Wheels Roller Skating Rink Residents Committee
Meeting #5
September 25, 2022
6:00 – 7:00 PM
DPR Administration Building

Agenda

1) UP FIT CONSTRUCTION
   a) What: ADA/Code required changes, maintenance and operations, aesthetics and concessions upgrades
   b) Update: Cost estimates for operator-suggested interior modifications (concessions) came in higher than expected, but still within allocated budget. Delivery time for required electrical equipment is 5 months.
   c) Impact: Timeline for substantial completion (and opening) extended from Spring 2024 to Summer 2024.

2) PUBLIC ART
   a) What: The City’s Cultural & Public Art Program is now seeking to commission a site-specific, exterior public art installation at the Wheels Roller Skating Rink
      i) The goal of the public art component is to reflect and honor the history of Wheels as an institution of the community providing family fun, athletic, and recreational activities since 1980, its meaning to the Durham community, and enhance the sense of place experienced by all visitors to Wheels.
   b) Update: The call for artists is now available online. Deadline to submit an online application is 11:59 p.m. ET on Friday, Sept. 29.
      i) The selected Candidate(s) will work to:
         1) Engage the community through in-person engagement sessions and surveys.
         2) Develop community-informed designs for public artwork that visually connects to the site and/or interprets historical or cultural aspects of the site
         3) Beautify the exterior of the building through site-specific public art elements.
         4) Design, fabricate and install artwork that is integrated into the site.
   c) Impact: This will not impact the timeline for the rink opening. This resident committee will be notified of engagement opportunities throughout the process.
   d) More information: www.durhamnc.gov/5132/Public-Art-at-Wheels-Roller-Skating-Rink

3) DISCUSSION WITH SELECTED OPERATOR
a) United Skates of America
   i) Feedback from last WRRRC meeting provided to U.S.A.
   ii) Community programming requests/needs

4) NEXT STEPS
   a) Keeping WRRRC informed:
      i) Timeline
      ii) Operations contract approval
      iii) Construction updates
      iv) Public art engagement
   b) Other?