



CITY OF CAPITOLA

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CAPITOLA, CA 95010

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June 22, 2015

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

To Interested Agencies and Persons:

The City of Capitola will be the lead agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report on the project described below. Please respond with written comments regarding the scope and the content of the EIR as it may relate to your agency's area of statutory responsibility or your areas of concern or expertise. Your agency may need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project, if any is required. Responses are due within 30 days of the receipt of this Notice, as provided by State law. The contact person's name and address are listed below. Please include the name and phone number of a contact person at your agency in your response.

The project location, description, and potential environmental effects are presented below. A copy of the Initial Study is attached or may be reviewed on the City's website at:

<http://www.cityofcapitola.org/communitydevelopment/page/proposed-monterey-avenue-skate-park>.

1. **Project Title.** Monterey Avenue SkatePark
2. **Project Location.** The project 0.25-acre site is located on the western portion of the existing 4.0-acre Monterey Park, which is located adjacent to New Brighton Middle School within a developed residential neighborhood (APN 036-151--02). Monterey Park is a neighborhood park owned by the City of Capitola on the south side of Monterey Avenue between Kennedy Drive and Bay Avenue. See attached location map.
3. **Project Applicant.** Tricia Proctor and Marie Martorella
4. **Project Description.** The project consists of construction of an approximate 6,000 square foot skate park. The proposed skateboard facility consists of a concrete bowl-shaped center with


ramps and jump features. The facility will be enclosed by a black chain-linked fence. The park would be open to the public during daylight hours only as no lighting is proposed.

The site will be graded to create the contours of the skate park with a compacted subgrade and crushed rock that will be overlaid with concrete. The skate park will generally be at a lower elevation than currently exists with a slightly bermed perimeter. Another low berm will be created south of the skate park and existing walking path.

3. **Probable Environmental Effects of the Project.** Based on the findings in the Initial Study, the City of Capitola has determined that the following potentially significant impacts shall be evaluated in an EIR:
- Aesthetics – Effects on the Visual Character of the Surrounding Area
 - Drainage
 - Noise
 - Traffic
 - Cumulative Impacts
4. **Scoping Meeting.** The City of Capitola will hold an EIR scoping meeting on June 30, 2015 to take oral comments on the EIR Scope of Work. The scoping meeting will be held at 6:00 PM at Capitola City Hall at 420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola, CA. Members from the public and public agency representatives are invited to attend.
5. **Contact Person Name and Phone Number.**

Richard Grunow, Community Development Director
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010
Telephone: (831) 475-7300
Email: rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us

Please send your response to this Notice of Preparation to Richard Grunow at the address/email above no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice.



