



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING • MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers, 33 East Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho
Wednesday, October 12, 2022 • 5:30 p.m.

The Meridian Parks & Recreation Commission is a volunteer citizens' group that is created and empowered to advise the City on issues relating to park facilities and recreation programs of the City. Their mission is to gather input from staff and other qualified personnel on issues relating to the creation and design of public parks and open spaces; to listen to public input; and to provide advice and recommendations on parks and recreation related matters to the Mayor and City Council.

Roll-Call Attendance

Commission President Jo Greer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. MPR Director Steve Siddoway took roll-call attendance as follows:

<u>X</u> Jo Greer, President	<u>X</u> Mike Medellin
<u>X</u> Keith Bevan, Vice President	<u>X</u> John Nesmith
<u>X</u> Dom Gelsomino	<u>X</u> Mandi Roberts
<u>X</u> Jennifer Bobo	<u>X</u> Brandon Simpson
<u>X</u> Elle Hood	

Others present were: MPR Department staff—Recreation Manager Garrett White, Parks Superintendent Mike Barton, and Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston; Deputy City Attorney Emily Kane; Bill and Catherine Coulin with Evergreen Skate Parks; and Judd de Vall with Alpine Bike Parks.

Adoption of the Agenda

Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to amend the agenda postponing the Pathways Workshop (item #9). Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to amend the agenda as proposed. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Minutes

1. June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting – Jo Greer

Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

2. September 14, 2022 Special Meeting – Jo Greer

Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Jennifer Bobo seconded. All were in favor of the motion.

Announcements

3. Farewell to Commissioner Camden Hyde – Steve Siddoway & Jo Greer

MPR Director Steve Siddoway announced Camden Hyde was a part of the Parks Tour last month. Steve made it known then that this may be Camden's last month and was unsure if he would be here this month, due to the unconfirmed timing of the new Commissioner. Camden has been serving on the Commission for two consecutive years. He was always willing to jump in and provide his thoughts and opinions when staff were looking at a new park amenity, etc. Steve appreciated his help as a youth Commissioner.

President Jo Greer echoed Steve's remarks. Having student representation and feedback is important and needed with a diverse group of members serving on the Commission. Camden was excellent at speaking up.

4. Welcome New Commissioner Elle Hood – Jo Greer

Commission President Jo Greer welcomed new youth Commissioner Elle Hood. Elle shared some details about herself.

5. Upcoming Events – Shelly Houston

MPR Marketing Coordinator Shelly Houston provided an Upcoming Events flyer and highlighted the events noted, which is attached to these meeting minutes. She also handed out a flyer about the upcoming Winter Lights Parade (see attachments).

New Business

6. Discovery Park Phase 2 Skate Park Design – Billy & Catherine Coulin

Billy and Catherine Coulin with Evergreen Skate Parks presented a PowerPoint concerning the design of the skate park for Discovery Park, as part of the Phase 2 construction process. Copies of their slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Mandi Roberts** – She expressed her excitement for the skate park. Can one access the skate park from any direction? *Yes.*
- **Jo Greer** – She was in favor of the design.
- **Dom Gelsomino** – He raised some potential concerns for graffiti. Will the surface be able to be pressure washed? *They have found an effective removal product. They have not seen a lot of graffiti in the parks they have designed. Meridian's park location will have increased visibility, which is right next to the street as well will help with deterrence.*
- **Jennifer Bobo** – Boise is going to build a skate park. What elements will the skate park at Discovery make it unique? *Boise's park will be in the shape of a rectangle. Discovery's skate park will have greater visual interest.*

7. Discovery Park Phase 2 Bike Park Design – Judd de Vall

Judd de Vall with Alpine Bike Parks presented a PowerPoint regarding the bike park design for Discovery Park, as part of the Phase 2 construction process. Copies of their slides are attached to these meeting minutes.

Commission Feedback:

- **Jo Greer** – Do the numbers Judd has listed on the site plan correspond with the alternates? *Yes.*
If some of the amenities cannot be included and the City ends up with dirt ramps, can they be added in the future? *Yes.*
She was not familiar with the term “pump track” and asked for an explanation. *The rider generally starts on an elevated mound. The rider is able to build a lot of momentum from pumping on the down hills and pulling up over the up hills, generating enough speed to make jumps without having to pedal.*
- **Mandi Roberts** – She expressed it was a bit disheartening to see all the add alternates listed, which could mean the City might not be able to afford them. She recommended staff look at the budget to ensure there are some special features incorporated. *The project team would like to be fiscally conservative and avoid overpromising and underdelivering before they have developed a budget. The elements are not guaranteed to be add alternates. Once they have developed a budget, they may be able to include them in the base bid. They will do as much as they can to save as much amenities as they can, or cut things and put them back later.*

8. September 14, 2022 MPR Facilities Tour Debrief – Steve Siddoway

MPR Director Steve Siddoway reported the MPR Facilities Tour was the last MPR Commission meeting held on September 14, 2022. There were three main stops. They started off at the Meridian Pool; then drove out to Discovery Park to look at the construction progress of Phase 2; then they went out to Lakeview Golf Course to view the improvements, review the proposed draft improvements to the clubhouse, as well as receive an update on the big irrigation project and things going on out there. In between, participants heard updates from all Coordinators on events, classes, sports, etc. What was their favorite thing? Was there anything they learned from the tour? What would they change for next year (MPR Department is always looking for ways to improve to make the next one better)?

Commission Feedback:

- **Jo Greer** – She liked the tour. It was exciting to see the pool. She had no idea when they toured the pump room that it was that large. She was excited to see all the progress. She liked going to Discovery Park and seeing the parking lot cut and ready to be paved. She felt like she learned a lot from those projects and being able to see them. The tours are always fun for her. She liked that there was a charter bus tour this year because last year there was a walking tour held in Kleiner Park. She liked Steve’s jokes!
- **Mandi Roberts** – Kudos to Steve and his team—an awesome crew working together in all areas. She felt pride for her community to be out there and seeing the MPR Department taking on the tasks of managing the older facilities and bringing them up to better standards for use. She was really impressed. She learned a lot in visiting the different locations. For next year, she would like to see a variety of facilities, different scales of things, and things that are under construction vs. things that have been built.
- **Jennifer Bobo** – She especially enjoyed the progress from year to year—seeing how Discovery Park changed from Phase 1. It was nice seeing Phase 2 in person. The

same goes for the golf course—seeing all the recent improvements compared to last year. It also struck her on the bus from the updates how much the City does in terms of a variety of activities and events, etc. that are offered. It was nice seeing a snapshot of everything all at once.

- **Keith Bevan** – It was a great tour. He does not make it out to South Meridian that often; therefore, going down to see Discovery Park gives him the ability to promote the park to people. This is what's helpful about the tour. All the years he has lived in Meridian, he has not been to the pool until the tour. Now he knows how nice the facility is.

Workshop

9. Pathways Workshop – Kim Warren

This item was tabled for a future meeting.

Old Business ~ NONE

Staff Reports

10. MPR Staff

Director Steve Siddoway reported on the following:

- November 9, 2022 MPR Commission Meeting – It looks like the November MPR Commission meeting will likely be cancelled. The reason is that election day is on November 8th, which will bump the City Council meeting to November 9th, which is the MPR Commission's usual night.
- Chateau Park Ribbon Cutting – The celebration was held on October 5, 2022. The turnout was bigger than some of the larger parks that the MPR Department has done in recent years. Many people came out, and it was wonderful to see so many people show up and appreciate the hard work on that.
- MPR Department Master Plan Update/New Community Center – MPR staff members are wrapping up the master plan process. They just submitted comments on the Cost Recovery Model to the consultant. BerryDunn will likely be back in December for a final presentation to the MPR Commission and City Council for the Master Plan and to City Council for the Cost Recovery Model.

MPR staff members have already wrapped up what they are going to do with BerryDunn on the new community center. They are actively working on getting out an RFQ on the streets for construction management and architectural services for a community center, in order to take the discussion to the next level with some real concept designs—design development beyond the rough/boxy ones that were already shared with the MPR Commission. A site needs to be finalized with City Hall and the Park Shop being the two main locations currently. In order to facilitate this conversation, they will be much better off getting into the design development process at the beginning of 2023.

Park Superintendent Mike Barton reported on the following:

- Lakeview Golf Course – Over the last two years, the golf course has had help from KemperSports—a management company. The MPR Department recently gave them notice that the City/MPR Department will take over full operations on October 1, 2022,

which it did. All employees of the golf course are now City employees. They are trying to integrate all the processes into the City; i.e., financial reporting, HR, IT, etc.

Recreation Manager Garrett White reported on the following:

- Pool – He has been completing a lot of tasks regarding budgets, meeting with Finance, and winterization. The last day for public swim was August 20; however, the local swim teams have been utilizing the heated pool from August 20 through November 5. They hired all of the lifeguards from Personnel Plus, a temp agency. Willow Spurlock, the Aquatics Coordinator, has been phenomenal all year. The operations of the pool went smoothly. He has been working on changing over various contracts from WARD to the City. The low dive is scheduled to be replaced any time between November 6, 2022 and May 1, 2023.
- Staff Evaluations – He is completing annual staff evaluations.
- Recreation Division – The team does a lot to organize events, programs, leagues, activities, etc. and deserve kudos.

