



# MEETING SUMMARY

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**PROJECT** Durham Outdoor Aquatics Project

**RATIO PROJECT NO** 21410.000

**DATE/TIME** October 17, 2022; 2:00 pm

**PURPOSE** Core Team Meeting

**HELD AT** Virtual | Teams Meeting

**PARTICIPANTS** **City of Durham**  
Shauna Parker, Lisa Smith, Henri Proserpi (GSD)  
Tom Dawson, Mary Unterreiner (DPR)

**Design Team**  
Andrew Harrell (RATIO)  
Jackie Turner (JTC)  
Miklos Valdez (CH)

## DESIGN

### Open Discussion: Comments on all current options for Wheels Fun Park, East End/Long Meadow Parks

- Jackie T. observed that the public spent a lot of time engaging with the site option legends that were small and located at the corners of boards. Jackie suggested a revised graphic layout that would remove the 'conceptual-style' site options, keep the 'illustrative-style' site options, and move the legend to a new board with bigger text and precedent imagery
- The current Wheels Fun Park (WFP) site options provide adequate building space in the pool houses to accommodate pumps and maintenance equipment for the aquatics facilities
- A new skateboard park is proposed in Durham as part of the Parks and Recreation master plan. Tom D. has been working with skateboard advocates on finding a location. Wheels Fun Park could be a potential location for a new skate park
  - A skate park option adjacent to the skating rink was presented at the 10/13 open house
  - The skate park is not funded
  - Skateboard advocates are aware that a previous skateboard park was located at WFP

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- Mary U. to upload the skate park alternate exhibit to the website for public input
- Tom D. to formalize group(s) of skateboard advocates (different from the roller rink advocated) for future collaboration

## **ENGAGEMENT**

### **Status of the current survey**

- The survey is live as of Friday (10/14/22) and will remain open until 11/12/22
- The Spanish version of the survey went live today (10/17/22)
- The print version of the survey (English and Spanish) is being created to bring to public engagement events
- A larger promotional effort is needed to distribute the print and web survey to the community, similar to what was done for the Phase 1 survey.
  - Postcards will be delivered
  - Jackie T. to send an email to all previous participants
  - City to push survey information via social media accounts, Facebook, and NextDoor

### **10/13 Wheels Fun Park Public Open House Debrief**

- 41 participants (not all) signed in during the event and were very engaged
- Big focus on the existing skating rink and construction of a future skate park
- RATIO and JTC are in the process of summarizing feedback

### **10/15 PAC 1 Meeting Debrief**

- Wade W. provided a project update at the meeting
- No questions were asked and there was minimal interaction with the display boards

### **10/15: Herb Sellers Soccer/Baseball Pop-Up Debrief**

- Approximately 30-people (families) participated
- Voted on favorite features of the LM/EE Site Options

### **Planning for EE/LM Workshop**

- Need to finalize date/time/location
  - The Boys & Girls club location cannot be reserved due to renovations
    - We can set up engagement boards at the facility and provide project flyers if the Core Team is interested in pursuing those options

- The Holton CRC is a good option for an open house due to its proximity to the parks and accessibility to the community around EE/LM
  - The outdoor covered area may be an option to attract more participants and make the event more accessible
  - The auditorium is not conducive to an open house
- WD Hill Recreation Center may be a good option and allow a new audience to participate
  - The recreation center was recently renovated and has numerous neighborhood connections, good lighting, and parking
- Mary U. to confirm with absent Core Team members and other city staff on the time, location, and date
  - Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> was initially suggested. That day may be too soon after a lot of DPR seasonal events the week prior
  - Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> was also suggested
  - Friday, November 11, DPR is closed for Veterans Day
- This event may be a good opportunity to engage with MyDurham Teens if hosted at WD Hill Recreation Center

#### **Other upcoming events**

- 10/19, Tom D. to engage with Durham Open Space and Trails (DOST) commission to solicit feedback on East End / Long Meadow Parks concepts especially as they relate to the R. Kelly Bryant Bridge Trail
- 10/21, 5:30-7 PM Merrick Moore Park soccer games
- 10/22, 9 AM – 12 PM Durham Girls Soccer League (DGSL) at Merrick Moore Park
- 10/28, 6 – 8 PM Trunk or Treat at Holton Career & Resource Center
- The approximately 1000 postcard mailers are currently getting printed and sent to residents within approximately 0.2 – miles from East End/Long Meadow
- Lunchtime at Holton Center - TBD

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- City staff encouraged to send any design feedback on the Wheels Fun Park, East End/Long Meadow Park options to RATIO
- Andrew H. to send Mary U. skateboard alternate exhibit for the website
- Mary U. to confirm the time, date, and location of the EE/LM Workshop with staff
- City to promote Phase 2 survey on city social media accounts and NextDoor
- Next Core Team meeting 10/31/22

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Harrell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Harrell".

Andrew Harrell  
Landscape Architectural Graduate