

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council discussion to approve Clayton County pocket/skate park on 851 Alpine Way and authorize city funding for the continuation of sidewalk improvements from the daycare center on the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property.

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Council Meeting Date: April 7, 2025

Background/History:

The City of Forest Park's Planning & Community Development Department, along with the Public Works Department, recently held a predevelopment meeting with representatives from Clayton County to review the specifications and scope of the proposed pocket park/skate park project. Clayton County plans to develop a pocket/skate park at 851 Alpine Way, which will feature an open multipurpose area, restroom and maintenance facilities, a gathering and picnic pavilion, a tot lot (small playground), parking lot, a 10-inch-wide pedestrian trail, a fenced-in skate park, and a parking pad designed for two community mobile medical units.

The mobile medical units aim to provide essential healthcare services in underserved areas where access to healthcare is limited. These units will offer a range of services, including preventative and primary care, specialized care, health education, and cost-effective health solutions. Their presence will enhance healthcare availability, especially in regions with limited infrastructure, ensuring critical medical services are more accessible to those in need.

As part of the project, City staff have requested that Clayton County install sidewalks along the park's frontage to enhance accessibility and connectivity. Additionally, staff are seeking authorization from the Mayor and Council to allocate City funding for infrastructure improvements, including extending existing sidewalks from the daycare center at the corner of Jonesboro Road and Alpine Way to the park property.

Should the Mayor and Council approve the request for the pocket/skate park and funding for sidewalk improvements, Clayton County will proceed with the park development, while City staff will begin installing sidewalks to improve accessibility. This will help promote active transportation, ensure safe pathways, and contribute to the overall quality of life for residents. By providing convenient and accessible routes, the City encourages healthier lifestyles, fosters community engagement, and ensures that all residents, regardless of mobility, can fully enjoy the park and its benefits.

Cost: \$60,000.00	Budgeted for:	 Yes	*	No
Financial Impact:				
TBD: Capital Improvement Project.				

Action Requested from Council: To approve Clayton County pocket/skate park on 851 Alpine Way and authorize city funding for the continuation of sidewalk improvements.