Adjourn

Commission President Jo Greer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dom Gelsomino moved to adjourn. Commission Vice President Keith Bevan seconded. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

(AUDIO & VIDEO ON FILE OF THESE PROCEEDINGS)

APPROVED:

JO GREER, PRESIDENT

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DATE

KEITH BEVAN, VICE PRESIDENT

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Attachments:

- 1) Flyers: Upcoming Events and Winter Lights Parade (2 pages)
- 2) PowerPoint: Discovery Park Skate Park (16 pages)
- 3) PowerPoint: Discovery Park Bike Park (2 pages)



Fall & Winter Events

OCTOBER EVENTS

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| October 7 | New Exhibit and Opening Reception, 4:30—7:00 pm, in Initial Point Gallery |
| October 21 | Sign-Up Deadline for Rake Up Meridian — meridiancity.org/rakeup |
| October 18 | Recycle the Fall Leaf Collection & Drop-Off Begins (through December 15) |
| October 27 | Trunk or Treat in Downtown Meridian (6:00—9:00 pm) |
| October 29 | Prescription Drug Drop-Off, 10:00 am—2:00 pm, Republic Services |
| October 29 | Howl-O-Woof Dog Park Halloween Pawty, Noon—2:00 pm, Storey Bark Park |
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NOVEMBER EVENTS

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| November 4 | New Exhibit and Opening Reception (4:30—7:00 pm) in Initial Point Gallery |
| November 10 | Mural Unveiling at unBound, 5:30 pm, 722 E. 2nd Street |
| November 11 | Veterans Day Ceremony, 11:00 am, Rock of Honor—Kleiner Park |
| November 12 | Mural Unveiling 1:00 pm & Skateboard Competition at Tully Park, 2:30-4:00 pm |
| November 16 | Town Hall Meeting / Meridian Star Awards, 6:00 pm, Meridian City Hall |
| November 24 | Santa's Mailbox in Meridian City Hall Plaza (through December 18) |
| November 29 | Winter/Spring Activity Guide Published Online (meridiancity.org/activityguide) |
| Date TBD | Salvation Army Angel Tree Toy Drive — Meridian City Hall Lobby |
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DECEMBER EVENTS

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| December 2 | New Exhibit in Initial Point Gallery / Reception on December 16, 4:30—7:00 pm |
| December 2 | Meridian Winter Lights Parade & Christmas Tree Lighting, 5:00—9:00 pm |
| December 8 | Shop Downtown Meridian Night, 5:00—9:00 pm |
| December 10 | Children's Winterland Festival, 10:00 am—3:00 pm, Boys & Girls Club Gym |
| December 10 | Meridian Ornament Drop — All Day and Evening in Downtown Meridian |
| December 11 | Interfaith Food, Blanket & Toy Drive, 3:00—5:00 pm, Vertical View Climbing Gym |

Learn more at: meridiancity.org/calendar

SAVE THE DATE



You and Your Family Members
are invited to ride on the
Meridian Parks and Recreation Commission Float
during this year's Winter Lights Parade!

Friday, December 2, Storey Park

The parade begins moving at 6:50 pm

Note: You may gather inside the Meridian Chamber Office
inside Storey Park prior to boarding your float.
We recommend that you arrive by 6:30 pm if not sooner.

Please give yourself ample time to navigate traffic,
find a parking spot, and locate your float.

*We will provide you with your float entry number and the
name and cell phone number of your parade host when we
get closer to the event.*

"I CANNOT OVER-RECOMMEND THIS TEAM. EVERY WORKER IS AS SKILLED AS ONE CAN FIND IN THE INDUSTRY ... THE ENTIRE TEAM WORKS TOGETHER & STAYS TOGETHER. WITNESSING THEM DESIGN & BUILD A SKATEPARK IS LIKE DISCOVERING A CONDUCTOR WHO CREATES PERFECTLY HARMONIOUS MUSIC. HIRE THEM. GO WITH THEM. TRUST IN THEM. YOU WON'T BE SORRY WITH EVERGREEN."

