

**Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting**  
**Draft Minutes for Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

Present were: Howard Romero, Casey Romero, Jon Girard & employee Nate Plocharczyk. Katherine Stamper of Laraway attended in lieu of resigned Laraway member Cornelius Murphy.

1. Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. Minutes of June 8, 2016: Approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders: Casey reviewed current expenses, noting that cash balance after paying Orders (\$10,497) does not include about \$1000 due to the Town for Nate's salary and benefits from May to July 5.
4. Site:
  - A. Repairs & Maintenance: Nate described repairs to mini-ramp & work needed on the corner hip ramp. He is replacing star-head screws with Phillips heads, and recommends we use only Phillips-head screws from now on. One new trashcan hutch will be finished this week. He has re-shaped several jumps on Pump Track and wants to remove overgrown grass.
  - B. Plans/Improvements: Smoking Area, Signs: Discussion of where to locate new smoking area; consensus was to put it on meadow side of track, between the mini-ramp and concrete feature. It's hard to find a balance between the needs of some smokers (like supervising parents) and the goal of locating a smoking area as far as possible from riders and picnic tables. Casey showed some sample signs with info about new smoking area and cigarette litter; others approved with some edits. Small photocopied signs can be put up immediately; Laraway will laminate a few larger signs that will last longer. Discussion of proposed bulletin board on back side of concrete; Nate will proceed to put this together. Discussion of donated trolley-style dog cable; we decide it should be installed between the shed and a tree, which will give access to water and shade.
  - C. Policy Discussion: On-Site Advertising: The owner of the How's It Growing shop (now selling skateboarding merchandise) put up a small sign on wood stakes in the grass. Neither the Committee nor the Town has a written policy about advertising on Town land, and this sign is in an area that gets mowed a few times a year. We recognize there are questions about an official policy (Fees? Permission criteria and process?) that need more time than we can allow in tonight's meeting. Informal decision is for Casey to speak with the owner and ask that he remove his sign once the bulletin board is installed—he can put a paper flyer up on the board.
  - D. Arts Camp: Any Preparation?: Casey and Greg will attend Camp planning meeting next week. Discussion of graffiti wall as possible project which would also address the ongoing problem of random tagging. Howard suggests putting primed plywood sheets on back side of concrete; we could eventually enclose the entire back but decide to start with two sheets of 1/4" or 3/8" CDX. Brief discussion about painting the concrete overall: this could be done in the fall as priming and painting will mean closing off the feature for a few days. Casey will get samples of recycled paint colors as there is interest in a lighter color for this feature. Laraway will again provide shelter (bad weather) space and a tent for the camp. Katherine will follow up at Laraway about getting tent put up on Friday, August 5.
5. Proposed Event: After some preliminary questions, Nate proposed an event in September which would include food, possible live music, and non-competitive bike and skate jams (with small entry fees). The owner of How's It Growing is interested in participating as a vendor or sponsor. Nate suggested an event theme tied to sustainability and/or positive aspects of Park community. We need to pick a date and get a noise permit, then decide on activities and publicity. Nate will look at Johnson State fall calendar to help determine the date.

6. Laraway: Representative & Mini-Ramp Proposal: Katherine reported that Laraway administration will soon appoint a new representative to our Committee to replace Cornelius Murphy. There are several candidates who have a strong interest in riding and the Park. Casey described Laraway staffer Ben Penelli's ideas for possible projects for summer session kids and staff: replacing rotted deck boards in mini-ramp, and painting over grafitti on green ramps. Consensus is that both would be helpful and Casey should follow-up with Ben ASAP.

7. Member Resignation & Appointment: Richie Bowen has resigned from Committee. Casey will inform Selectboard about his (and Cornelius's) resignation and will put notices for new members on Front Porch Forum and our Facebook page, and on bulletin board once it's put up.

8. Other Business: None.

9. Adjourn: Howard moved to adjourn at 6:03 p.m., approved by consensus.