

SKATEBOARD PARK DISCUSSION

Northfield City
Council Work
Session –
January 13,
2015

AGENDA

- Background/History
- Planning, Zoning, Insurance, Legal
- Siting/Design
- Skateboard Coalition
- Financing
- Public Support/Opposition
- Future Actions
- Timeline
- Resolution Review (attachment 1)

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

- May 1998 – Ordinance 685 (attachment 2) passed banning skateboards (among other things) downtown
- Resulted in several efforts to establish a skateboard park
 - 1998 – Riverside Park
 - 2009 – Babcock Park
 - 2012 – Riverside Park
- Nov 17, 2008 – Park Open Space and Trail System Plan adopted and recommended:
 - Ames Park (Community Park)
 - Memorial Park (Community Park)
 - Babcock Park (Community Park)
- March 2008 – PRAB recommended Ames Park
- June 2009 – Council disproved Ames Park due to several concerns

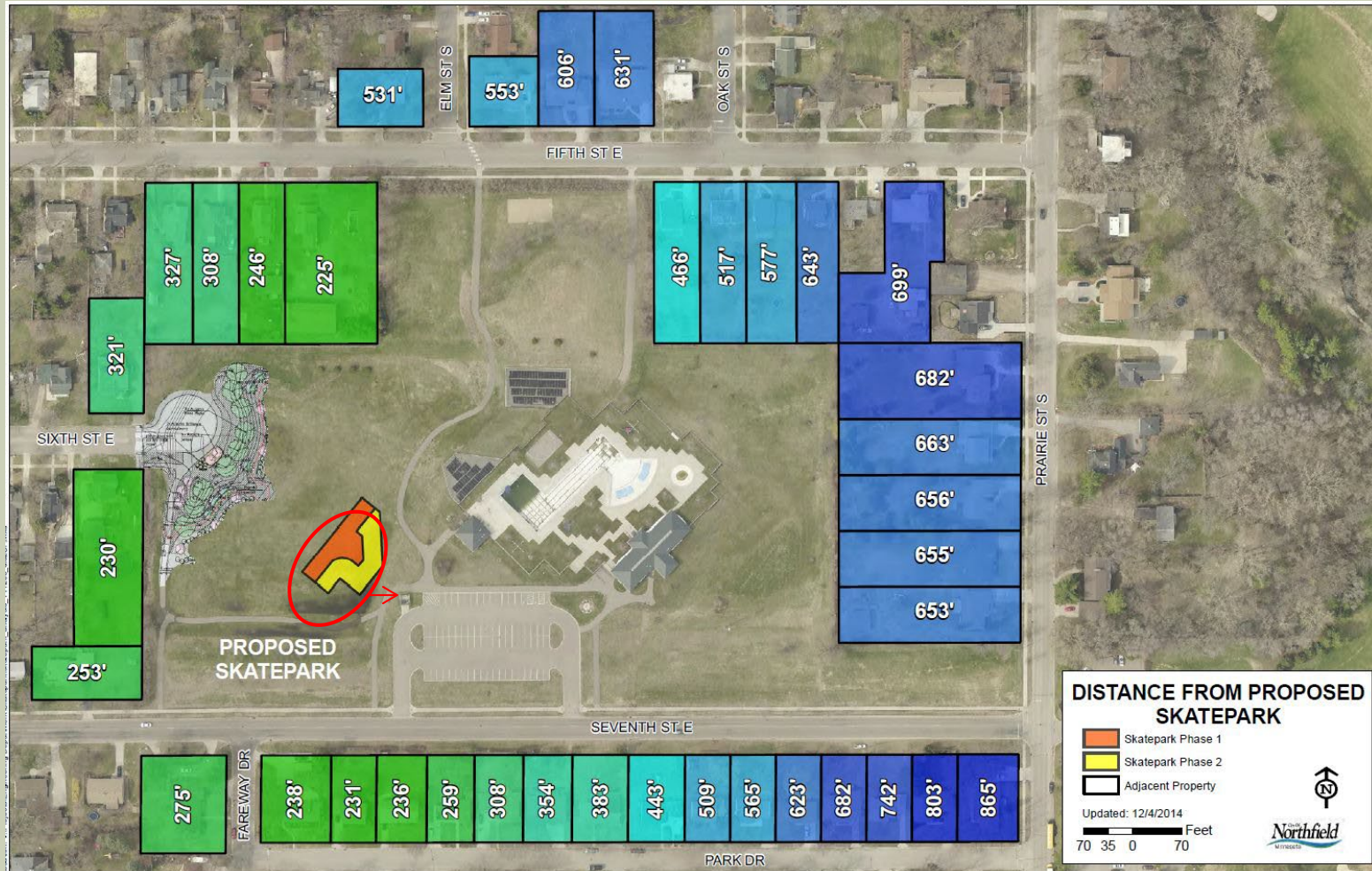
BACKGROUND/HISTORY

- Nov 2012 – PRAB recommended a Riverside Park (#1) and Memorial Park (#2) as a site for the Skateboard Park
- Dec 2012 – Council accepted the PRAB recommendation
- Feb 2013 – Soil borings in Riverside Park showed poor soils
