other. The only positive that I see is that we do receive a lot of complaints from the downtown merchants, Thriftway development and Cherry Park Plaza about skateboarders on the sidewalks and in the parking lots. I don't know if this will make that problem go away but it will definitely give them an outlet to skateboard. As far as vandalism goes it would be nice to think that the users of the park will take more of a vested interest in it and want to maintain it. I don't have any objections and I don't see any real problems with it from the law enforcement standpoint. There is a lot of visibility in that area.

Councilor Rabe stated there is no funding at this for a skate park, is that true or false?

Faith replied neither. There is no money budgeted for this particular expenditure. There is money in the parks improvement fund, which is collected from SCD's, but no money has been budgeted for this item.

Councilor Rabe asked what you are asking for is approval to include this into a plan, it is a conceptual plan and if it is funded it could be installed and if it is not funded it won't happen. So what you are really asking for tonight is approval of this location for a potential skateboard park?

Faith replied correct.

Councilor Daoust stated this is not a question of whether we need a skate park; the question is where do we want to put it. I was looking at the 1995 public input process. We had 3 public hearings and two work sessions. This process appears that four citizens on the PAC recommended that the Council change a Master Plan. How do you compare this simple process with the very thorough public input process we went through when we first developed the Master Plan for Columbia Park?

Faith replied in 1995 I don't recall any group of individuals that were pushing for the idea of a skate park. We were looking at ball fields primarily. Imagination Station was already built. I don't recall during those meetings anyone coming forward and saying that we really need a skate park. That came to the surface as a hot button in 1997. You know as well as I that this Council and the PAC struggled with the question of where to put a skate park because it was clearly a public need and a desire to have it. In fact we encouraged a group of citizens to take up this cause and when the question was raised of where can we put it, the answer was we haven't got a place for you but good luck. They got discouraged after many months of raising money on our encouragement and we basically said we appreciate all of your hard work but we can't help you in terms of where you can put it. So my answer is I don't think it

was raised as a question in 1995 but since then it definitely is a serious question for consideration.

Councilor Daoust stated I do think we need to consider it seriously this time. There are other options besides this one location that has been picked and is before us. How many people from this neighborhood were at the Parks Advisory meeting?

Faith replied we did not give individual notices for that meeting, therefore there were no adjoining property owners at that meeting.

Councilor Daoust stated I spoke with Hud Lasher today and like the Mayor said I think we need to allow the school district some time to provide input into this because he did have some concerns. It is not a blanket approval for a skateboard park right next to the high school as may have been brought up. How much money did we spend doing the Master Plan last time?

Faith replied the Columbia Park Master Plan cost was built into the fees that we paid the consultant that was working on the overall Park Plan, so I don't have a figure.

Councilor Smith asked what are the dimensions of a skate park?

Keebaugh replied the area that we were looking at would be approximately 70' x 150'.

Councilor Smith asked is it enclosed?

Keebaugh replied no.

Councilor Smith asked does it have walls?

Keebaugh replied it could, it would depend on the design.

Councilor Smith stated if it has walls you won't see it from Cherry Park Road.

Keebaugh replied that would have to be taken into consideration in the design of the park.

Councilor Smith stated with four ball fields with this in the middle, I am not sure it is appropriate.

Councilor Ripma asked it sounds like from what I am hearing that this is the first chance that the public has had to comment on this?

Faith replied even though the meeting of the Parks Advisory Committee on this issue was not noticed to surrounding property owners, the meeting is published in the paper and there is an opportunity for people to look at the agenda and attend.

Councilor Ripma stated I don't have an opinion as to whether this is a good location or not but I think we need to hear from the public. How much does a skate park cost to build?

Keebaugh replied you are probably looking at \$60,000 or more, it depends on the design.

Councilor Thompson asked who would use this, is it primarily for local kids?

Faith replied that is the population that we are intending to serve but certainly we are not going to screen the kids that are going in there. It would be available to anyone just like Imagination Station. We don't turn away kids just because they are not residents of Troutdale.