Richard Grunow, Community Development Director

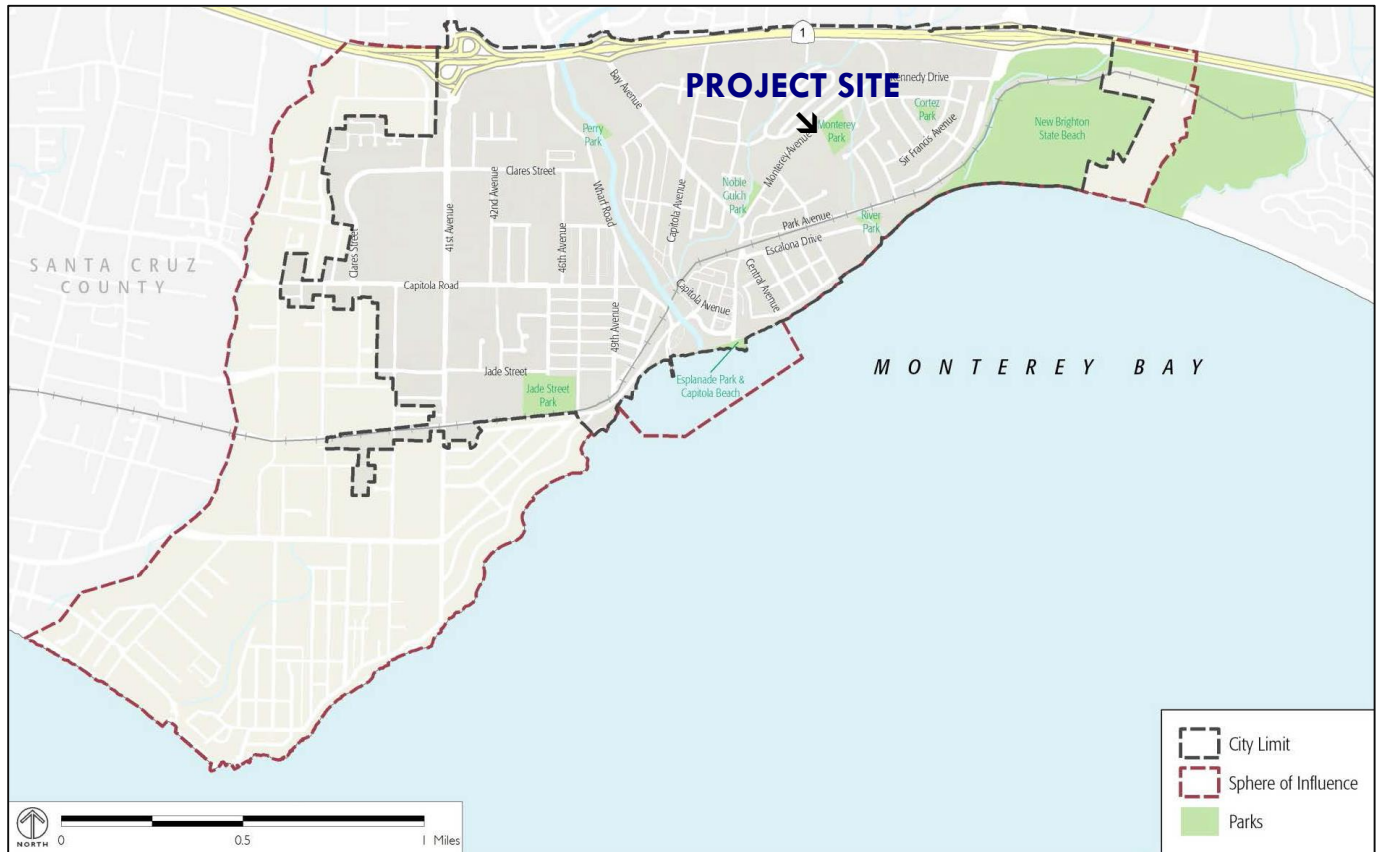
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Monterey Avenue SkatePark EIR
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City of Capitola
June 22, 2015

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CITY OF CAPITOLA

June 23, 2015

To: Reviewing Agencies
Re: Monterey Park SkatePark
SCH# 2015062067

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Monterey Park SkatePark draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

Richard Grunow
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research. Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse

Attachments
cc: Lead Agency

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

APPENDIX B

SCH# 2015062067
Project Title Monterey Park SkatePark
Lead Agency Capitola, City of

Type NOP Notice of Preparation
Description The project consists of construction of an approximate 6,000 sf skate park, designed to serve beginner to intermediate riders generally in the 5-14 year old age range. The proposed skateboard facility consists of a concrete bowl-shaped center with ramps and jump features. The facility will be enclosed by a black chain-linked fence. The park would be open to the public during daylight hours only as no lighting is proposed.

