

## Millbrae Public Meeting Notes 1/22/2020

Start: 6:10 PM – M. Brady

### Topics covered:

- Grant information and process: application requirements, point system, funding, fund allocation, grant timeline
- Locations and timelines of proposed projects
- Fitness court facts: purpose, need, location
  - o Movement towards creating a fitness hub to pull community members towards the Spur Trail property, which would include the Spur Trail, the fitness court, and the skate park, and potentially inputting a designated dog park.

### Feedback from community:

- The importance of keeping the dog park and the skate park at an appropriate distance from each other to maintain safety for both parties, as well as protecting dogs from too much sensory stimulation. The sounds from the skate park may agitate the dogs.
  - o “sound-boarded” fences do not seem to be a priority option for community as they would prefer money to be allocated to the concrete in the skate park.
- The eucalyptus trees surrounding the skate park are shedding into the skate park and causing a danger to those skating as they snag your wheels and skaters fly off the boards. Liability issue! They shed often so they should be up kept more, or maybe there can be a cover or netting placed above the skate park.
- Write a letter generic letter to businesses offering up fitness court services to get more donations
- Signs are not often read at the skate park as people usually fly through the gates or the posts are usually negative towards the users of the skate park.
- Concern that the area of the fitness court may attract negative attention if it is too far back in the trees near the skate park (pushed back from Millbrae Ave.). There was no other location offered up for the fitness court by the community at this time.
  - o Have the fitness court pulled out more so that it is not so concealed – it would be outside the spur trail so that it is not in the drainage portion. We are hoping to have it diagonal so people do not hide behind it and the logos from the sponsors will be visible from the street.

\*\* Skateboarding being in the Olympics for the first time this year!

- Back wall should be up against west side (against that tree in the photo) where there is good visibility for advertising, there is no hiding spot, and the skate park and fitness court are more “connected” – back wall (advertisements) will be visible for people driving east bound on Millbrae Ave.

### Questions to and from the community:

1. Are other companies able to propose a design for the skate park?

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Yes! We are open to bids from other companies. If we are approved for the grant, we can present the budget and see what other companies have to offer. We are focusing on getting the funds first to then move forward with the design.

2. Are bikes allowed at the skate park?

Documentation states that the skate park is a “skate boards and in line skate park,” but at this time we are unsure of what that may mean specifically and what “in-line skates” refers to. Bikes are an option to hear out if they are wanting to be included in the process of designing the skate park.

According to one community member:

Assembly Bill No. 1146 Chapter 221 Section 1 (d) states: For purposes of this section, “other wheeled recreational device” means nonmotorized bicycles, scooters, in-line skates, roller skates, or wheelchairs.

3. Does the Olympics this year have anything to do with the fitness court?

No, the fitness courts were created in 1970’s and there is a small history of these located on the front page of the handout. The fitness courts are also not related to the wooden fitness pieces on the Spur Trail, which were donations.

4. Do donors get some type of advertising?

Yes! There are different options for donors that will be included onto the fitness court, which will be decided based on the amount of the donation. These “ads” will be permanent on the fitness court and will be visible from the street.

5. Is the fitness court free, to all residents? Can non-residents use it?

Yes! The fitness court is free to everyone no matter what age (recommended for 14 and up only) and you do not need to be a resident of Millbrae to use it.

6. If we were to receive the grant, what would the timeline be for the skate park?

Not sure! Hopefully within the year. That depends on the speed of the grant process, most likely we will get a response in June. We will also need to look at different designs or bids as well for skate park. The fitness court can be sent within a month. They can send it early we can pay the remainder later if needed.

7. What is the care for the trees surrounding the skate park? They often shed and fall into the skate park causing a liability.

We will reach out to Parks to see what can be done to up the cleaning of the skate park. We will also look into placing a cover over the skate park.

8. What can be done about the lighting at the skate park in the evening, there is not enough lighting on some sides? South eastern corner of skate park?

There is an ordinance to close parks at sundown so that is not a viable option to move through. We can consider putting in lights for safety purposes (i.e. security purposes for people violating ordinance). We

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also need to consider what we are lighting and how long we have lighting on, since it is a high cost. Maybe we can discuss with Mills High School leaving a light on nearest to the skate park.

9. Is the fitness court going to be exposed or covered?

Lighting for the fitness court should be looked into, it will not be covered but it will be maintained and cleaned.

10. How can people voice their opinion if they did not come?

They can come meet Mackenzie at the Community Center, or call or email her.

11. Can anything be done post submission to get approval for the grant? Can we do anything else to support the grant after it has been submitted?

No, this feedback is not going to affect the grant all that much, but we want to use this meeting more for feedback on the proposals of skate park and the fitness court.

12. How set is the location of the fitness court, or what was done to decide the location?

There was no formal study done, but we put it near the water and bathrooms of the skate park to co-use these facilities. The parks department looked at a few locations, but we picked the current spot so that the trees would not need to be removed in that area. It is also the flattest area available, the lighting and cameras are nearby and we can easily connect more lights and cameras if necessary, and it would create a fitness "hub" where the skate park, fitness court and Spur trail would be close to young folk (Mills), seniors (Magnolia of Millbrae), and has easy access to the Spur Trail as well.

13. Can we put another trash can in the far right corner of the skate park right when you walk in? (there is one by the picnic tables and one up by the concrete)

Yes, we will work on getting that done.

14. What is being changed within the skate park?

We are taking out the wood pieces of the skate park and putting in all concrete parts to last long

15. How can we protect the wall side of the fitness court from people camping out or destroying property?

To avoid hiding behind the fitness court we can try grading up to the wall with dirt or include a seating area on that side of the wall. Grading or seating would be included on the cost of the grant so that it would be included into the budget.

16. What other organizations have you reached out to for support?

Understandably, Tony Hawk Fund will not contribute as Millbrae is considered a high SES location.

17. Can we ask other organizations on your behalf? What about Burlingame Recreation, they also use the skate park? School districts? San Francisco Skate Club?

We will consider reaching out to other organizations, but feel free to reach out to organizations and raise donations on our behalf if you have resources, we are open to receiving them.

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18. Does our estimate cost have anything to do with the approval of the grant?

Yes; higher match percentage can get us more points. Other proposals offered by the grant date to see if there is a lower grant budget proposed can be utilized on the grant.

19. Is there any where we can read the grants?

Yes, they are online (Land and Conservation Grant). We will get their response most likely by June.

20. How do you advertise to raise money?

Social media, flyers, newsletters, handouts, meetings, we can place an Ad in the activity guide to promote donations.

21. What if you got the grant – could you get additional funding? Can we fund raise to support this?

Yes! Community suggested doing their own community outreach, and contacting societies, non-profits, skateboard based organizations, active/fitness center organizations, etc., gofundme's, public fund raising.