- Marley Porter, Living Architecture

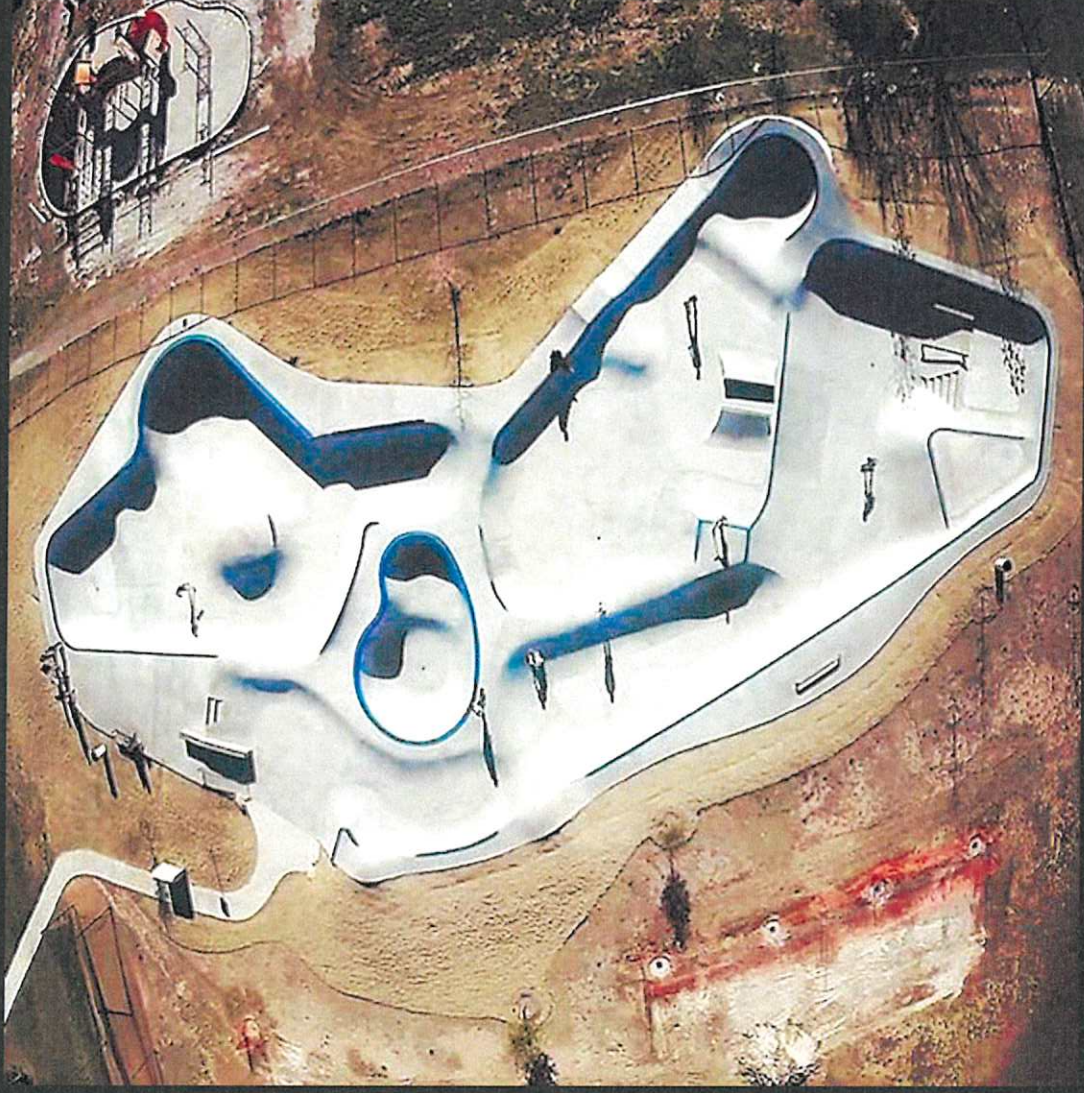


EVERGREEN SKATEPARKS DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

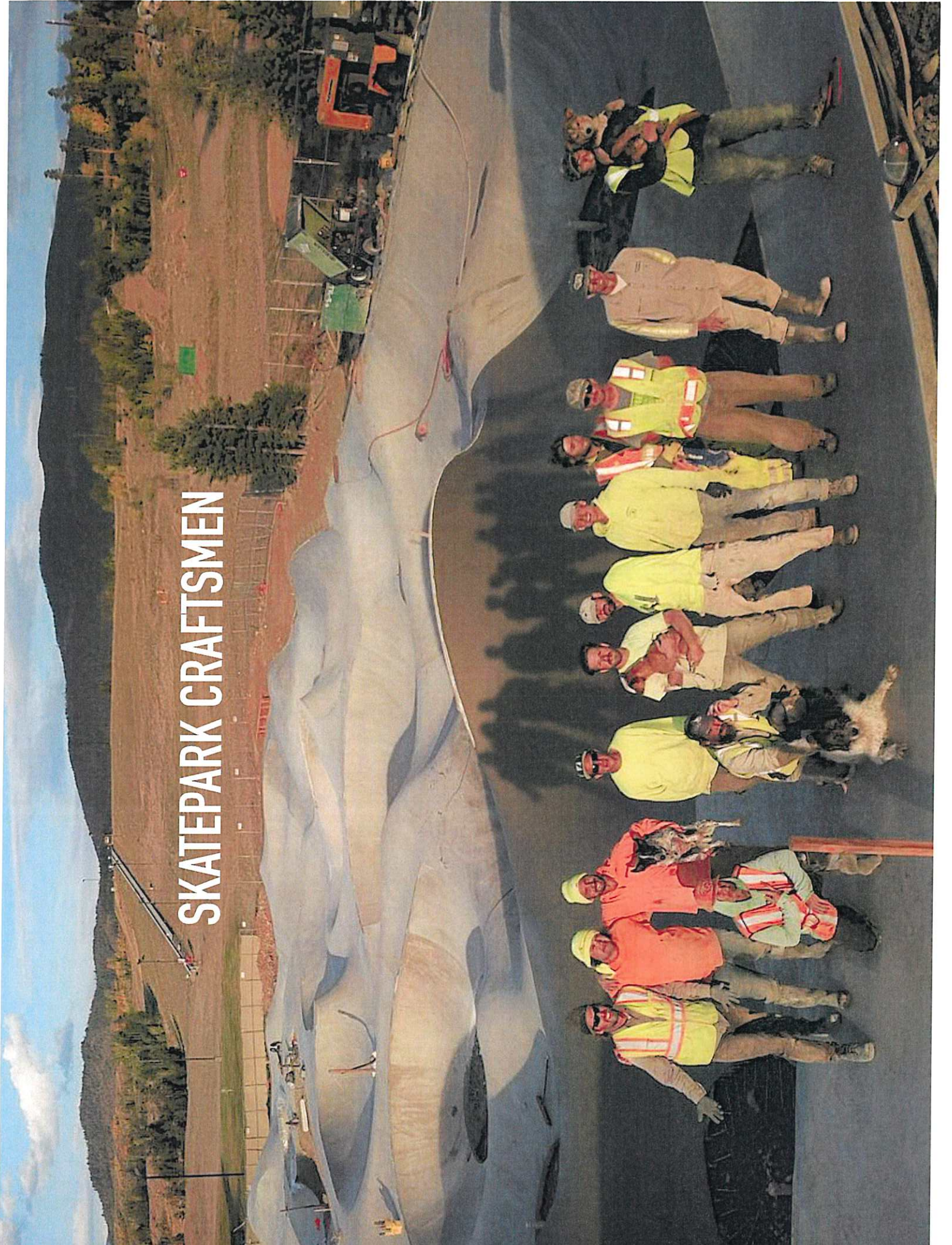


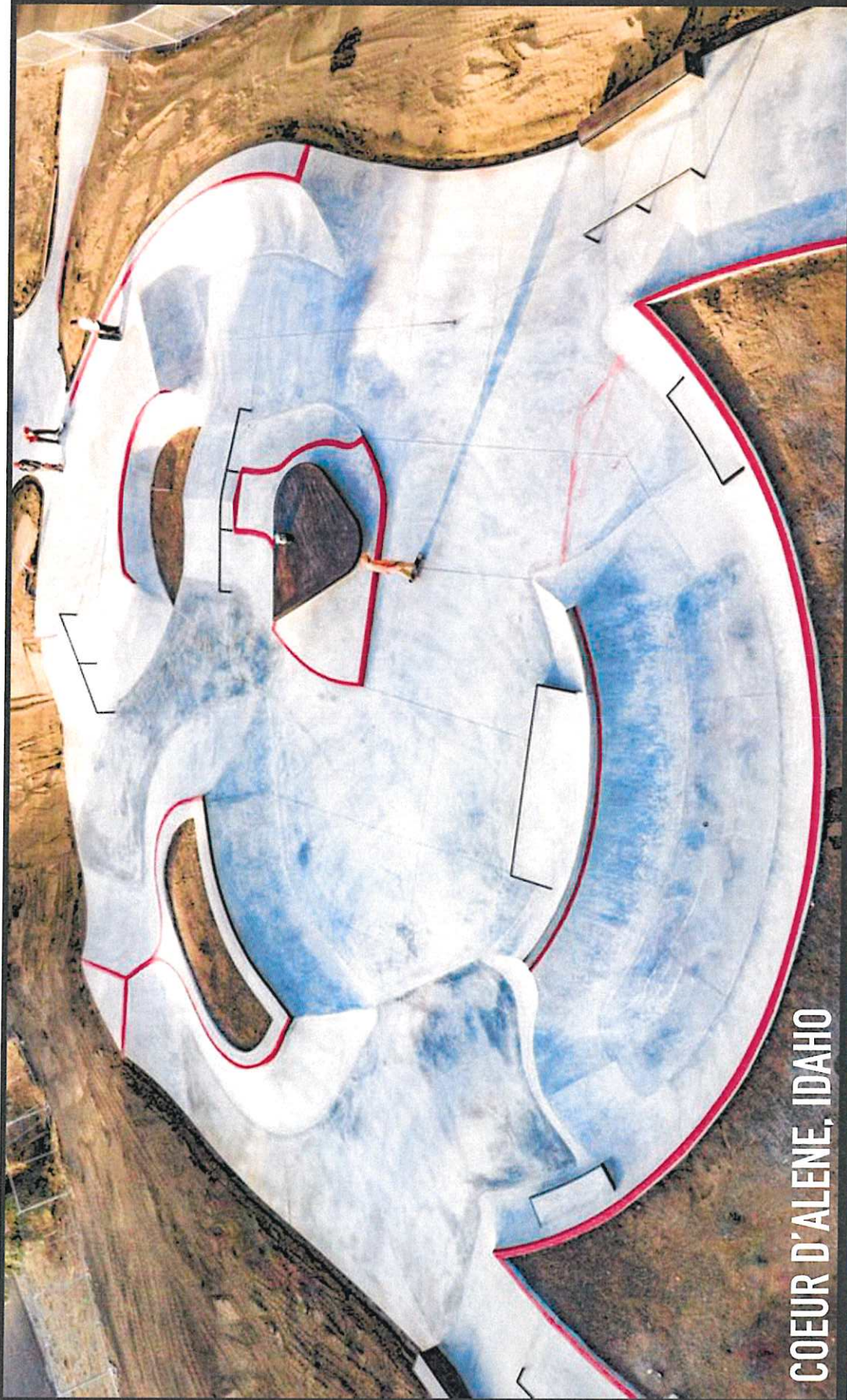
OUR VISION:

- ▶ Fun, innovative skateparks for all levels- beginners to pros
- ▶ Appreciation for sculpture & aesthetics, with respect to surrounding landscape
- ▶ Timeless design- all elements of the park should flow
- ▶ The park must function in its entirety with no wasted space or dead ends
- ▶ Highest standards of design & craftsmanship

