

To whom it may concern,

Our Mission

We are extremely determined to help bring a skate and bike park to New Meadows. It would be, without a doubt, a positive influence to the community for any and all ages. After continuously hearing from locals that "there is nothing for the kids to do around here," what better to do than add a skate and bike park? With skateboarding becoming the second fastest growing sport, and now being in the 2021 Olympics it is becoming more popular than ever. A skate/bike park would be beneficial in that, it encourages adults and kids alike, to get out and not only be active, but social as well. A skatepark could not only be used as a place for kids to flourish actively, but could be used as a place to facilitate events, or even classes. We are confident that putting in a park could only have positive, tangible, and ongoing effects within this amazing town that we call home.

How will we look for funding?

Since 2002 there has been countless non profit organizations to help bring skateparks to small towns. The Tony Hawk Foundation being one of the better known, has given 600 grants (McCall being one of them!) This would be one of the first steps we would take. We have taken inspiration from the New Meadows track coach, Freddy Hernandez. He teamed up with Shannon Fairchild and hosted a bingo event at the Intersection, which produced a great turn out and proceeds went to the team. Also, after being members in the bike/skate community ; for 20+ years, we have many connections that would be willing to help promote and even donate. We are willing to do whatever it takes to help fund and promote this project.

Who will build it?

We would love to use as many local resources as possible. We have already spoke with a local resident who said he would potentially be interested in pouring a slab, come spring time. Additionally, we both have experience in designing and upkeeping skateparks and bike parks/trails. There are many larger companies in the Pacific Northwest that we could reach out to also. The possibilities are not limited by any means.

Where would a skatepark go?

We very easily could utilize where the old park is. The location is perfect. It is within walking distance from the school and town, which means kids would have easy access.

How can we maintain safety at the park?

As far as the physical safety goes, there could simply be signs that say "ride at your own risk" or there could be a much longer and detailed sign at the entrance, similar to what other parks have done. On the emotional safety side, we know skateparks can have a bad reputation of being a place to facilitate bullying, alcohol use, drug use, or graffiti. Now that its 2021 we believe that

stereotype is a thing of the past. Skateparks are now a place of creativity, self expression, and a can give you a sense of belonging. We can teach the youth and community to respect each other and the park. Also with it being so close to the school, we strongly believe there won't be many issues, in those regards.

Conclusion

We think now, more than ever is a perfect time to move forward with this project. We are both very passionate and honored to bring this to light. Our goal is to bring new life to the old skate and bike park. We are very confident that a park as such would only have positive effects on our community.

Thank you,
Garret, Baylee, and Charlie

