

**City of Nevada City**  
**MEETING NOTES**  
**Parks Initiative Committee**  
April 24, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER** – 5:00 PM

**NISENAN TRIBE RECOGNITION** (read by Councilmember Fleming)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (led by City Manager Sean Grayson)

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilmember Doug Fleming, Councilmember Adam Kline; Staff Liaisons Dawn Zydonis and Sean Grayson

Community members in attendance: 54

**BUSINESS**

**1. Update on the Proposition 64 Funded Park Project Including the Seven Hills Field Upgrades and City Skate Park**

City staff provided a presentation on the proposed skate park and project at 7 Hills Middle School.

Councilmember Doug Fleming then led an open discussion with approximately 50 community members in attendance and received public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Neighborhood Concerns:

1. Traffic is already an issue on Reward Street. Concerns for first responders to access area. School traffic already creates an issue and there are concerns that skatepark users may use Reward Street for drop-offs, pickups, or parking to access. Also, concerns for trail users. There is a need for identifying behavioral elements of users and integrating measures such as fencing to direct people in the right way.
2. Opportunity to edit Reward Street (trail portion) as a through road on both Open Street Maps and Google Maps.
3. Deer Creek Southside Firewise community offered assistance in distributing information to their neighborhood.
4. Noise concerns at the top of Heilman St.
5. Concerns about locating a skatepark in residential zoning and feels it “should be in a park”.
6. Question about if lighting will be used.
7. Request for signage updates on Zion Street for Tech Center @ Providence Mine Road
8. The school has concerns with traffic and people accessing the skate park through their parking facilities. They also have concerns with walk through traffic, noise while school is in session, and the risk of fire in the canyon and how that would affect school operations if one were to start. School feels that the fencing design is crucial and that monitoring users will be key. Question about who will be the enforcement for drug free, smoke free, and alcohol free? Feels that many times when a school is next door to a use like a skatepark the school staff becomes the enforcement and they do not desire to be in that role. School representatives state that their fields and trails close at sundown.
9. Request for an age limit for skatepark users without supervision. Is there a state law that defines this?

### Opportunities:

1. One member states thankfulness to City and Council for moving forward to create a place to skate in town where there is no place that it is currently allowed.
2. Traffic will be at different times than the school rush hour.
3. Grass Valley's skatepark hours are sunrise to sunset.
4. Question about what the city is required to build ancillary to the skate park (restrooms, snack shack).
5. Request for a drinking fountain.
6. Idea to make benches and sound walls part of the design that are skateable and dual purpose.
7. Likes about Condon Park in Grass Valley: there are lots of places to roll in/drop in around the perimeter. Hex is good. Flow is good – the entire park and standalone features.
8. Comment about standalone beginner areas that are less adult focused actually keeping people back from progressing because they get comfortable in the beginner area and stay there.
9. Importance of skaters only; no loitering or just hanging out (to support drug free/alcohol free zone).
10. One community member states that Condon Park is more open now for all ages/levels/wheel types. The community is more friendly now than in the past. Skatepark etiquette is a learning process through engagement with other skaters.
11. Mentions of Grindline and Birdhouse (skatepark designers or builders).
12. Condon Park's biggest drop is 6' (laws may have changed).
13. Bulletin board/public notification area requested.
14. Transition, street, and bowl features requested.
15. Self-policing signage requested.
16. Yuba Snake Run feature mentioned (was discussed for Condon Park).
17. One attendee stated that he feels there's a lack of a town square for young people here.
18. Suggestion to make the park "Instagramable" with an identifying feature like LED lights. Feels that this project is a "fundraising dream" and can be hugely successful if a strong sense of community is tied in and that there are lots of opportunities for fundraising.

**ADJOURNED – 7:12 PM**