



# MEETING SUMMARY

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**PROJECT** Durham Outdoor Aquatics Project

**RATIO PROJECT NO** 21410.000

**DATE/TIME** November 18, 2022; 3:00 pm

**PURPOSE** Core Team Meeting

**HELD AT** Virtual | Teams Meeting

**PARTICIPANTS** **City of Durham**  
Shauna Parker, Lisa Smith (GSD)  
Tom Dawson, Almira Marshall, Jason Jones, Mary Unterreiner,  
Rukea Womack (DPR)  
**Design Team**  
Lisa Esterrich, Andrew Harrell (RATIO)  
Jackie Turner (JTC)

## ENGAGEMENT

Synopsis of Phase 2 Engagement

- Jackie T. reviewed Phase 2 by sharing the November 16<sup>th</sup> Residents Committee meeting presentation
- Highlights of input:
  - 1400+ participants engaged through direct mail, postcards, popup events, PAC 4/5 meetings, and online survey
  - 310 Survey respondents
  - There was an initial surge of skate park comments in the online survey
- 11/16/22 RC Meeting
  - Bonita Green reiterated the importance to have basketball courts at Wheels Fun Park (WFP) and East End/Long Meadow (EE/LM)
  - Ron Sutherland asked questions about and voted for more lap lanes
  - Attendees expressed a need for an effective traffic/transit study to evaluate the best traffic calming measures for Hoover Road as it relates to WFP
- Basketball Courts Discussion
  - Almira spoke about East Durham residents wanting a basketball court. She felt the overall design was not for the residents in the adjacent neighborhoods

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- Based on input from engagement, we may expect residents will not agree with a skate park in WFP since it is new to the project and would take up space for another program element such as basketball courts, which have been commonly requested
- Where did the idea for a skatepark come from? A group of teens pushed for the skate park residents. When was it first presented? The WFP skate park alternate was first presented to the public at the WFP Workshop on 10/13. Whose decision was it to include it? Are the group of teens diverse and representative of the demographics of E. Durham?
  - Cliff J. on the RC committee has been advocating for roller skating from early (May) in the project. He has been looking for opportunities for skating in Durham.
  - Skating advocates are not necessarily tied to the WFP site but consider more skate infrastructure in Durham a high priority. They are aware that a skate park used to be in on the WFP site
- Basketball has been passively requested by the community members from the beginning of the project. That should be considered with the skate park concept
- Do not want to put out an alternate idea that has not been vetted. Need to proceed with caution. Jason's advice is to present the (3) WFP options but present the skate park and basketball court as an alternate. The alternates are not funded.
- The group settled that no alternates should be shown on the sites
- Mary said we need to consider the communication impacts of removing alternates. Removing the skate park may cause an issue when presenting to the council since it has been released to the public
- Rukea thinks the core committee should vote on whether to show any alternates for the project and if there is a vote, she would not show any alternates.
- Shauna said to let the community know we heard them; Mary said we could include that in the narrative on the website.
- Continue to explore skate park and basketball court options with those interested in them.

## **DESIGN**

### **Identify Preferred Options for Each Site**

- The design team will incorporate Phase 2 engagement results into the concepts before a potential in-person charette

- Tom D. would like to preserve the comments and ideas gathered during the engagement phase for future Parks & Rec projects and planning

#### **Updated schedule**

- Based on ongoing discussions, the design team will target to have the final plan ready for the City Council by early February.

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Shauna to organize an in-person meeting for the week of November 28<sup>th</sup> at DPR

Any additions or corrections to these Minutes should be submitted in writing to RATIO within seven (7) days of receipt. Otherwise, these Minutes stand as corrected.

Respectfully submitted,



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Landscape Architectural Graduate