Mayor Thalhofer asked is there anyone here to speak to us on this issue?

Ken Nutting stated I am the Sponsor Director for Reynolds Little League. We are not against a skateboard park or skaters, a couple of the ball players are skateboarders. There are a couple of things that I am concerned about. Parking spaces are a big concern; when are the parking spaces going to be available to make up for that area? The baseball season does run from March until October and I don't know if the parking will be available that whole time. We have a lot of afternoon games and if this is an auditorium that may be used in the evening, will parking then be available to us? There is a concern with foul balls and the location of the skate park. We have a lot of balls hit that direction and there are a lot of windshields that can attest to that. If you have people skating there they are not going to be looking for foul balls, so that is a concern. Another concern is the to and from access getting in there, they have to go past Imagination Station, the concession stand and all of the parking area to get to the skate park. If I really thought that they weren't going to skate that whole sidewalk area where you have all of the little kids coming to and from, that would probably not be an issue but the sidewalk is there and it is the quickest way in and they are probably going to do it. I think our biggest concern is the location of it. We were hoping that the area by the tower would be developed for multi-purpose fields and maybe there is a way to put it over there or maybe back further behind field two. This is the first we have heard about this, we were not contacted. It would have been nice to know ahead of time so that we could be more involved in the process. We are a volunteer organization and we pretty much built those fields with volunteer money and time. We didn't ask the city for any money to do it so it would have been nice to have been let in on the fact that this was going on. I know a lot of the neighbors around the park were not aware of this either and the kids were not aware of this which really surprised me.

Councilor Kight asked are you utilizing the parking in front of the high school now?

Nutting replied it has been open most of the time but often times that will be full also.

Councilor Kight asked you mentioned the foul balls and fly balls potentially hitting the users of the skate park, Mr. Faith is there a way to build a fence around this area maybe on the side where the balls are coming from?

Faith replied we could but I don't know if that is the answer. A couple of possibilities would be netting or something on the outfield fences to catch some of the long balls or netting on the skate park facility to prevent the balls from going into it. I don't think that I would advocate for tall fence that would screen the area but netting may be appropriate. We are not locked into the precise location shown here, that is more for illustrative purposes than anything else; it could be moved slightly to the south to an area that is less likely to receive long balls. There are a number of ways that we could address that.

Councilor Kight asked would that address your concerns?

Nutting replied yes, I think that moving it south would resolve a lot of issues besides just the foul balls and long balls.

Councilor Kight asked you had some issues with parking also?

Nutting replied yes, when was that going to be available?

Faith replied the school district hopes to begin construction this winter.

Councilor Kight asked did you have any other concerns?

Nutting replied just in the park in general, I don't know if law enforcement could post signs for no skating so they don't skate on the way to the park. We do have a lot of small kids out there.

Councilor Kight stated and you are concerned that they are going to use the sidewalk to skate to and from the park.

Nutting replied yes.

Councilor Kight stated I think it would be up to the adults to monitor that. We could have signage but there would have to be someone there to enforce it. As this process moves further down the road, if that is one of your concerns and the city puts up signs, it would be up to the people that are using the park to help enforce that in a nice way. Did you have anything else?

Nutting replied as far as field access, where it is now a lot of the time you have coaches dropping off equipment and we use that space between the two fields. If the skate park were to be located as it is shown it would block us from being able to do that. If it could be shifted south like you mentioned we would have no issues with it.

Councilor Rabe stated I share your concerns with the sidewalks. I know for a fact that most of the kids that would use this are not driving there, they are going to ride their boards there and they are going to ride the boards all the way down the sidewalk right to the park.

Councilor Daoust stated this is probably one of the most overcrowded parks in the whole metro area. When I go to ball games I see you using the perimeter behind the fences, people are sitting on blankets and lawn chairs to watch the game. Is it Reynolds Little Leagues preference to maintain a grassy barrier on the outside of the fences around the ball fields?

Nutting replied definitely.