Lead Agency Contact

Name Richard Grunow
Agency City of Capitola
Phone (831) 475-7300 **Fax**
email
Address 420 Capitola Avenue
City Capitola **State** CA **Zip** 95010

Project Location

County Santa Cruz
City Capitola
Region
Cross Streets Monterey Avenue between Kennedy Drive and Bay Avenue
Lat / Long
Parcel No. 036-151-02
Township **Range** **Section** **Base**

Proximity to:

Highways Hwy 1
Airports
Railways
Waterways Monterey Bay
Schools
Land Use Neighborhood Park / PF-P / P/OS

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Drainage/Absorption; Noise; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Traffic/Circulation; Water Quality; Landuse; Cumulative Effects

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; California Coastal Commission; Department of Parks and Recreation; Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 3; Native American Heritage Commission; Caltrans, District 5; Air Resources Board; Department of Toxic Substances Control; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 3

Date Received 06/23/2015 **Start of Review** 06/23/2015 **End of Review** 07/22/2015

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613

For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH# 2015062067

Project Title: Monterey Park SkateParkLead Agency: City of CapitolaContact Person: Richard GrunowMailing Address: 420 Capitola AvenuePhone: 831-475-7300City: CapitolaZip: 95010County: Santa Cruz**Project Location:** County: Santa CruzCity/Nearest Community: CapitolaCross Streets: Monterey Avenue between Kennedy Drive and Bay AvenueZip Code: 95010Lat. / Long.: ° ' " N / ° ' " WTotal Acres: 0.25Assessor's Parcel No.: 036-151-02Section: Twp.: Range: Base: Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1Waterways: Monterey BayAirports: Railways: Schools: **Document Type:**

CEQA: ☒ NOP ☐ Draft EIR ☐ NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other
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Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development ☒ Use Permit ☒ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units Acres ☐ Water Facilities: Type MGD
☐ Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees ☐ Power: Type MW
☐ Educational ☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD
☒ Recreational Skate Part within existing neighborhood park ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☐ Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☐ Fiscal ☒ Recreation/Parks ☐ Vegetation
☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities ☒ Water Quality
☒ Air Quality ☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
☐ Archeological/Historical ☐ Geologic/Seismic ☐ Sewer Capacity ☐ Wetland/Riparian
☐ Biological Resources ☐ Minerals ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☐ Growth Inducing
☐ Coastal Zone ☒ Noise ☐ Solid Waste ☒ Land Use
☒ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☒ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Neighborhood Park / PF-P (Public Facility-Park) / P/OS (Parks and Open Space)**Project Description:** The project consists of construction of an approximate 6,000 square foot skate park, designed to serve beginner to intermediate riders generally in the 5-14 year old age range. The proposed skateboard facility consists of a concrete bowl-shaped center with ramps and jump features. The facility will be enclosed by a black chain-linked fence. The park would be open to the public during daylight hours only as no lighting is proposed.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Emergency Services
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> CalFire	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning (Headquarters)	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 23, 2015 Ending Date July 22, 2015

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____	Phone: _____
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 6-22-15

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Resources Agency

☐ Resources Agency
Nadell Gayou

☐ Dept. of Boating & Waterways
Denise Peterson

☒ California Coastal Commission
Elizabeth A. Fuchs

☐ Colorado River Board
Lisa Johansen

☐ Dept. of Conservation
Elizabeth Carpenter

☐ California Energy Commission
Eric Knight

☐ Cal Fire
Dan Foster

☐ Central Valley Flood Protection Board
James Herola

☐ Office of Historic Preservation
Ron Parsons

☐ Dept of Parks & Recreation
Environmental Stewardship Section

☐ California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery
Sue O'Leary

☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Dev't. Comm.
Steve McAdam

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Resources Agency
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Habitat Conservation Program

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Inyo/Mono. Habitat Conservation Program

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Dept. of Food and Agriculture

☐ Depart. of General Services
Public School Construction

☐ Dept. of General Services
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Environmental Services Section

☐ Delta Stewardship Council
Kevan Samsam

☐ Housing & Comm. Dev.
CEQA Coordinator
Housing Policy Division

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☐ Delta Protection Commission
Michael Machado

☐ OES (Office of Emergency Services)
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☒ Native American Heritage Comm.
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☐ Public Utilities Commission
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☐ State Lands Commission
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CEQA Tracking Center

