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## Cincinnati Recreation Commission & Cincinnati Skatepark Project Push Forward with Plans for Cincinnati's First Skate Park!

(Cincinnati): Cincinnati Recreation Commission is excited to partner with the Cincinnati Skatepark Project and our City partners, working alongside the community to design and build a first-class skate park.

"The potential addition of this unique asset to CRC's Camp Washington Recreation Area through a collaborative effort that progressed from grass roots to a community partnership, is exciting for the City of Cincinnati! Developing premier recreational spaces for exercise, gathering, and expression are important contributors to the lifeblood of a community." -Cincinnati Recreation Commission Director, Daniel Betts

The City of Cincinnati appropriated \$250,000 in funds from the 2024 city budget to explore design and construction of a skate park facility. The expectation is that at minimum, an additional \$250,000 would be raised privately and contribute to the project.

"We're incredibly proud to support community-led opportunities to enhance our public spaces. This project has the potential to create an exciting new place for folks of all ages to come together and enjoy the outdoors. I'm grateful for our Recreation Commission, the Skatepark Project, and every stakeholder who has put their time and energy into this." -Cincinnati Mayor, Aftab Pureval

Following site visits, tours and research, Camp Washington Recreation Area (1201 Stock Blvd) was determined to be a good location for the proposed 10,000 square foot skate park. Cincinnati Recreation Commission has compiled an RFP seeking professional services to design and build a skatepark. The design process will include community engagement with a master plan to address connectivity, playground, benches, trees, shelter, signage, restrooms, lighting, and the current pool and basketball courts, along with other amenities.

"The Cincinnati Skatepark Project is thrilled to be working with the city and the Camp Washington community to upgrade a neighborhood green space with a safe, sustainable, and accessible skatepark. A high quality concrete skatepark, designed and built by a respected skatepark builder with community input, will attract skaters from all over and serve as an innovative model for activating parks and recreation areas across the city." -Evan Walker, Founder, Cincinnati Skatepark Project

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