Councilor Ripma asked following up on Councilor Daoust's point, if the park moved south there would be adequate grassy area around the fields. Locating a skate park is always a problem, everyone thinks it is a good idea to have one but we can never find a location. I appreciate your input.

Linda Adalsteinsson stated I am an employee of Reynolds School District but I do not speak for them. I have a son who is a freshman and I have a sixth grader. In the staff lounge this week there was this notice and I faxed it to the president of the little league and asked him if he knew anything about this and he said no. He could not make it this evening so he sent Ken and Dave. Ken has made a really good point about the foul balls, I have three dents in my car to prove it. If you put the park where you have it on the map you are going to have trouble because the kids that skate are going to be mad at the baseball players and the baseball players are actually going to enjoy this. I have talked to a couple of them and they said, "skaters, we are going to have home run derby". Most of the boys that I talked with said they were going to go up there and have a little fun at the expense of some skateboarders. Historically skaters and athletes don't always get along. Parking, I was told that they were going to start out with a gravel parking lot by the end of December and the staff will have to start parking over there until they get the permanent parking lot done in the spring. So I don't know what the timeframe is on the parking lot. The 170 parking spaces that you will gain I don't think will make up for the 100 spaces that you will lose in that grassy area. I am also concerned about the skating to and from Cherry Park Road. There is one parent in little league who has a handicapped daughter and she parks in the handicap space next to the concession stand and the skaters that are there now spit on her car, drag their hands on her car, put gum on her car because she is parked where the ramp is that they want to skate off of. That doesn't mean that all of the skaters will do that but that is what goes on now. As far as notification to the neighborhood, I have a friend that lives in the neighborhood adjacent to the park and he didn't know about this. I think that people that live within a few blocks of the park should be notified when there is going to be a change made. If there is money in your parks improvement fund and you had seventy football parents here tonight, maybe the money could be better spent in that area rather than a skate park. I am not against the skate park, but it is just a suggestion.

Councilor Kight asked is sportsmanship one of the things that you teach your young people when they are involved in sports? Isn't that an important component of young people and the maturing process?

Linda Adalsteinsson replied yes.



Councilor Kight stated I was kind of taken back by your comment that the kids see this as an opportunity to hit balls towards the people using the skateboard park and that they would have an acrimonious relationship between those people that are involved in individual activities as opposed to those who are involved in group activities, would you like to comment on that?

Linda Adalsteinsson replied it is not anybody in particular and it probably didn't sound very nice and I apologize if I offended anyone. There is a stigma with the boys at school between the skaters and the athletes, there are some boys who do both. The majority of them do not hang out together, they do not have the same philosophy, they don't dress the same and they don't look the same. Some of them do, my son has friends that are skaters that are great kids. For the most part they don't see eye to eye on a lot of things. Having them in such close proximity, I don't think is a good idea. If the foul balls go there, most of the time unintentionally, the kids in the skate park are going to pick them up and throw them back.

Councilor Kight stated Mr. Faith stated there are nets that can keep the balls in the field so they are not straying into other areas.

Linda Adalsteinsson replied it is a valid suggestion but how many of those nets do you see up in Troutdale where we have 70mph winds? We have trouble keeping fences up let alone nets.

Councilor Kight replied I think that nets would allow the passage of the wind.

Faith stated there would probably be maintenance involved with the nets and we would have to really secure them. Another idea might be a chain link fence. Earlier I stated I was opposed to a fence but I was thinking of a view obscuring fence, but a chain link fence might work around the ball field or the skate park which would be easier to maintain and more durable. These are all issues that need to be flushed out during the design phase and all of this should be taken into account. To say that these two uses are incompatible, I guess I disagree.

Mayor Thalhoffer called for a 15-minute break at 9:35pm and reconvened the meeting at 9:45pm.