- May 2013 – PRAB proceeds with Memorial Park site for Skateboard Park
- Jul 2013 – PRAB selects a site east of the pool
- Jun 2014 – Designer for Skateboard Park approved
- Oct 2014 – PRAB changes site to the west of the pool due to noise concerns

PLANNING, ZONING, INSURANCE, LEGAL

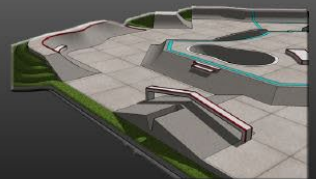
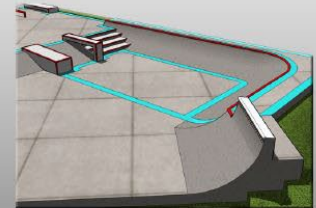
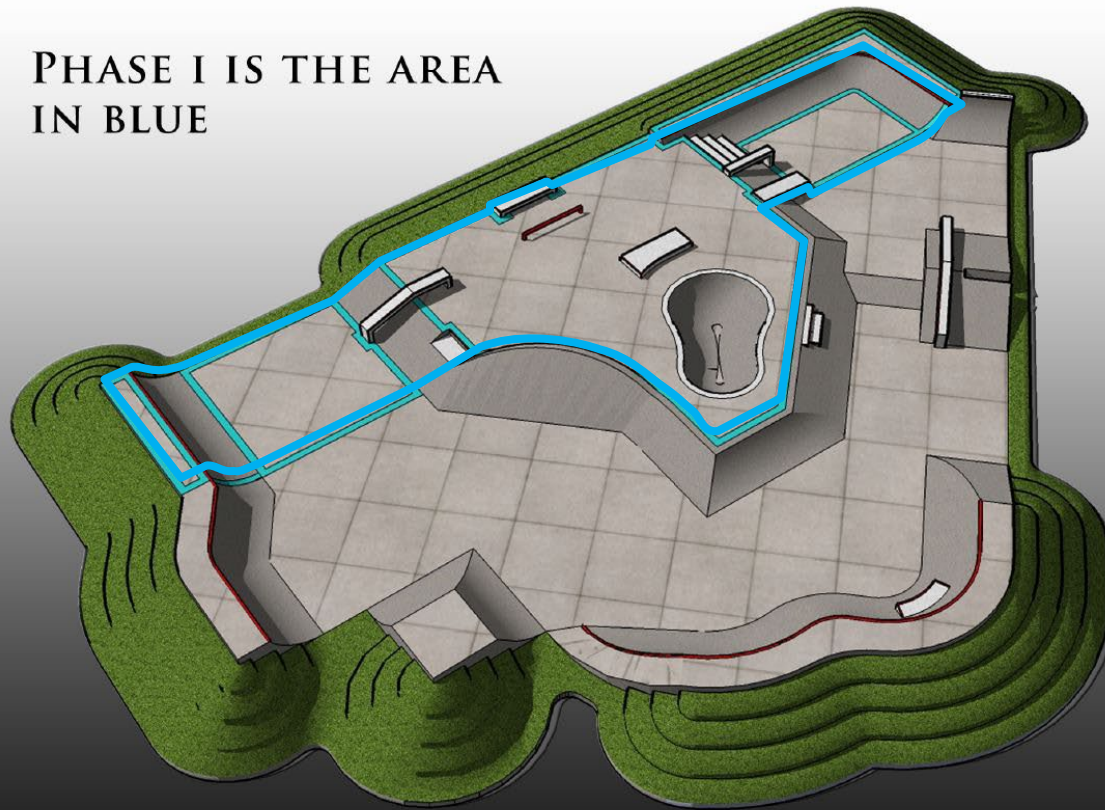
- Staff has reviewed (attachment 5) and found that:
 - A skateboard park is an allowed use
 - Exempt from lighting and additional parking
 - Supports the Comprehensive Plan
 - Supported by the Parks, Open Space and Trail System Plan
- Location is approximately 225' from the nearest property line (attachment 3).
- Will be built as a Tier 1 skateboard park (per LMCIT) (attachment 9)
 - Features 48 inches or less
 - Bowls 6 feet or less in depth
 - Pyramids 6 feet or less in height
 - No additional cost for insurance
- Legal review noted noise issues would be difficult to quantify and would best be handled by law enforcement (attachment 20).
- Potential for shifting park to the east; however, cost impacts are not fully quantified.