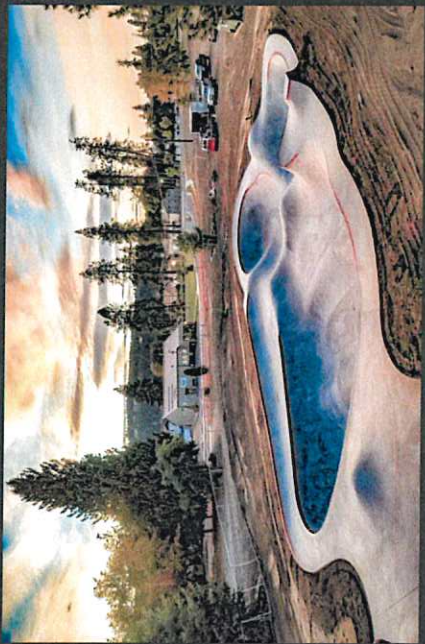


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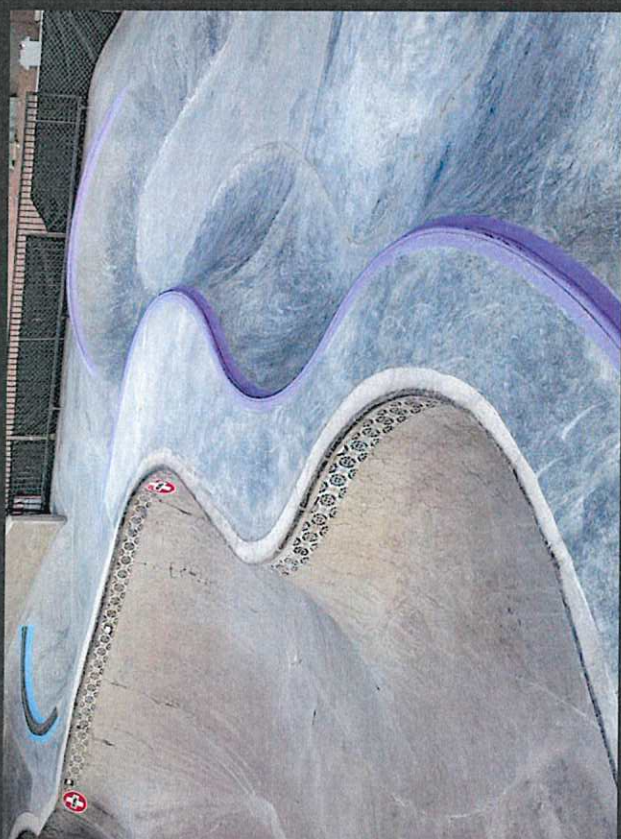
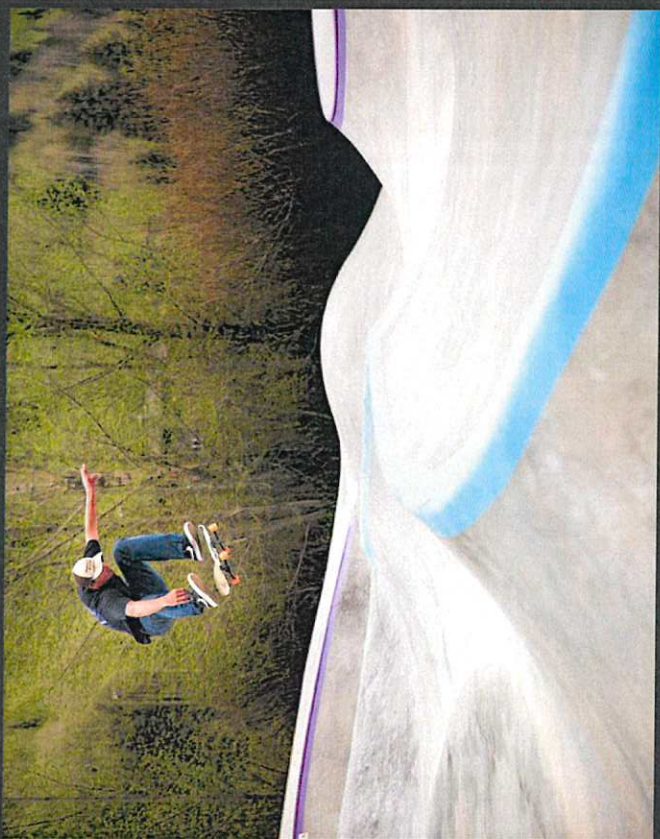
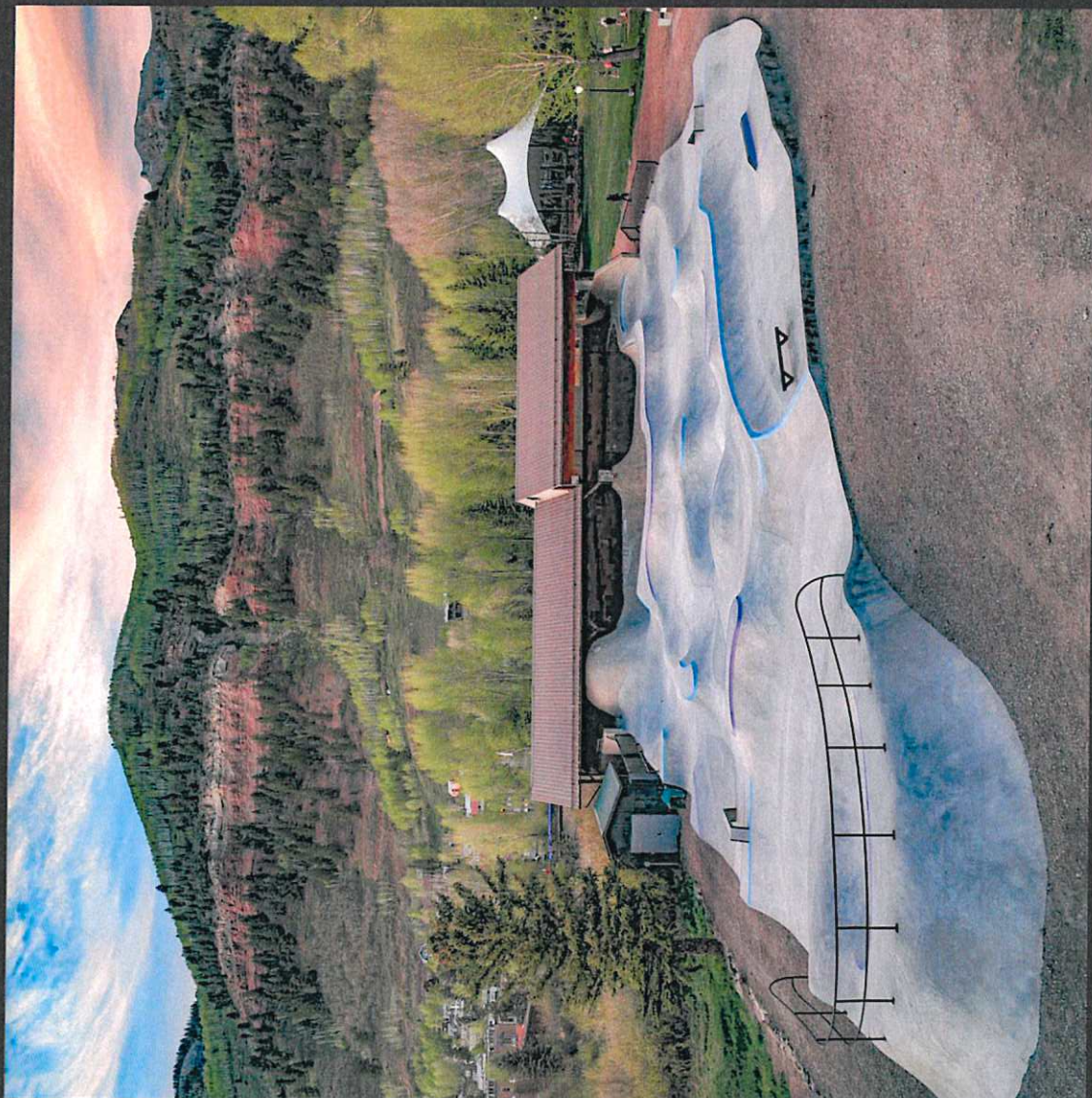