Bruce Stannard stated I am a member of the Parks Advisory Committee and I was the only no vote on the placement of the skateboard park in Columbia Park. I am not against skateboarding; I think it is a great sport. You do have a lot of stuff going on in this area. The school is putting in a 500-seat performing arts center, we have probably the busiest play structure in east county, we have very busy ball fields and a soccer field and you also have the people who are just out getting some fresh air and walking their dog. I think it would be a saturation of the entire area to bring in another activity and I think it will detract from the whole function of the park. I think we do need a skateboard park it just isn't the right area. It has the needed restroom facilities and snack bar but it just doesn't fit in with that area. I would consider maybe next to the freeway when we do the redevelopment of the sewage treatment plant next to the outlet stores, that would be a good spot. I have to agree with Ms.

Adalsteinsson that you do get a different type of kid who likes to skateboard. I think mixing the kids, we could have some trouble there, maybe I am wrong.

Mayor Thalhofer asked what do you think about the mix of the little kids at Imagination Station and a skateboard park?

Stannard replied that could possibly cause some conflicts.

Councilor Kight asked is your concern primarily about the location of the skateboard park? In other words if it were moved further to the south would that meet your needs?

Stannard replied no. Placement won't make any difference.

Councilor Kight stated in other words you don't want it at Columbia Park at all.

Stannard replied for lack of a better word no.

Councilor Kight asked so what I am hearing you say is you want Columbia Park to be exclusively for team sports?

Stannard replied no, Imagination Station is not a team sport. I was just saying usually a skateboard park functions by itself, at least the ones that I have seen. My thing is there is too much going on. You are going to ruin it for everybody else when you...

Councilor Kight asked why would you ruin it?

Stannard replied you want to have some space.

Councilor Kight asked how do you know that by including a skateboard park that it will ruin it for everybody else?

Stannard replied there will be problems like getting hit in the head with a baseball.

Councilor Kight stated we addressed that earlier by saying we could possibly put up a net or a chain link fence.

Stannard stated you have kids coming in on the sidewalks, the little league was talking about the access into the field, it is just the flow.

Councilor Kight stated so you are opposed to the flow.

Stannard replied right, it is just a saturation. If we had that whole park, the area north of the trees, if we had 30 acres we would have a lot more flexibility.

Councilor Kight asked would it make more sense to move it to the meadow area further to the west where there isn't competition with anybody?

Stannard replied it is a possibility but I am not sure what reaction you would get from the neighbors. When we tried to put a football field there the 150 to 200 people that came to our meetings and signed the petitions opposing the football field, noise was one of their concerns with people being that close to their house.

Councilor Kight stated because they bought a house next to a park and they don't want any sound. So, they just want the park area to the west to just remain as it is and not being used?

Stannard replied it could be a dog run or kite area, those kinds of things.

Councilor Daoust asked have you visited other skateboard parks?

Stannard replied I have seen the one in Salem, it was a real tough area, drug-infested area and once they put the skate park in the problem disappeared.

Councilor Daoust asked is it a standalone skate park or is it mixed with other uses?

Stannard replied standalone.

Councilor Daoust asked did you read in the paper not to long ago, I think it was the son of Zimmermans, was talking about putting an indoor skate park in Zims 12 Mile Corner.

Stannard replied no.

Councilor Ripma asked you think that Columbia Park is maxed out as far as any other use, and you are opposed to adding any more facilities there of any kind?

Stannard replied yes.

David Bahner stated I am the Director of the Minors for Reynolds Little League. I support a skate park; I think it is a great idea. I grew up on a skateboard and my kids skateboard. The proposed location is what I have a problem with. It was mentioned that there would probably be between 15 and 20 users at one time, I am saying it would be more like 40 to 60 users at any given time. So the location, because of home runs and foul balls from the little league fields and the high school field, could create a problem as far as safety. Even with a net or a fence, there is still that possibility. Chief Nelson mentioned something about officers driving by being able to view the park, so why not put it out off of Cherry Park Road closer to the street. Also the neighbors behind the park, I don't think would have a problem with a skate park being closest to the street. When I moved to Troutdale I wanted to get a place as close to a school or park as possible so my kids would have a place to play. If you don't want a lot of noise, don't move next to a park. As far as the kids intermixing between sports and skateboards, I really don't see much of a problem with that. Everyone can get along, there will be some punks. You are going to have your punks and your good kids and it is just a balance that has to be kept. Kids nowadays have good judgment and if there is a problem

