

*Draft Minutes, Johnson Sk8Park & Bike Track Committee Meeting*  
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Present were: Casey Romero, James Whitehill, guest Claire Whitehill at Town Offices, and Greg Fatigate, Rick Aupperlee, and Howard Romero via Zoom.

Equipment problems delayed the Zoom link until 5:30; we used that time to cover some agenda items which would not require a vote:

Directors Orders: regular monthly expenses, no unexpected purchases.

Recreation Report: Lisa was not present. On her behalf, Casey said she is working on soccer and the upcoming (9/12) Playground Groundbreaking at Old Mill Park which is also a celebration of Lea Kilvadyova's life. The SkatePark tent will be used at that event. Recreation work has gotten crunched due to unexpected time spent on the VOREC grant Letter of Interest and the Ted Alexander Rail Trail Welcome Building.

For Laraway news, Rick said the school year has started with nearly all students on site. Cidering starts next week. The garden continues to provide fresh vegetables for daily meals; students will use some produce for a salsa-making project.

James said that the new sign structure is complete except for hinged Plexiglas top. Claire is working on graphic changes. Casey noted that interactive signage is a big part of the VOREC proposal (for town-wide recreation signage); we may want to wait to make sure our sign and QR code are compatible.

VOREC grant candidates will be chosen by Sept. 30; applications are due in November and grants will be awarded in January. No word on the Rise VT application, and discussion of a proposal for bike track maintenance is deferred to October.

1. Call to Order At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order.
2. Draft Minutes of August 5, 2021 Meeting James moved to approve them; seconded by Howard, and approved by consensus.
3. Directors Orders (*see pre-meeting discussion*)
4. Recreation Coordinator's Report (*see pre-meeting discussion*)
5. Laraway Report (*see pre-meeting discussion*)
6. VOREC Grant Letter of Interest, Bike Track Upgrade Proposal, Rise VT Application (*see discussion above*)
7. Volunteers & Hired Personnel Ashton has struggled with planning but overall work is good.
8. Sign Project (*see discussion above*)
9. Seasonal Tasks: Bikes, Coaching, Camp, Tent, Repairs, Current Sitework Only bikes were discussed. We still have some to distribute and Casey will follow up with Cambridge program and Front Porch Forum post. James suggested Old Spokes Home, and may be able to take some there.
10. Security Proposal, Sheriff's Dept. Sargeant Watson agreed that tree placement won't work for cameras and recommended mounting one on a pole. After discussion, consensus was to go with that recommendation. James suggested we mount another camera to cover the Bike Track area as well. Casey will work with the Village about getting and installing a pole; the LCSD may also be able to provide a security camera that can send info to computer. Jon suggested installing a decoy camera as well; consensus was, Good Idea.
11. Member Resignation The committee accepted Jon's resignation with gratitude for all he has contributed over the years. Casey suggested that a future basketball half-court should have a plaque with his name, even though it won't be located in the SkatePark.
12. Other Business James has worked with local riders on the 'unofficial' Park Instagram account. Those riders have created another account (#crookpinchersofjohnson) and are also sending him images to post on the official Park account. He also said Joey Handy offered to help with a Sk8Jam type event, similar to one held at the A\_Dog Park. Consensus was, Great idea for next year. Casey wanted to add info pertaining to the Security discussion: she recently spoke with Hank Glowiak (Chuck's Bikes) who brings his son to our Park, and is dismayed at the amount of alcohol use, profanity, and blatant marijuana use. He does talk with these folks, but has seen no change. Changes in our Rules sign and security cameras may help, but we need to do all we can to make the Park comfortable for all users.
13. Adjourn Jon moved to adjourn at 5:50. Howard seconded and motion passed.