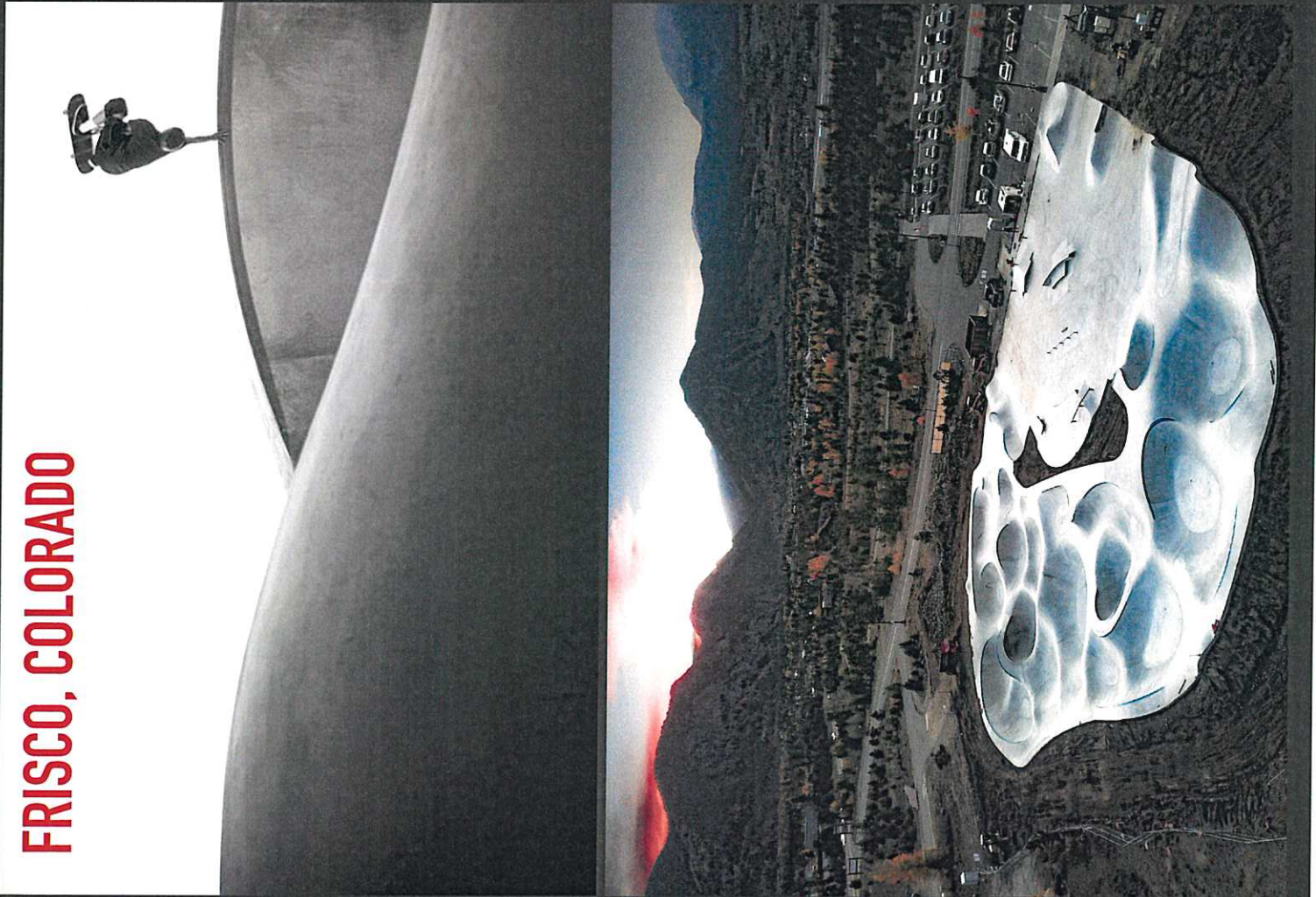
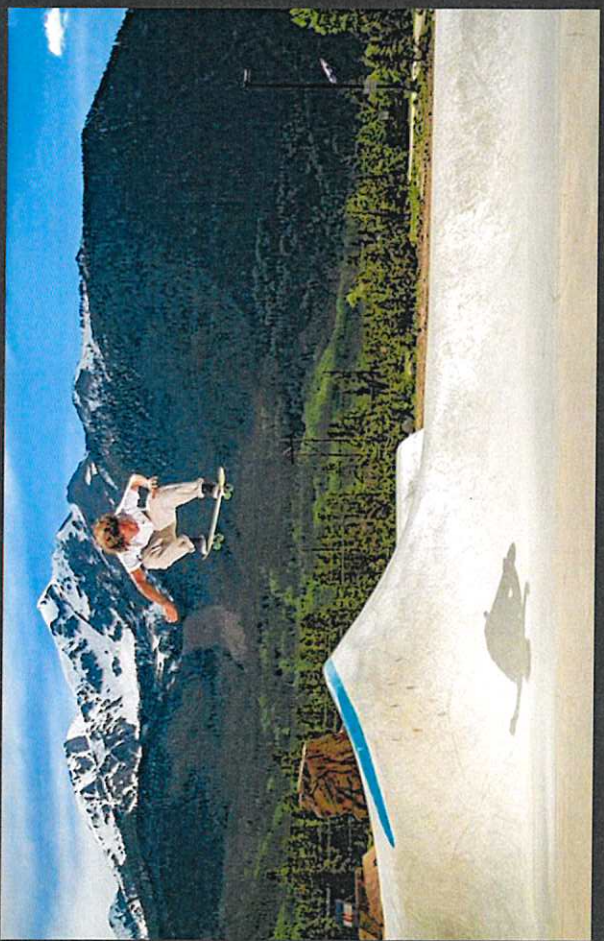
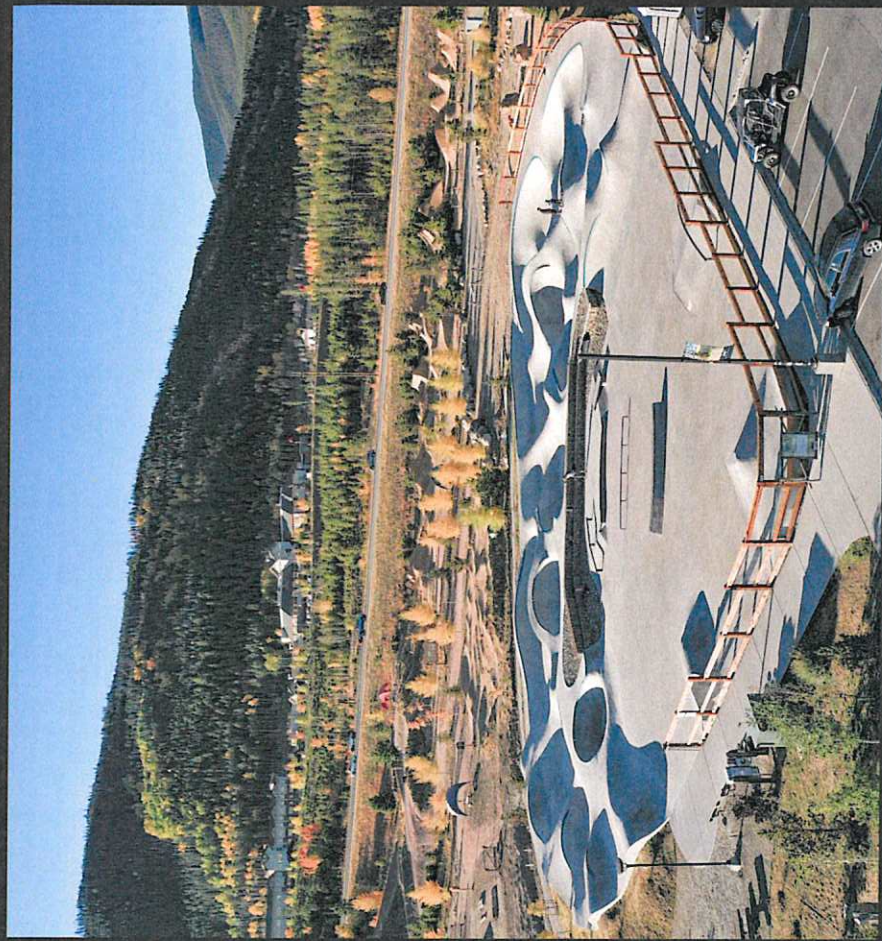
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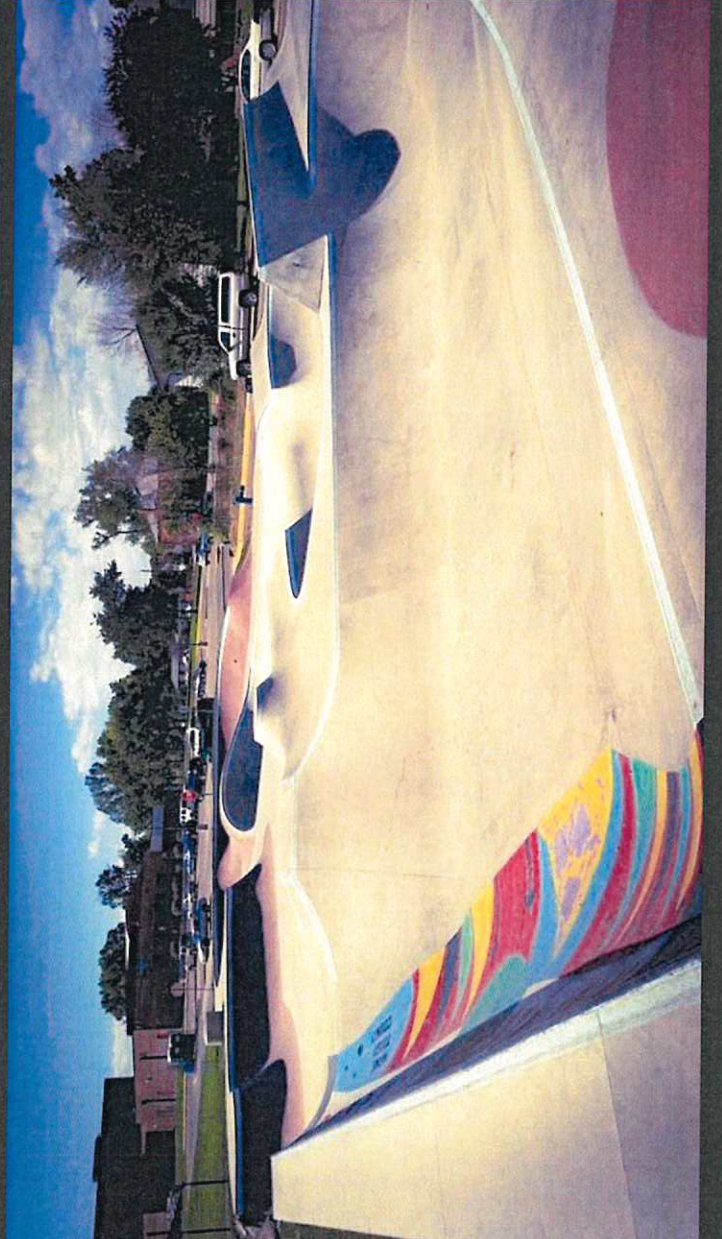
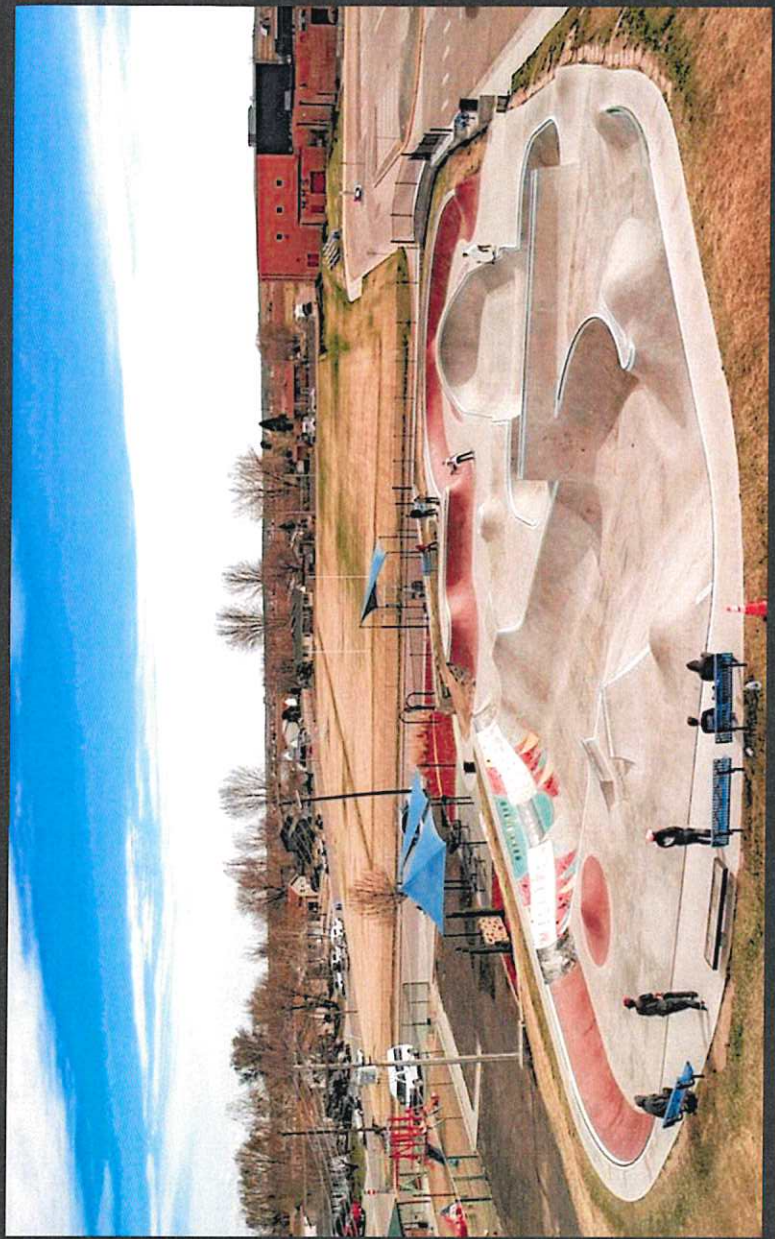