☐ Department of Pesticide Regulation
CEQA Coordinator

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☐ RWQCB 2
Environmental Document Coordinator
San Francisco Bay Region (2)

☒ RWQCB 3
Central Coast Region (3)

☐ RWQCB 4
Teresa Rodgers
Los Angeles Region (4)

☐ RWQCB 5S
Central Valley Region (5)

☐ RWQCB 5F
Central Valley Region (5)
Fresno Branch Office

☐ RWQCB 5R
Central Valley Region (5)
Redding Branch Office

☐ RWQCB 6
Lahontan Region (6)

☐ RWQCB 6V
Lahontan Region (6)
Victorville Branch Office

☐ RWQCB 7
Colorado River Basin Region (7)

☐ RWQCB 8
Santa Ana Region (8)

☐ RWQCB 9
San Diego Region (9)

☐ Other _____

☐ _____
Conservancy

From: Harley Robertson [<mailto:HRobertson@suesd.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 12:53 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Goldstein, Jamie (jgoldstein@ci.capitola.ca.us); Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us); Henry J. Castaniada; Pam Crum; Janet Lindenbaum
Subject: Soquel Union Elementary School District comments to Monterey Ave SkatePark Initial EIR Study

Good afternoon Richard Grunow:

After a review of your initial Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Monterey Ave. SkatePark, our School District has the following comments and suggestions:

- 1) The biggest omission in the subject environmental impact study is no plan for restroom facilities of any kind. Currently there is a need to add restroom facilities in the existing Monterey Park configuration even before the discussion of a new SkatePark. The School District office, located adjacent to the Monterey Park and within a few feet of the proposed SkatePark has frequent bathroom facility requests when events are held at the Monterey Park facility or from the occasional Monterey Park user. Adding an additional impact of approximately 25 users without restroom facilities would lead people needing those facilities directly to the School District office and/or the New Brighton Middle School. The School District Office and Middle School restroom facilities are already impacted and will not be available for individuals who are using the SkatePark. **The School District considers the omission of the restroom facilities in the Monterey SkatePark plans a serious issue and we request the City of Capitola extend the comment phase of the initial EIR study an additional thirty days so we can discuss the impact of the Monterey SkatePark to our School District in an open session with our constituents.**
- 2) The subject EIR alludes to an additional technical study to measure the noise impact of the SkatePark. We would like the scope of this study to measure the potential disruption for our middle school classrooms and also the noise impact to our District Office as well.

Additionally, we ask for a response to our comments above and request for the 30 day extension for comments on the Monterey SkatePark environmental impact report.

Sincerely,



Harley H. Robertson
Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Soquel Union Elementary School District
620 Monterey Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010



P.O.P.P. --- Protecting Our Public Parks

July 24, 2015

Community Development Department
Attn: Mr. Richard Grunow
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola, CA 95010

Reference: EIR for Proposed 6,000sf SkatePark at Monterey Avenue Park

Subject: **NOISE Concerns** in Opposition to the Referenced Project

Dear Mr. Grunow,

OUR VISION is to see widespread appreciation, protection and appropriate treatment of our public parks and open spaces for the benefit and enjoyment of all visitors while maintaining peaceful habitats and peaceful relations amongst the neighbors in noise-sensitive areas.

There are many individuals who live and/or work adjacent to Monterey Park who are very concerned about the prospect of a 2nd skatepark being built in Capitola at Monterey Park. The proposed 6,000sf skatepark has essentially the same features and layout as the 9,000sf skatepark that was rejected on January 26, 2012, by the City Council, and all of the concerns that were expressed in 2012 will become reality if the latest proposal for a 6,000sf skatepark is allowed. Our organization is here to help represent the neighbors who are the most impacted by this issue.

Below are listed some of the NOISE concerns that have been expressed by many neighbors adjacent to Monterey Park. Please take these concerns into consideration when developing the Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project.

