



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

February 3, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Receive status update on the potential location of a temporary skate/scooter park scheduled for consideration at the February 17th Council meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Receive update on the status of the establishment of a temporary skate/scooter park on Town property.

DISCUSSION

At its January 20th meeting, the Council discussed a residents' petition regarding the establishment of skate/scooter park. Specifically, 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." During the meeting, the residents group asked the Council to identify a location for a temporary/pilot skate/scooter park. While the petition did not include such a request, the Council did discuss the concept and indicated it could be agendaized for consideration at a future meeting.

After taking public comment and discussing the matter, the Council: 1) directed staff to send the request to the Parks and Recreation Commission ("PARC") for analysis of the potential sites for a permanent location and 2) assigned Councilmembers Cutrano and Hellman to work with the petitioners to identify a temporary/pilot location with the goal of bringing the matter back to the Council for consideration at its February 17th meeting. Councilmembers Cutrano and Hellman were also requested to provide a status update of their progress at the Council's February 3rd meeting.

PARC will consider the Council's request at the February 8th PARC meeting. Staff will request PARC to work with the petition representatives to identify Town-owned and privately owned sites, evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each location, develop a public outreach plan to receive community input, and develop cost estimates and funding strategies. PARC will also be requested to report back 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.

With regard to the temporary skate/scooter park request, Councilmembers Cutrano and Hellman have met with the petition representatives to discuss locations for such a park. The preferred location is the western portion of the Pavilion/Bank Street parking lot, adjacent to the ballfield. Attached is the preliminary location map. You will note that this site is different from the potential site (i.e., basketball court area adjacent to tennis courts) mentioned at the

January 20th Council meeting. Also, the location is now referred to as a “temporary” location as opposed to a “pilot” location. A temporary skate/scooter park would presumably remain in place until a permanent site has been identified and developed.

Councilmembers Cutrano and Hellman are working with the petition representatives and staff to refine the plan, identify issues to be addressed, suggest potential solutions to issues, and provide notification to downtown businesses and residences. This information will be included in the staff report regarding a temporary location for a skate/scooter park for Council consideration at its February 17th meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

n/a

ATTACHMENT

Map

Proposed space designation