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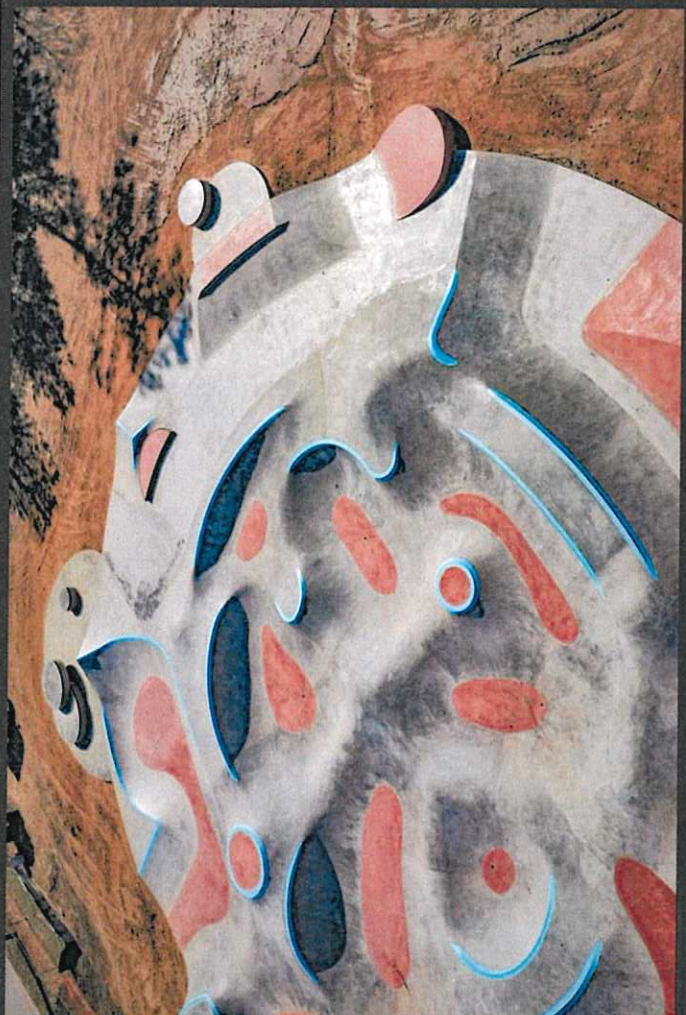
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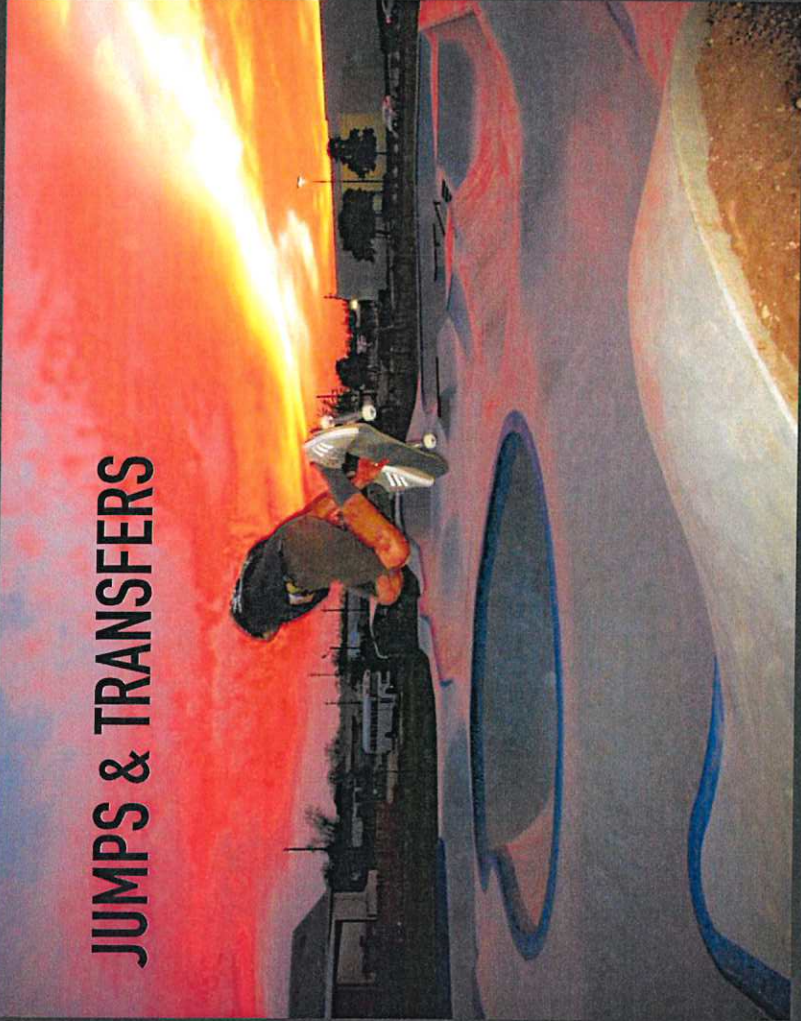
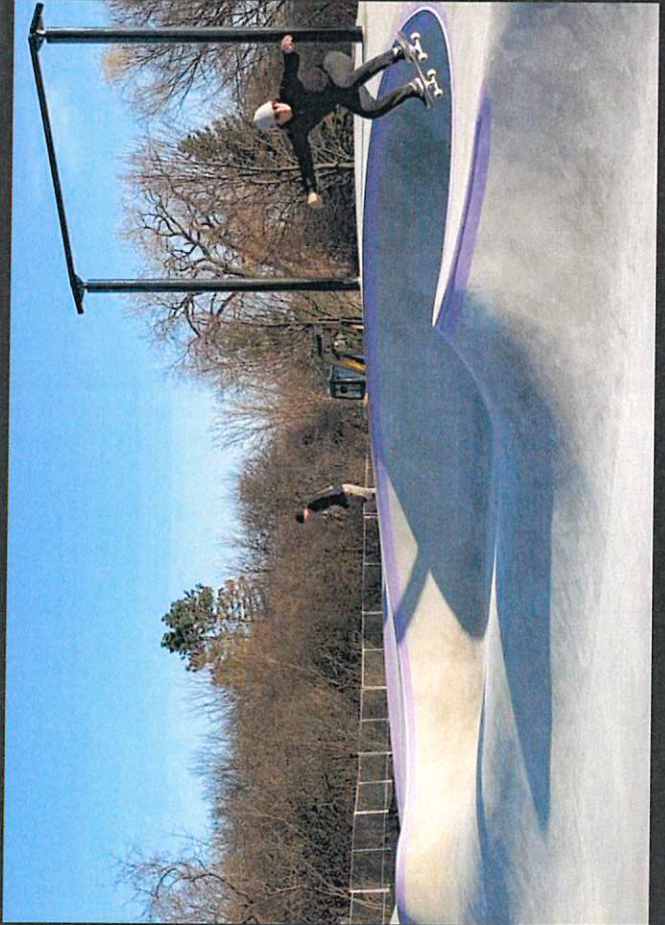
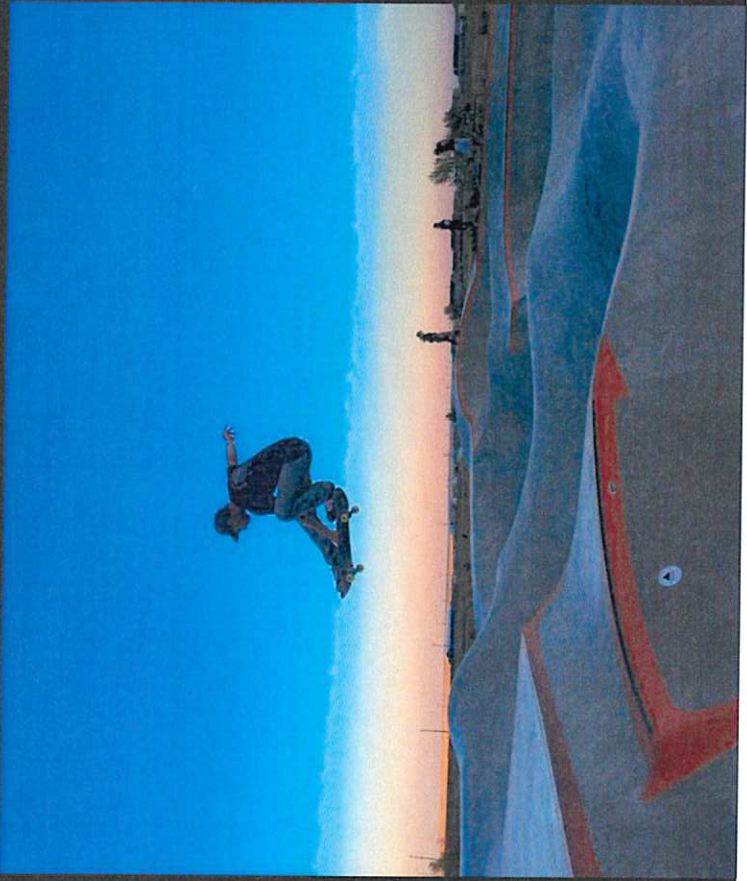