1. Without any evidence to the contrary, I'm assuming that **the proposed skatepark would be available 365 days a year, during standard Park hours of 6 a.m. to sunset, for all visitors to Capitola, with any skill level, and with any skating device, with no barriers to entry at night.** This is a daunting prospect in itself.
2. **The proposed skatepark would be placed in the middle of a noise-sensitive, residential neighborhood!** This is a dubious decision, at best. At worst, it can result in anguish and torment for adjacent neighbors and controversy in perpetuity until the skatepark is either shuttered or demolished like so many other inappropriately placed skateparks.
3. Skateboarding noise from comparatively configured skateparks in Santa Cruz County has been analyzed. The noise concerns from neighbors are realistic and with merit. **The noise associated with a skatepark at Monterey Park would be inappropriate for the neighborhood.**

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In re: EIR NOISE concerns of the proposed Monterey Avenue SkatePark

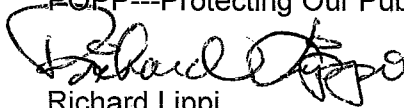
4. Skateboarding noise on the streets and sidewalks of Capitola has been analyzed. The noise concerns from neighbors are realistic and with merit. Having a skatepark at Monterey Park would funnel **an increased amount of skateboarding traffic, and associated noise, to the adjacent neighborhoods** creating an undesirable nuisance.
5. **Noise is a subjective issue and is usually oversimplified by reference to dB readings.**
 - a. Decibel readings, or dB readings, are only one (1) factor in the perception of noise or sound. In fact, there are three (3) different decibel scales (A, B and C) that further complicate the issue.
 - b. Please see attached letter dated January 31, 2015, from the desk of Dr. Francine Frome which further discusses this issue. **Dr. Frome is a nearby resident of Capitola and a published author in the field of acoustic perception.**
 - c. **As an example of factors to be considered, please see the attached NOISE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS from the City of Ojai in Ventura County.**
 - i. Section 5-11.03 (b) lists nine (9) factors which may be considered in determining whether a violation (of the noise ordinance) exists.
 - ii. Section 5-11.04 (a) (1) lists the Exterior noise standards for Residential Zones, Time Period from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. has a maximum noise level of 55 db.
 - iii. Section 5-11.04 (a) (2) lists the duration and db levels that are acceptable in a residential neighborhood.
6. **Since the Soquel Union Elementary School District offices are adjacent to the proposed park, the office personnel, and the students in the District, will surely be impacted by the noise from the proposed skatepark. Here's why...**
 - a. Normally, the District office doors are open on nice days. Some windows too. Sounds from the skatepark would be entering the work spaces either directly (or indirectly by bouncing off of other buildings) causing an unnecessary disruption in the office environment.
 - b. The District office is open for business most of the year. The area is mostly peaceful during office hours, during school breaks especially in the summer, but the addition of a skatepark would add intensity to the area on a year-round basis. The office personnel will have NO break from the noise of Monterey Park.
 - c. Productivity within the District offices affects all 2,054 students who are in the District. If the District office productivity or routine suffers, 2,054 kids suffer also.
 - d. Windows in the District Office are single glazed glass. The click, clack, slap and scrape of skateboarding would easily penetrate the windows and cause disruption in the office environment.

In re: EIR NOISE concerns of the proposed Monterey Avenue SkatePark

7. **Noise from Monterey Park bounces off of houses, fences and the school buildings creating multiple noise disturbances from single sources.** This phenomenon needs to be investigated. Sometimes, from outside my residence, I can hear skateboarding going on at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) over 700 feet away. I assume that skateboarding noise near the PAC is bouncing off of the Gymnasium wall? If that's true, then skateboarding noise from Monterey Park could bounce off of the Gymnasium wall and echo into the classrooms of New Brighton Middle School during school hours creating an unnecessary distraction for students.
8. **The subject of skateboard wheels vs. noise levels needs to be discussed.** I have yet to hear discussion of the effect that skateboard wheel design has on the noise output of the sport. From my research as an outsider, skate wheels come in various diameters and hardness (durometer measurements or "duros"). Many skateboards used at skateparks use small diameter (maybe 50-55 mm) wheels with a durometer measurement of 96a to 101a. Long board skaters usually use wheels that are 60mm or larger and softer wheels in the 73a to 87a range. Long boards are used mainly for transportation and are very quiet rides. Short boards with smaller, hard wheels used for "tricks" are very noisy when used on rough pavements and when crossing the cracks in sidewalks.
An analysis should be conducted relative to the impact of arriving and departing skateboarders using Monterey Park on their skateboards with small diameter, hard wheels. Those boards would be VERY noisy on the streets and on the sidewalks causing unnecessary noise disturbance to neighbors, the students in classrooms and the office workers at the School District office.