SITING



DESIGN

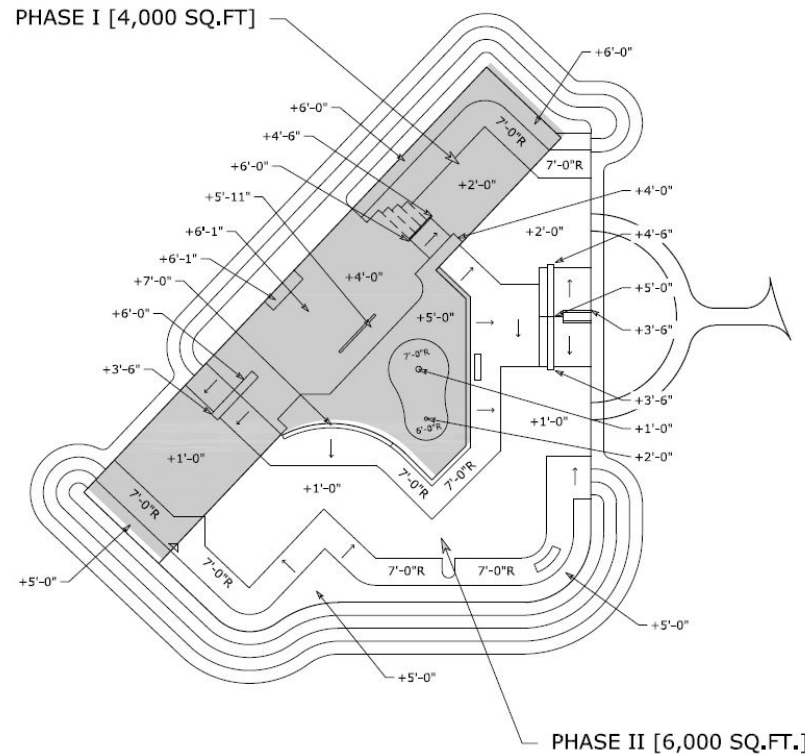
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IN BLUE



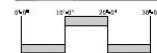
MEMORIAL SKATEPARK
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA



DESIGN



PLAN VIEW



DATE: 01/06/15

SIZE: 4,000 FT² PHASE I - 6,000 PHASE II SKATEABLE



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MEMORIAL SKATEPARK
SKATE PARK MASTER PLAN CONCEPT
NORTHPORT, MINNESOTA

SKATEBOARD COALITION

- [Short Video](#)

- [Full Video](#)

FINANCING

- There is a strong coordination of public/private/volunteer efforts
 - 2011 – Current – Sidewalk poetry
 - 2012 – \$20,000 Rotary donation for bike trail/\$50,000 City
 - 2011 – \$20,000 Way Park/\$80,000 City
 - 2010 – \$18,000 Rotary donation for bike trail/City match
 - 2010 – \$22,000 for East Cannon River Bike Trail
 - 2008 – Heywood Park playground – Labor donation by Men of Northfield/\$55,116 City
 - 2002 – 2004 – Every Body's Playground – \$46,611 Public donations/remainder City

ESTIMATED COST

Cost Estimate	
Design	\$17,050
Additional Services	\$4,100
Construction	\$162,816
Contingency (5%)	\$8,141
TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$192,107

FUNDING

Funding	
Revenue	
General Fund (2013)	\$30,000
Park Fund	\$30,000
Skateboard Coalition	\$33,070
Pledges	
HCI Grant	\$10,000
Northfield Rotary	\$15,000
Individual	\$12,500
Additional Funding*	
General Parks – Trail Maintenance	\$50,000
Park Fund	\$11,537
TOTAL FUNDING	\$192,107

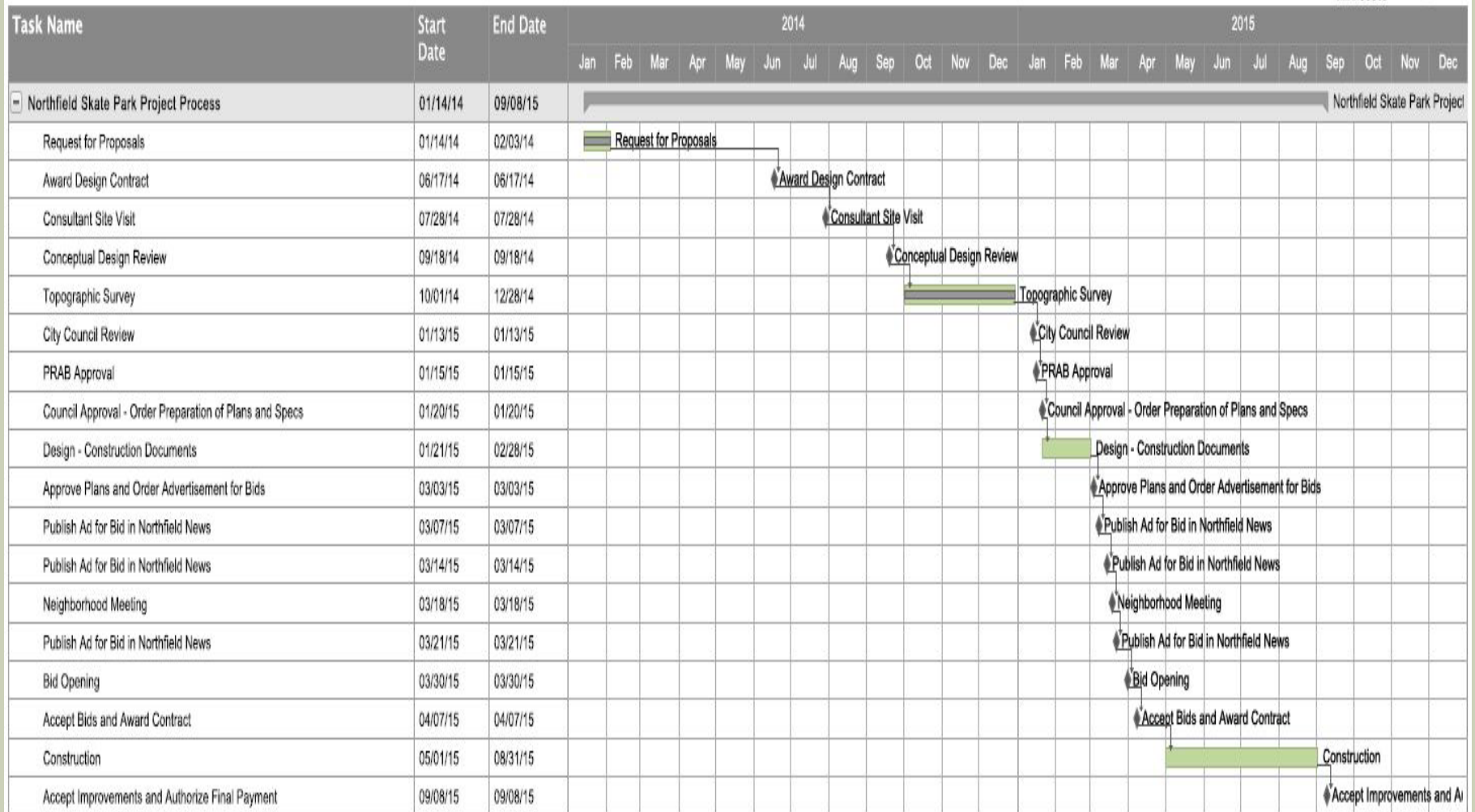
PUBLIC SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- PRAB has received petitions both in support and opposition to the skateboard park.
 - Support
 - Local residents (attachments 15 and 16)
 - Northfield Police Department (attachment 17)
 - School District (attachments 21, 22 and 23)
 - Healthy Community Initiative (attachment 23)
 - Rotary
 - Opposition
 - Centered around noise concerns (attachments 13 and 14)
 - Addressed by relocating the park from east to west of pool