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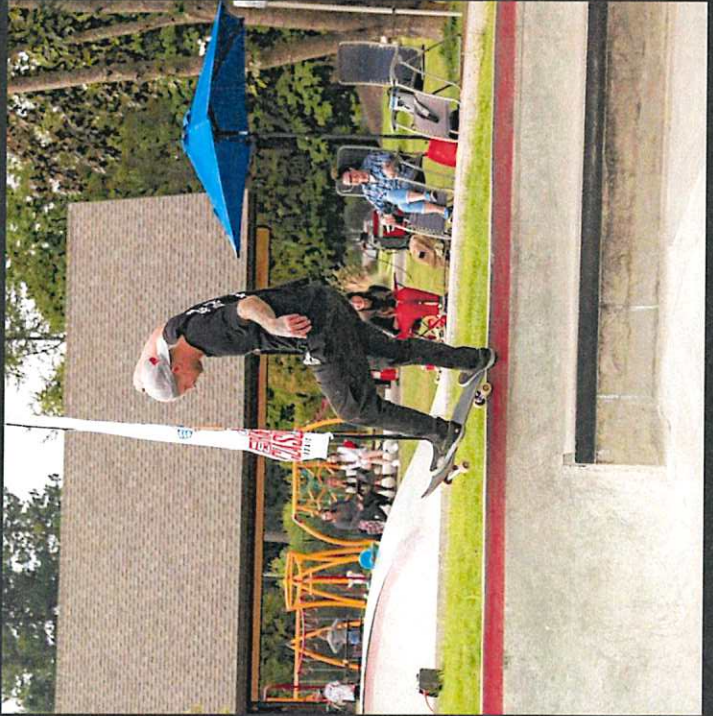
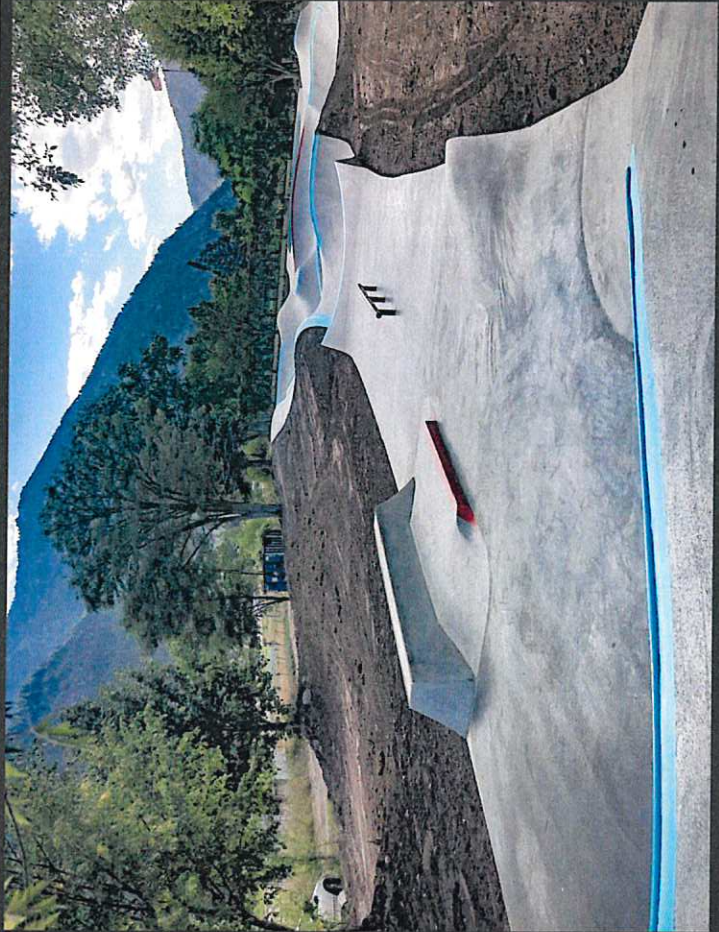
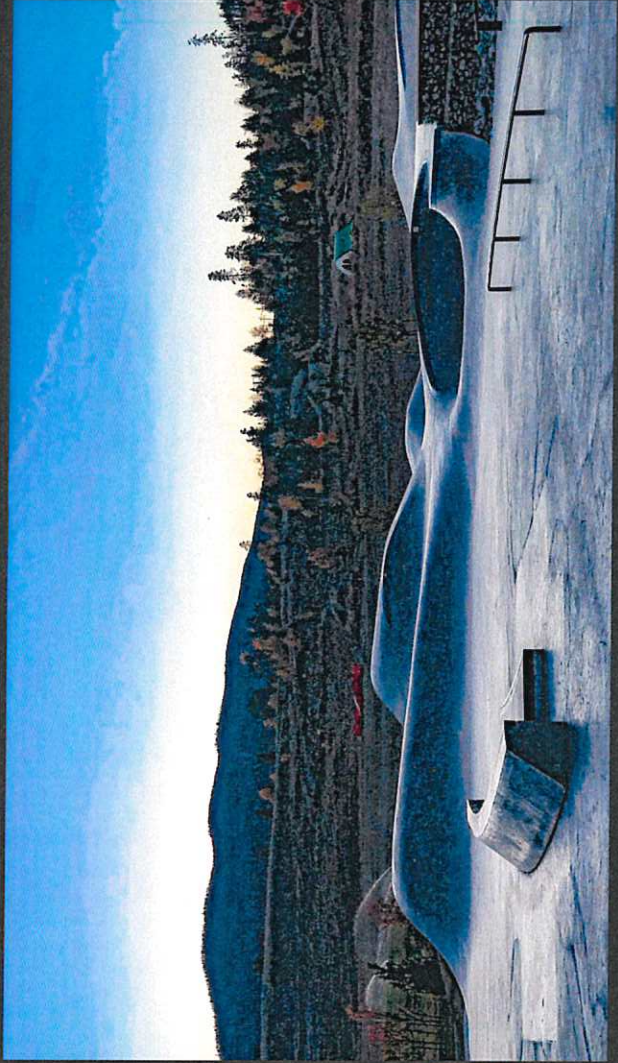
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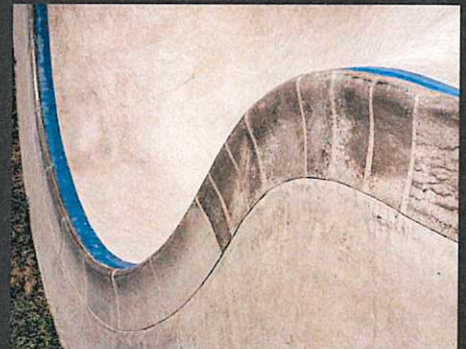




