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June 28, 2012

Honorable Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council  
City of West Allis  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

RE: West Allis Skate Park

Dear Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council:

Please find attached a communication from the Spohn Ranch, the City's selected skate park design consultant, regarding the progress of the West Allis Skate Park.

Any questions regarding the project may be directed to the Department of Development.

Sincerely,

John F. Stibal  
Director of Development



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June 25, 2012

Honorable Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council  
City of West Allis  
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis, WI 53214

RE: West Allis Skate Park Update

Dear Mayor Devine and Members of the Common Council:

Project Update:

On 6/19 Vincent Onel of Spohn Ranch Skateparks visited the City of West Allis. Several sites were visited including Radtke Park, Veterans Park and Liberty Heights Park. While all sites were good candidates for the skatepark location, after Vincent's discussion with his design team, it was confirmed that Radtke Park was the best candidate.

Positives:

- Good Visibility – The site is highly visible and can be easily patrolled by parents and law enforcement. The vision for this park is to create a sculptural and aesthetically-intriguing space. By locating it in a prominent thoroughfare like this, the entire community can appreciate and embrace it.
- Active Space – We would be taking a space that is currently under-utilized and transforming it into a vibrant space for youth.
- Accessibility – The site is very central in West Allis. It is very accessible via car, bus, bike and foot.
- Sound Impact – The park is located a good distance from residential homes, minimizing any issues with excessive noise.
- Potential – The site has some existing topography that we can use to our advantage. The park also already has a nice character with trees and landscaping that will contribute to the uniqueness and aesthetic appeal of the skatepark.
- Space – Since we aren't encroaching on other recreational facilities, we have plenty of space to work with. While a few trees may need to be moved, the majority of them will stay put.



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#### Potential Negatives:

- Parking – Since Radtke Park doesn't have an existing parking lot, this was an initial concern. With further analysis however, we are confident that surrounding areas will provide enough parking for the skatepark. Adding some parking spots along National was also discussed.
- Restrooms – While on-site restrooms are ideal, countless skateparks around the country function without restrooms so we don't view this as a deal-breaker for the site. The surrounding areas provide a good number of options for restrooms. Port-a-potties were also discussed.

#### Facebook Group:

Spohn Ranch has created a Facebook group that will serve as a discussion forum for the skatepark project. West Allis skateboarders will share their ideas and respond to schematic designs via this forum.

To join, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westallisskatepark/>

#### Going Forward:

Spohn Ranch has lined up a surveyor and geotechnical engineering firm that will provide additional information relating to the site. This work will commence shortly. Spohn Ranch will also begin working on two schematic designs to be presented via Facebook and an upcoming in-person meeting in July. A tentative schedule is listed below:

#### CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

- Facebook Page Launched – Friday, June 15
- Project Kick-off, Site Visit & Design Workshop - June 19, 3-8pm
- Conceptual design work - June 20 – July 6
- Conceptual designs presented via webinar or Facebook Page - July 9
- Revising conceptual design – July 10-24
- 2nd Design Workshop (revised design presented) - July 25, 6-8pm
- Conceptual design finalized – July 30

#### CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS

- 60% Construction Drawings Submitted – August 13
- Client review of CD's – August 13-22
- 100% Construction Drawings Submitted – August 31



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**BID AND CONSTRUCTION**

- Bid Issued & Open – September 6-27
- Groundbreaking – October 8
- Construction Complete – November 14

Sincerely,

Vincent Onel  
Skatepark Development – Spohn Ranch, Inc.