that they can't handle they will move out of the way and avoid it. There are enough parents that use that park and keep tabs on their kids and they are going to see any kind of problems that come up. As far as the location, I think the park is a great place to put a skateboard park and I think it can be built to address beginners and advanced skateboarders. As far as the location, that leaves a little bit to be desired. As far as the noise, I think closer to the street would be the best. There would be no foul balls hitting the skateboarders and we wouldn't have the traffic on the sidewalk. As far as the arts center that will be going up, if we lose our parking in the grassy area, that is going to create a lot of parking problems since there is no on-street parking. The activities that they are going to have at the school are going to run into the baseball and soccer activities. The overflow parking area is a necessity.

Councilor Kight asked Mr. Faith, Mr. Bahner suggested moving the skateboard park closer to Cherry Park Road next to the soccer field. Is it possible to put the skateboard park closer to Cherry Park Road?

Faith replied it would probably have to be configured a little differently, it would be more of an elongated shape, but it is possible. We would probably have to go out and measure the area. My concern would be how the people living across the street and to the west would react to this.

Councilor Kight stated Mr. Bahner made a very good point, if you buy property next to a park and then complain about the noise, I am not to sure people have a lot of room to complain.

Councilor Daoust stated I know the park pretty well and it would be a squeeze to not take anything away from the soccer field by trying to fit in a skateboard park between the soccer field and the road. I would say it couldn't be done. I am a soccer parent and we have leagues that rely on that field. Make the argument to me why a skateboard park is more important than the soccer field that gets used a lot?

Bahner replied I was a soccer parent for a few seasons. I don't think there will be much skateboard traffic on cold rainy days, they are usually only out on the nicer days and soccer is played rain or shine. I think it will work out fairly well as far as traffic because they are going to come in and go right to the park so you are giving them a more direct route to their area.

Councilor Daoust stated it is an enticing location but I would say it takes away from the soccer field.

Bahner stated I think all sports and activities should have equal play whether it is a team sport or an individual sport. If we put a skate park down by the freeway, who is going to go there? A lot of the kids are not going to be allowed to go down to that area. It needs to be in an area where the parents can take control and monitor what is going on.

Councilor Daoust stated I haven't been to many skateboard parks where the parents are standing around the edge monitoring their kids.

Councilor Ripma stated you have brought up some good ideas and that is a very logical location but it is the age old problem of put it over there not near me. We haven't heard from the soccer folks because they thought it was going in next to the ball fields.

Mayor Thalhofer asked where would the people park if we moved it closer to Cherry Park Road? You can't park on the street.

Bahner stated we do have the paved parking area and the overflow parking area.

Mayor Thalhofer asked but we would still have the same parking problem wouldn't we?

Bahner replied if we keep the overflow area it wouldn't be as much of a problem.

Michele Rosenbarger stated I work for the Parks Department for the city. I wanted to give you a maintenance workers view. As most of you know I take care of the downtown city grounds, which includes Mayors Square. The point that I would like emphasized is the fact that Mayors Square is heavily used by skateboarders even though it is posted as no skateboarding. It is starting to take a toll on the concrete there. I think it is time that we provide a place for the skateboarders to go. I have had the opportunity to do some research and to visit some of the skate parks. The Newburg park is not only a skateboard park it is also a BMX track and a playground. I talked to the kids and there doesn't seem to be a problem, they are just excited that they all have a place to go. I visited there in early October and it was a beautiful day, there was probably 30 to 40 kids there but only about 10 cars. The kids walked or rode their skateboards to the park. I don't think it will have a big impact on the parking at Columbia Park. I think that is a great place to put the skateboard park.

Councilor Kight asked Mr. Bahner brought up the idea of moving the skate park closer to Cherry Park Road to the north of the soccer field, how do you think that would be a fit for that particular location?