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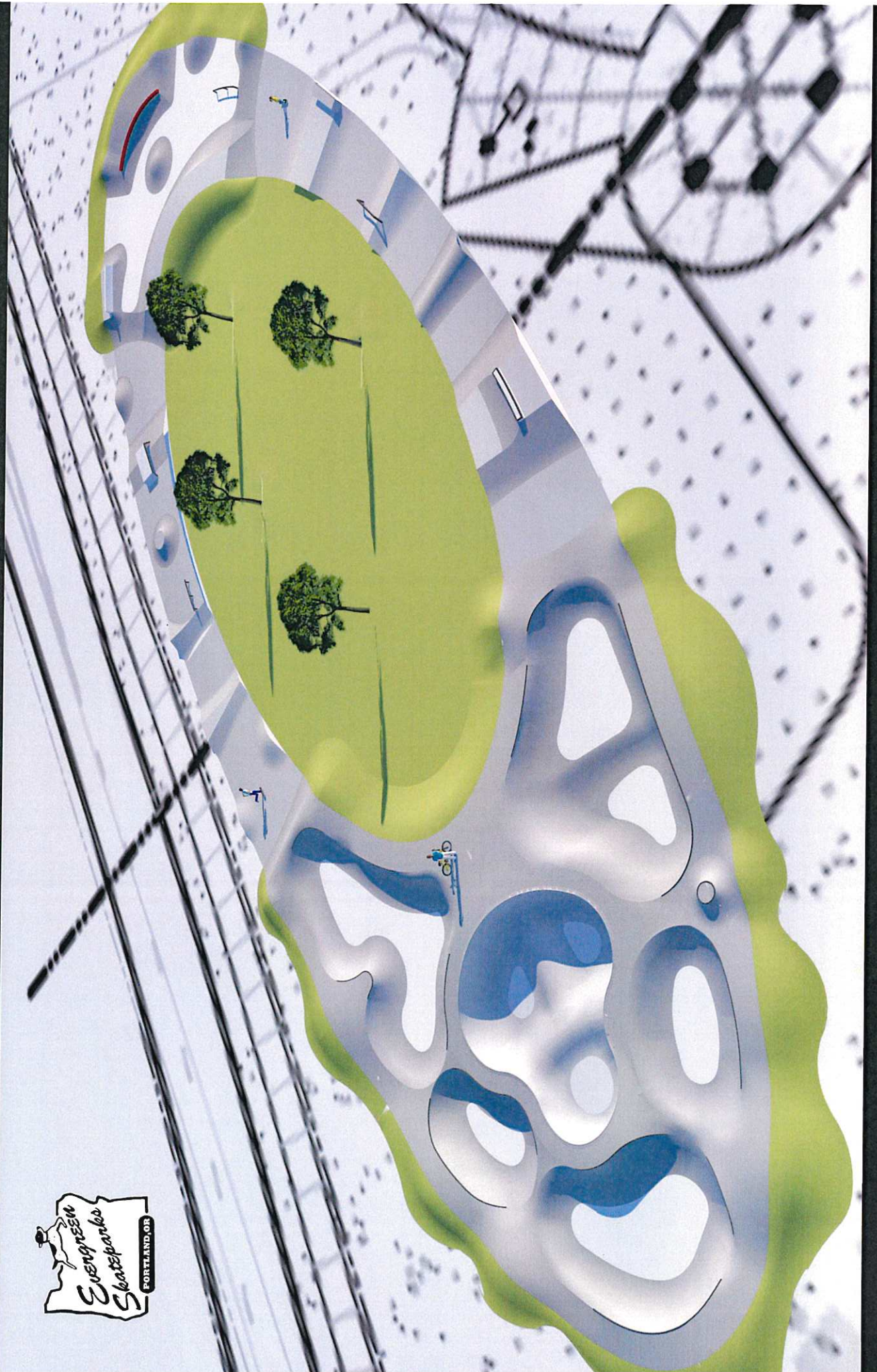
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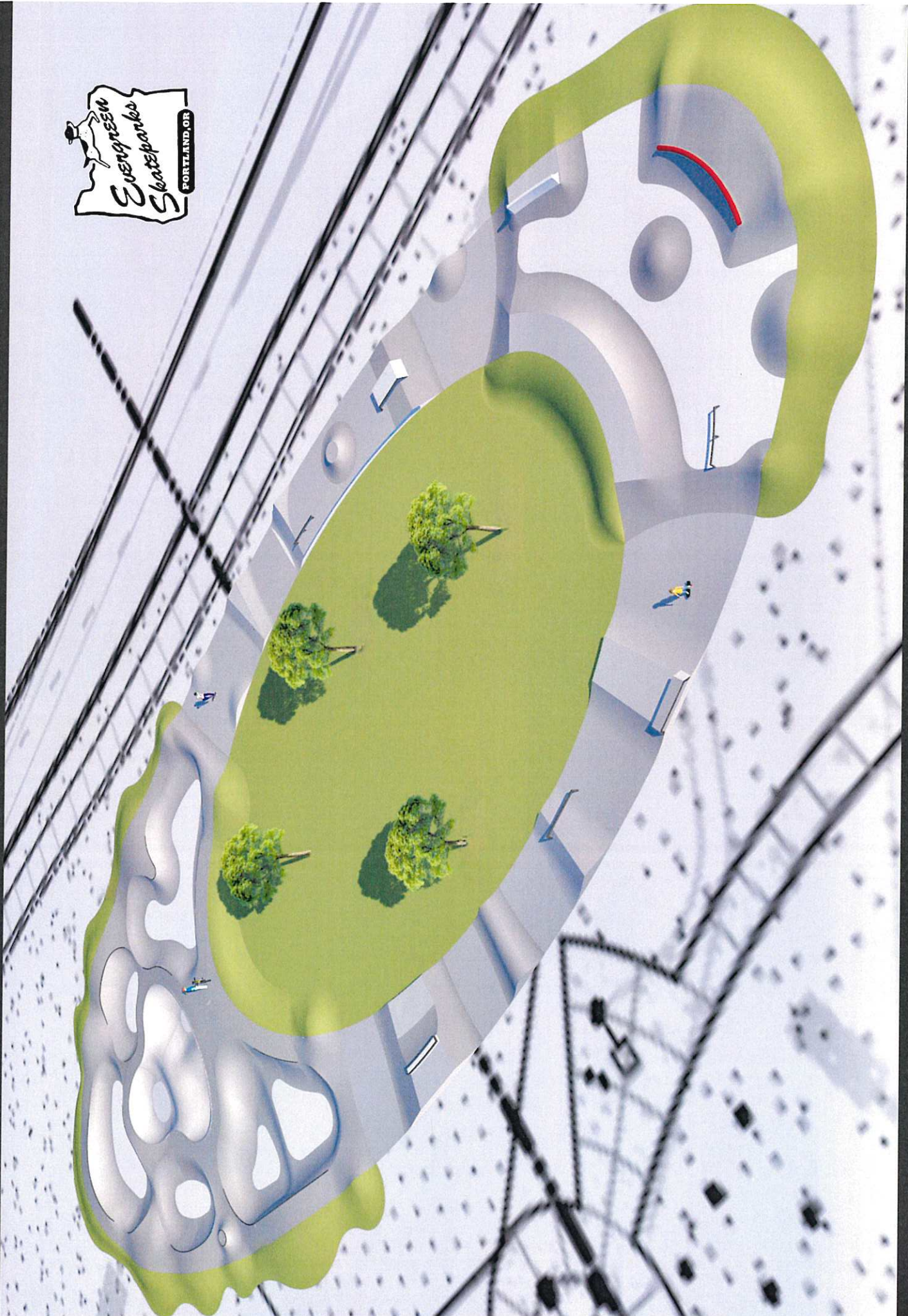
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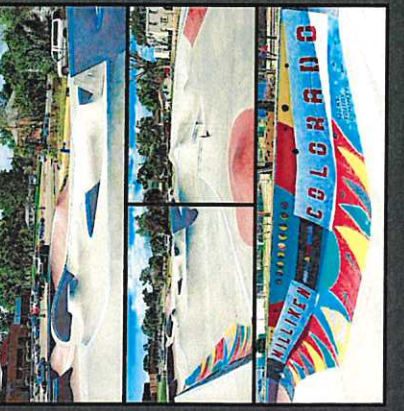
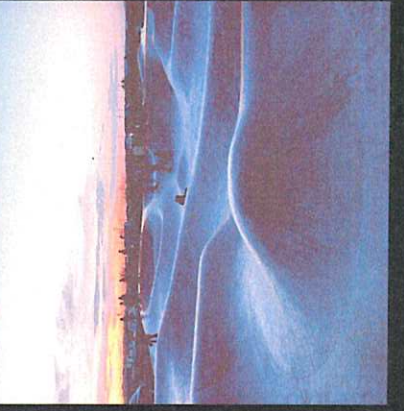
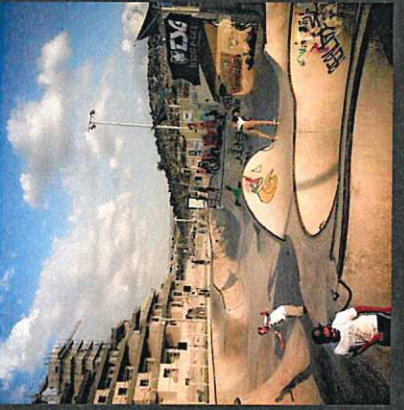
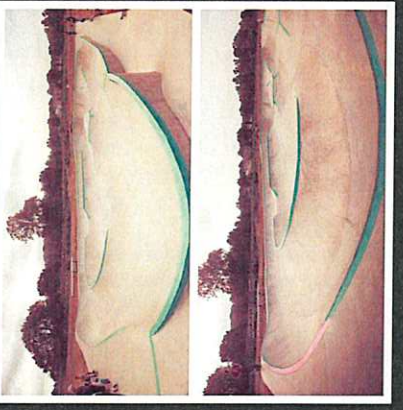
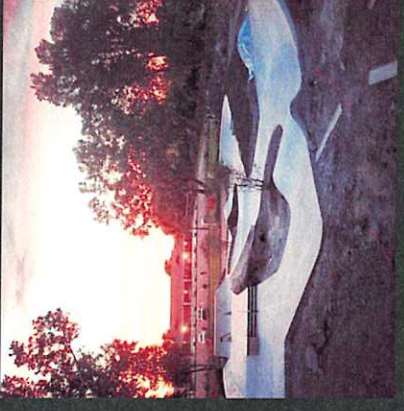
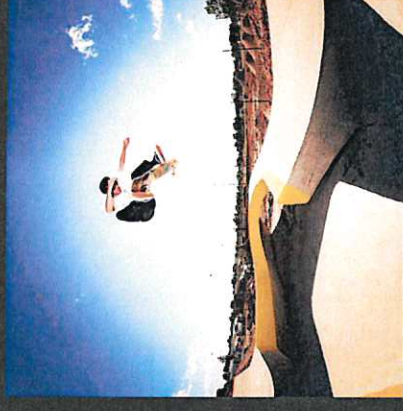
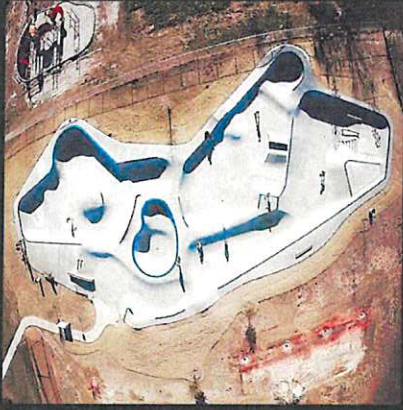
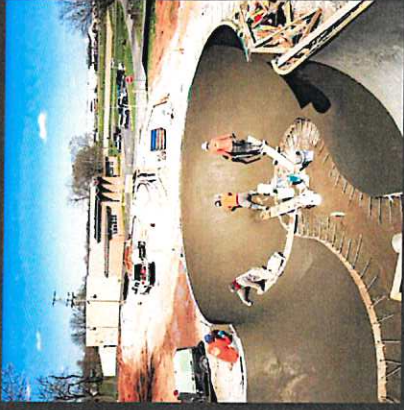


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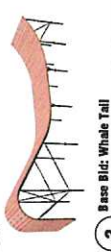




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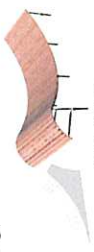
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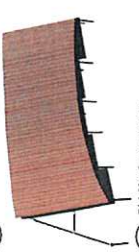
3 Base Dirt: Whale Tail



4 Base Dirt: Pump Track per ARC (similar)



5 Dirt Alt: Hammock



6 Dirt Alt: Curved Wall



7 Dirt Alt: Wooden Lips & Features (similar)



Keynotes:

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