

SE 162nd Ave. Skate Park

Input from 1st public meeting

April 1st, 2009

Concept 1

- Too cluttered in center
- Variety of surfaces, ie: check edges, not all bricks, some smooth tile
- Concrete>tile (slippery)
- Use concrete stamping
- Re: tiles (Ohio) watch for cracks
- Cut off end of circle/slice off end
- Happy Valley: need for variety of skill levels and ages
- Happy Valley: need seating for rest, spectators
- Need shade
- Separate space for little kids
- Create>1 space for levels

Concept 2

- Favored 97% per skate shops and closest to ideal
- Put bowl at the highest elevation
- Make bowl fun for all skill ranges
- 10-20% should be transition
- Transition shouldn't be too intimidating
- Vertical!
- Vertical but don't interrupt inside flow
- Side feature: transfer into street
- No room for big bowl in Concept 2
- Course (small) around perimeter; unlike anywhere else; "cool track" around whole park with transition and curves
- Don't make ledges too close to edges
- Put mini-ramps somewhere-with decks
- Price of steel edging vs. slab of granite?
- Does angle iron last longer? Like angle iron
- Sections of granite that can pop out and be replaced if damaged (check Hood River)
- Don't waste space; vary it on each side
- Inner circle is well liked
- Check that spectators can watch stair set??
- Provide benches and seating for spectators and parents

- West Linn Park is intimidating for many skaters, make this one accessible for everyone
- Make this park unique, not like others
- Not like Ed Benedict Park...ledges...angle iron/steel the whole way
- Night skating? Lighting? Money?
- Granite-don't have 3 ledges in a row (change radius...)
- Younger kids should be able to watch better/older skaters
- 1/4 at end of Magic Carpet
- Don't split whole loop/path
- Mellow small pyramid (check Tualatin Kids Park. 2 people said they go there for the tricks)
- "Good hip"
- Dish all the way around?
- All want flow-Magic Carpet doesn't look safe
- Magic Carpet should hit from all directions
- Magic Carpet cool but not functional
- Magic Carpet would bring people in (several said that it wouldn't)
- Make sure that improvements allow for all ages and skill levels, the problem with West Linn is that is too difficult/intimidating for beginning/intermediate skates (which most skaters are)
- Make sure younger kids have places to skate in the park with some smaller features (e.g. ramps)
- Make sure magic carpet is usable for little kids too
- Provide seating areas for parents and spectators to watch without being in the way
- This park is next to middle and elementary schools, make sure it provides improvements for all ages, not just advanced bowl skaters

Concept 3 discarded and not discussed

Next meeting April 29, 2009

5 to 7 pm

Sunnyside Elementary School Cafeteria