Thank you for reviewing these concerns. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
POPP---Protecting Our Public Parks



Richard Lippi
Program Director
& Founder
ProtectingOurPublicParks@gmail.com

**From the Desk of
Dr. Francine Frome
916 Ponselle Lane # 1
Capitola California 95010**

January 31, 2015

Capitola City Council Members
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

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CITY CLERK**

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to state my objection to the building of a skateboard facility in Monterey Park. My understanding is that a skateboard facility is being built at McGregor Park.

If you build a second skateboard facility in Monterey Park, the residents of our neighborhood would be surrounded by noise and traffic – and that would be overwhelming. However, even if you did not have the skateboard facility at McGregor, a skateboard facility in Monterey Park would be a terrible idea.

I bought my home here for the beautiful peaceful natural and green space it provides – as did most of my neighbors. The General Plan for the City says to maintain the character of our residential neighborhoods. I agree with that position.

Also, I care about having a diversity of recreational opportunities, not ones that cater to just one segment of the population. We care about serving a variety of different populations – people of all ages and abilities.

Even if the funding for a second skateboard facility is coming from an outside source, the city will still have to do extra policing and deal with graffiti. What about the additional traffic, which is another source of noise. Have you considered the burden that skateboard facilities in two locations will add to the HOA of Capitola Knolls?

Let me draw your attention to the issue of noise, as it is addressed in the Capitola General Plan:

“Noise is generally defined as unwanted sound, and may produce physiological or psychological damage and/or interfere with communication, work, rest, recreation, or sleep. Noise is especially a concern in the vicinity of noise-sensitive uses, which are generally defined as locations where people reside or where the presence of unwanted sound could adversely affect the use of land, such as residences, schools, and hospitals.”

And

"Sensitive Receptors

Noise sensitive land uses are typically given special attention to achieve protection from excessive noise. Noise sensitive land uses include residential areas, hospitals, libraries, schools, parks, and retirement homes."

Please note that – **Parks. Schools. Residential Areas.** That's what we have in the neighborhood. People in their homes and **children in school**, in particular, would be negatively impacted by the additional noise.

The Capitola General Plan takes the matter of noise very seriously. Please do not let people with handheld decibel measuring devices attempt to dismiss this issue. Please keep in mind that noise is additive.

As a **psychologist, distinguished scholar, and published author in the field of acoustic perception**, I can say with certainty that a skateboard facility in Monterey Park in a dangerously unhealthy proposal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine Frome". Below the signature, the initials "FF" are written in a small, bold, sans-serif font.

(Francine Frome, Ph.D.)

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CHAPTER 11

NOISE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

Sections:

- 5-11.01 Purpose.
- 5-11.02 Definitions.
- 5-11.03 General noise regulations.
- 5-11.04 Noise standards and limits.
- 5-11.05 Special noise sources.
- 5-11.06 Loud parties and assemblages—Enforcement costs and response fees.
- 5-11.07 Exemptions.
- 5-11.08 Sound level measurement.
- 5-11.09 Enforcement.

Sec. 5-11.01. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to maintain a quiet and comfortable living environment and to protect residents from unhealthful levels of noise through the control of unnecessary, annoying and excessive sound. (§ 1, Ord. 731, eff. August 27, 1998)

Sec. 5-11.02. Definitions.