FUTURE ACTIONS

- January 15, 2015 – PRAB Resolution
 - Conceptual design
 - Location
 - Funding
- January 20, 2015 – Council Resolution
 - Conceptual Design
 - Location
 - Funding
 - Order Plans and Specifications
- March 3, 2015 – Approve plans and specifications/order ad for bid
- March 30, 2015 – Open bids
- April 7, 2015 – Accept bids and award contract
- Summer 2015 - Construction

TIMELINE



RESOLUTION REVIEW

■ WHEREAS:

- The Park and Recreation Advisory Board has recommended the Skateboard Park be constructed on the western side of Old Memorial Field near the pool pump house, and;
- A planning review of the location shows that this location meets the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan as well as the Parks, Open Space and Trail System plan, and;
- Pillar Design Studios has prepared a conceptual design and preliminary cost estimate for the Skateboard Park, and;
- Pillar Design Studios has confirmed that park will be developed to meet Tier 1 standards as defined by the League of Minnesota Cities, and;
- The conceptual design is acceptable to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Skateboard Coalition, and;
- There is available unexpended funding from the 2014 general fund budget to provide sufficient funds to allow for the Skateboard Park to be completed, and;
- A transfer in the amount of \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Park Fund will be used for funding;
- Park Fund balance in the amount of \$11,537 will be used to fund the project;
- The budget presented allows the Skateboard Park to be constructed in 2015.

RESOLUTION REVIEW

■ Be it resolved:

- The Skateboard Park location is approved in the area to the west of the existing pool pump house. Minor adjustments as needed for grading and siting shall be coordinated by the staff.
- The conceptual design as presented for Phases I and II is approved.
- The budget and funding for the Skateboard Park are approved as proposed in the Skateboard Park Estimate and Funding table in order to complete this project in 2015.
- Staff is hereby directed to prepare plans and specifications for construction of the Skateboard Park.