Rosenbarger replied that is a possibility. You can design them just about anyway, you can make them really linear. I don't have the dimensions of that area so I am no sure, but there is a possibility that you could do that without interfering with the soccer field. I thought that the south end of the ball field seemed like a better area. I hate to see kids that close to the street.

Councilor Kight asked if it was located next to Cherry Park Road and it was designed in a way that it was fenced off, would you feel more secure about that as far as safety?

Rosenbarger replied that is a possibility. We did see some types of fencing around the skateboard parks especially in some of the areas where they had the deeper bowls.

Councilor Daoust asked have we done any comprehensive look as to where to put a skateboard park? I agree we need one, but have we looked at other places to put a skateboard park?

Rosenbarger replied we have not done a comprehensive look into it. This is really a question for Rich or Clyde. We need a place that has a restroom facility, I think that is the biggest issue. Glenn Otto Park doesn't have an updated outdoor restroom facility and we know when we have events down there, without the Cox Building being open, we just don't have adequate restroom facilities. Our other parks don't have any restroom facilities.

Councilor Ripma asked you mentioned the deterioration at Mayors Square from skateboarders, in your opinion if we built a skate park at Columbia Park do you think the kids using Mayors Square would go there and not use Mayors Square anymore?

Rosenbarger replied yes. When I have tried to enforce this the kids will say that there is no place for us to go. Comments from some of the young individuals that Clyde and I talked to in Oregon City asked us why did you design your downtown Mayors Square like a skate park?

Mayor Thalhoffer asked is there anyone else who would like to speak to us on this issue?

No additional testimony received.

Mayor Thalhoffer stated I do want to see us with a skateboard park somewhere in the city as soon as possible. I am not sure that this is the right location for it due to some of the testimony that we have heard tonight regarding the conflict with the baseball, Imagination Station and the parking. I think the overflow parking is absolutely essential to the health of that park. The idea of a skateboard park on the north end of Columbia Park is an interesting idea that we ought to look at a little more. I think we need a formal sign-off from the school district that it is okay with them for us to count on their parking. Hud Lasher told me that they would like to work with the city but they wanted to make sure that the parking impact wouldn't be a problem. I think we ought to work with the school district and make sure that it is not a problem. I think we need another public hearing where everybody is notified. I think once we find a site we will be surprised about how much of the funding we can raise and how many volunteers will help build the park so that the cost will be minimal. I think we should also look for other sites.

Councilor Kight stated I would support a skateboard park. We heard plenty of testimony that there is obviously a need and Michelle gave ample evidence of what happens when we don't have a skateboard park. Mr. Bahner's idea of putting it on the north end where it is closer to Cherry Park Road, I actually favor that idea if it is at all possible. Mr. Faith and Mr. Keebaugh are going to work out the dimensions of that to see if it will fit. I don't believe isolation of a skateboard park, for a variety of reasons, is the right idea. Placing it next to a freeway or isolating it away from the current park frankly isn't safe. I think the idea of having a skateboard park where people can monitor it, adults can be there and there is a lot of activity going on, I think that is the right mix. I think it is necessary for those people in group sports to learn how to have good sportsmanship with other people that want to utilize the park. It appears that the people interested in having a skateboard park have looked all over the city and the only location that appears to make sense is Columbia Park. Somehow we ought to make that a fit. I don't see parking as a problem, as was mentioned earlier a lot of the young

folks come to the park either on their bikes or skateboards or they walk there, they are not driving cars for the most part. I think we need to make sure we meet all of the concerns of the neighbors; we should make sure that we have proper notification by mail. I think I would even go beyond what our normal requirement is. Mr. Faith what is the requirement now?

Faith replied 250' for land use actions.

Councilor Kight stated I would double that, I don't know how the rest of the Council feels on that. Finally the issue of the area of the park to the west that is underdeveloped came up tonight with the Hawkeyes and they are looking for a field. There is a shortage of property in Troutdale for that kind of use; I would think it would make sense to have that property immediately to the west for a football field. I would like to have that as a separate agenda item. I realize that the PAC is not in support of that and the neighbors are not in support of that but maybe not all of the needs and concerns of the neighbors were addressed.

