



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

January 20, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Discuss/consider the Residents' Petition submitted per Town Code, regarding the establishment of a skate/scooter park on Town property and refer the matter to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) for analysis and recommendation

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss/consider the petition and refer the matter to the Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) for analysis and recommendation.

DISCUSSION

On January 7, 2021, a residents' petition was submitted to the Town for the Council's consideration. Pursuant to Fairfax Municipal Code Section 2.08.090 (C), if the Council is presented with a petition signed by 25 residents urging consideration of an issue, the issue shall be placed on the Council's agenda for discussion. The petition has the required 25 signatures and is on file with the Town Clerk. A copy is attached, with addresses and signatures redacted.

The petition states: "The undersigned adult residents of the Town of Fairfax support the establishment of a skate/scooter park in Fairfax, and hereby ask the Town Council of Fairfax to approve the effort and dedicate town space for the park." If the Council is amenable to the concept after taking public comment and discussing the matter, the recommended next step would be to send the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission ("PARC") for analysis of the potential sites. PARC would be requested to work with the petition representatives to identify sites, assess the advantages and disadvantages of each location, and prepare rough cost estimates.

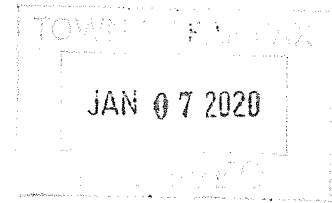
It should be noted that the Town owns very few properties available for use as a skate park and all the locations would significantly affect neighborhoods or the existing uses of the location. However, PARC should analyze all the Town locations, conduct meetings to receive community input, consider the use of a community-wide questionnaire, and prepare a report for Council consideration including any preferred publicly owned locations, potential privately owned locations, cost estimates, and funding strategies. PARC should be requested to report periodically to the Council with status updates on their progress including any direction needed on policy questions and schedule for the completion of their report.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENT

Petition (redacted)



PETITION FOR A SKATE/SCOOTER PARK IN FAIRFAX

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Note: You must be a resident of Fairfax and at least 18 years of age to sign this petition.

#	Printed Name	Address (must live in Fairfax)	Email Address	Signature
1	Hayden Larsen			
2	Sarah Burns			
3	Griffin Wright!!			
4	Eddie Calderon			
5	Gavin Hallinan			
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1	Jacob Simon			
2	Janice Echenique			
3	Michael Brown			
4	Maryellen Smith			
5	Atte Family S.A.			
6	ALEXANDRA S HARR			
7	ERIC HARR 211			
8	Steven Teixeira			
9	Evan Gustafson			
10	Jack Heppner			

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1	Brenna Gubbins			
2	Jennifer Venne			
3	Isaac Morgan			
4	Gene DeCarlo			
5	Veronica Cower			
6	Peter Gubbins			
7	Valerie Teigene			
8	William Stutz			
9	Shannon Snyder			
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1	Will Sumits	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	Andrea Sumits			
3	Jason Morrison			
4	JOSEPH R. MEISSNER			
5	Mark Sumits			
6	LIZ CANNING			
7	Grace DeValle			
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1	Cecilia Hellman	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
2	[REDACTED] Ted Hellman	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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