Councilor Rabe stated I don't have anything to add.

Councilor Daoust stated I want to make it clear that I support a skateboard park. In fact I think it is pretty exciting that we would be looking for a site. I am really excited about Zimmermans; I think that would provide a place for kids to go that would be a lot better than Columbia Park. I have done my research, I have been to skate parks, I have looked at internet sites, I have looked at the criteria for siting a skateboard park and what criteria that the most successful skateboard parks had, and Columbia Park raises some red flags. It does not meet the criteria for a successful skateboard park. One of those is, we say that it is visible from Cherry Park Road, but if it is tucked back by the baseball fields the police driving down Cherry Park Road will not be able to see what is going on at the skateboard park especially if we are talking about moving it farther south. There is a skate park in Salem that is very successful. It is constructed out of cement and it is a standalone use and the kids love it. It is highly visible. On the other hand there is one in Vancouver that is tucked away from a main arterial and they have problems with vandalism. We talked about the issue of the mixed groups. Columbia Park is highly successful in attracting young children with parents, Reynolds Little League with coaches and parents. What I am concerned about with the skateboard park is what I am going to call a teenage hangout. I in no way mean to say anything detrimental about skateboarders, but if you look at a skateboard park the majority of the skateboard parks are teenage hangouts just by the culture of skateboarders. That is what that site will attract and that mix of having a huge load of small children and baseball players and combine that with the culture of a teenage hangout, I think that is way too much for Columbia Park. That leads me to the same point that Bruce Stannard brought up and that is that park is already overused. The kids that would go to the skate park do not come with parents, they don't come with coaches, they don't come with supervision, they come alone. I think we can find a better place to put a skateboard park in the city. When we looked at that same question back in 1997 the Parks Advisory Committee came to the conclusion that we didn't have any parks in Troutdale that we could put a skateboard park in. We have already looked at this. There are some potential sites in the future that are coming up. We have the Finnegan property that is going to be developed and we can always negotiate with a developer on developing park property. There are other alternatives besides Columbia Park,

just because it has a restroom isn't a valid reason for putting a skateboard park in. Most successful skateboard parks are uniquely located and they stand alone. As far as moving it farther south, we haven't heard from the neighbors that live adjacent to the park on the south end. As far as moving it farther north towards Cherry Park Road, I know it is not going to fit. I would second the thought that we need to continue public input and I think we need to carry this over for at least one more public hearing.

Councilor Smith stated I basically agree with everything that Councilor Daoust said. I think this will overcrowd this park. I agree that we should think about other places. I think using a portion of the sewage treatment plant property is a logical place. If you put something like this in neighborhoods, everyone says we want them but we don't want them in our neighborhood. I think we should look at places where there are other businesses and other things going on rather than residential because of the constant noise factor. I think we need more input from the affected neighbors.

Councilor Ripma stated finding the place for the skateboard park has always been the problem. Everybody is always in favor of it somewhere else, not near me. Asking Reynolds School District to sign off on anything will kill it. They have been notified and they are willing to stay silent on it, that is the most we are going to get out of them. They are going to allow us to use their property for parking and that is a really good deal, we need the parking at Columbia Park. After hearing everything tonight and with finding a site always being the problem, I have to say that Columbia Park seems like about the best place that we could put a skate park for a lot of reasons. The fact that it is a teenage hangout, you want a busy place. The sewage treatment plant site is the only other option that I think is viable but I respect Mr. Bahner's point, most parents are not going to let their kids go down there alone to that location, it is too dangerous to get to. The thing we are trying to do here is just locate a site, we are not even funding the skate park. If we put it in the master plan it could be ten years before we raise the money because we have a lot of calls for that money in our park fund. I have a modest proposal that if we are going to continue to consider Columbia Park, I think we ought to scout out the north location, the south location and the present location, notify everybody about those three possible locations and hold a public hearing or we could save everybody a lot of trouble and say we are not going to consider Columbia Park any more.

Councilor Thompson stated like everybody else, I favor a skateboard park. The question is where. Columbia Park seems like the only possibility in the city. If it could be moved to the north or the south I think that would be good. I am not in favor of where it is currently proposed. I favor Councilor Ripma's suggestion to put it out with the three possibilities and hold another public hearing.

Mayor Thalhofer stated I think most of us favor another public hearing. The question is when should we have it? We need to make sure that everyone receives notification of the hearing.

Councilor Ripma suggested early next year.

Councilor Smith stated we should put the notification in the Troutdale Champion.



Mayor Thalsofer stated we ought to have a representative from the school district at the meeting. In the interim we ought to talk with Reynolds School District and see if they can come up with a preference.

Councilor Ripma stated I favor that.

Councilor Daoust stated this hearing is focused on Columbia Park and I know we have to follow through with another hearing. I don't want this to be, because it was sat in front of us, just a single park in the City of Troutdale that a skateboard park could go in. We haven't even talked about the other parks.

Councilor Ripma stated I actually believe that Columbia Park is the only feasible park, I agree with Bruce.

Councilor Daoust stated I don't.

Councilor Ripma stated maybe we should vote on whether we should even consider Columbia Park further. I think there is a difference of opinion. Why subject everyone to another hearing on Columbia Park if there is a majority opinion that it shouldn't be Columbia Park. If the majority of the Council feels it shouldn't be located in Columbia Park then I don't favor pursuing it further.

Mayor Thalsofer stated this hearing is about Columbia Park, I would be in favor of sticking to Columbia Park.

Councilor Ripma stated that is what I mean.

Mayor Thalsofer stated I don't think we should be voting on whether it should be Columbia Park or not tonight. I think we need another hearing.

Councilor Ripma stated I don't want to have everyone come back for a second hearing if the Council does not even want the skate park located at Columbia Park.

**MOTION: Councilor Ripma moved that the City consider locating the skate park somewhere in Columbia Park. Seconded by Councilor Kight.**

**Councilor Ripma stated I think it would be wise to find out if there is a majority of us who don't even want to consider Columbia Park any further before we continue and subject the public and everybody else to another hearing.**

**Councilor Kight stated we have been looking at this issue for several years and we keep coming back to Columbia Park. From my perspective it seems to be the most viable site, there are obviously some details that have to be worked out. The other parks don't have the same level of facilities or infrastructure that Columbia Park has**

so I am in support of looking at Columbia Park as opposed to the other parks within our system.

Mayor Thalhofer stated I am not ready to make a decision that is why I would like to see a second hearing where we can hear from more people that are impacted by the activities at Columbia Park. We have not heard from the soccer people, they are not here tonight and they are critical to this.

Councilor Ripma stated all you have to do then is vote yes, that is all I mean by my motion. If you want to have another hearing, vote yes. I am not trying to put it in Columbia Park. I am only saying if we want to further consider Columbia Park, if not vote no.

Mayor Thalhofer stated I just want a second hearing on the matter and I don't want it to be restricted in any shape or form. I would also like this to be on an evening where we have nothing else to discuss.

Councilor Daoust asked for clarification, what happens if I vote no what am I voting for. I want to continue the discussions.

Councilor Ripma replied voting no means you don't want the skate park at Columbia Park.

Councilor Smith stated I don't like the idea of having it at Columbia Park. I think it is overcrowded. I think there are other alternatives. But if they can move it some place that it doesn't look like it is infringing on the other activities.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:** Councilor Ripma withdrew his motion.

Mayor Thalhofer stated we will hold a second hearing to include the north and south locations after the first of next year. We should include a notice in the next Champion newsletter and we can devote one whole meeting to just this issue.

Mayor Thalhofer stated the work session that was to immediately follow this meeting has been canceled.

**6. COUNCIL CONCERNS AND INITIATIVES:**

None.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Councilor Thompson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Kight. The motion passed unanimously.

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