"Ambient noise" is the normal or existing level of environmental noise at a given location. It is the composite of all noise from sources near and far, excluding the alleged intrusive noise source.

"A-weighted sound level" means the sound level as measured on a sound level meter using the "A" weighting network. The level so read is designated in units of db(A).

"Decibel (db)" is a unit for measuring the amplitude of a sound, equal to twenty (20) times the logarithm to the base of ten (10) of the ratio of the pressure of the sound measured to the reference pressure, which is twenty (20) micropascals.

"Impulsive noise" means a noise characterized by brief excursions of sound pressures whose peak levels are very much greater than the ambient noise level (such as might be produced by the impact of a pile driver) typically with one second or less duration.

"Leaf blower" is any mechanical device used, designed or operated to produce a current of air by fuel, electricity or other means to push, propel, or blow cuttings, refuse or debris.

"Noise level limit" means the maximum noise level acceptable under this article for the stated period of time.

"Sound amplifying equipment" means any machine or device used for amplification of the human voice, music or other sound regardless of location, including such things as radios, stereos and compact disc players.

"Sound level meter" means an instrument used to measure sound levels which meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute.

(§ 1, Ord. 731, eff. August 27, 1998)

Sec. 5-11.03. General noise regulations.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to make or permit to be made any noise which disturbs the peace and quiet of any neighborhood or which causes physical discomfort to any reasonable person of normal sensitivity

in the area. Except as otherwise provided herein, no permit may be issued for any activity that may violate this section.

(b) The factors which may be considered in determining whether a violation exists include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) The sound level of the objectionable noise;
- (2) The sound level of the ambient noise;
- (3) The proximity of the noise to residential sleeping facilities;
- (4) The nature and zoning of the area within which the noise emanates;
- (5) The number of persons affected by the noise sources;
- (6) The time of day or night the noise occurs;
- (7) The duration of the noise and its tonal, informational or musical content;
- (8) Whether the noise is continuous, recurrent or intermittent;
- (9) Whether the noise is produced by a commercial or non-commercial activity.

(§ 1, Ord. 731, eff. August 27, 1998)

Sec. 5-11.04. Noise standards and limits.

(a) *Exterior noise standards.*

(1) The following exterior noise standards apply to residential and commercial/industrial zones within the City:

	Time Period	Noise Level
Residential Zone (includes Village Mixed Use)	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	55 db
	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	45 db
Commercial/ Industrial Zone	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	65 db
	10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.	55 db

(2) It is unlawful for any person at any location within the City to create any noise, or to allow the creation of any noise, on property owned, leased, occupied or otherwise controlled by such person, when the foregoing causes the noise level, when measured on any other residential or commercial/industrial property, to exceed the following noise levels measured in decibels on a cumulative basis per hour:

Zones	Noise Standard		15 Minutes Duration/ Hour		Five Minutes Duration/ Hour		One Minute Duration/ Hour	
			Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
Residential (includes Village Mixed Use)	55 db	45 db	60 db	50 db	65 db	55 db	70 db	60 db
Commercial/ Industrial	65 db	55 db	70 db	60 db	75 db	65 db	80 db	70 db

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From: Protecting Our Public Parks [<mailto:POPP@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2015 11:33 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for Monterey Avenue SkatePark---concerns over the checklist of items

Dear Mr. Grunow,

In reviewing the Initial Study checklist for the subject project, I find several points that concern me. I ask that you, and/or your consultants, please take my comments into consideration when evaluating the impact that the subject project has on the beautiful, green space at Monterey Park in this noise-sensitive, residential neighborhood. My concerns are as follows:

1. *Item 1. c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings. Checked as: Less Than Significant Impact*
 I believe **this is a Potentially Significant Issue** due mainly to the 6' or 8' high, black vinyl, chain link fence around the perimeter of the project essentially blocking the clear view that now exists. This fencing will be over 150 feet long on one side. That's a huge screening of the natural views!
2. *Item 4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.*
 I believe this area of the Initial Study does not address the potential impact of concentrated contaminants in the air, ground water or discharge into the storm sewer as a result of disintegration of the skateboard components in the skatepark.
3. *Item 6. b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Checked as: Less Than Significant Impact.*
 I believe **there is a Potentially Significant Issue regarding the grassy area** surrounding the skatepark since there is NO spectator seating within the skatepark. Parents, legal guardians and spectators will have to find areas outside the fence line to congregate or mill about while watching or waiting for kids to finish their session. This will surely degrade the grassy area and expose dirt which will erode away during waterings or rain.
4. *Item 8. c) Emit hazardous emissions... ..or waste... ..within 1/4 mile of an existing or proposed school. Checked as: No Impact.*
 I believe **this is a Potentially Significant Issue** for at least two (2) reasons:
 1. New Brighton Middle School is less than 200 feet away and there needs to be a study of the contaminants emitted via the disintegration of skateboards at the skatepark, and
 2. There are no restrooms provided in the plans. Young skaters will need to urinate and eliminate solid waste. Traditionally, human elimination has taken place in the bushes or against the eucalyptus trees. Marie Martorella addresses this very problem in her June 03, 2015, email to the City Council.
5. *Item 9. i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding... Checked as: No Impact.*
This is a Potentially Significant Issue since the proposed skatepark will be under the drip line of one of the 60-foot tall eucalyptus trees, it is very likely that leaves, pods, sticks or other debris will fall into the lowest section of the skatepark and could cause

blockage of the drain and subsequent flooding of the facility. This would be an extreme hazard for visitors to the skatepark BEFORE the situation is discovered and the flood is mitigated or the park is closed. Poindexter Skatepark in Moorpark, CA experienced just this sort of flooding in the first few months of operation so I know that it CAN happen.

6. *Item 10. b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation... ...including, but not limited to the general plan. Checked as: No Impact*
Since the General Plan considers residential neighborhoods as being noise-sensitive, I believe that this project severely impacts the residential neighborhood and **this should be a Potentially Significant Issue**. What else does the General Plan say about protecting residential neighborhoods?
7. *Item 14. b), c) and d) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts... ..that would impact the performance objectives for any of the public services:*
 1. *b) Police protection?: Checked as Less Than Significant Impact* Since the adjacent neighbors will be scrutinizing every rule, regulation and act at the skatepark this will require a lot of police intervention so you should **put this down as a Potentially Significant Issue**.
 2. *c) Schools? Checked as No Impact.* Until the noise study is complete, or there is feedback from the Soquel Union School District on this item, I believe **this should be considered a Potentially Significant Issue** as noise, and the line-of-sight view of nine (9) classrooms will present issues of distraction from the schoolwork, not to mention impacting the approximately 500 students a day that may use Monterey Park during their PE classes.
 3. *d) Parks? Checked as No Impact.* This skatepark will be the only permanent, non-movable structure at Monterey Park. This will severely affect the versatility of Monterey Park and the way people circulate in the Park. I believe this is a Potentially Significant Issue.
8. *Item 16. e) Result in inadequate emergency access? Checked as: No Impact.*
The parking lot at Monterey Park is approximately 280 feet away from the proposed skatepark entrance. The DG path leading to the skatepark is currently NOT an all-weather surface. If emergency vehicles try accessing the skatepark via the path or the grass they could get stuck in the mud as many vehicles since 2010 have. Getting a gurney and equipment to the skatepark is chancy at best. I believe **this is a Potentially Significant Issue Unless Mitigation occurs**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
POPP---Protecting Our Public Parks

Richard Lippi
Program Director

From: Protecting Our Public Parks [<mailto:POPP@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Saturday, July 18, 2015 9:15 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for Monterey Avenue Skatepark---3D modeling and site staking/netting

Dear Mr. Grunow,

I believe that the proportions and subsequent impact of the subject project is inadequately presented to the neighbors and visitors to Monterey Park. Here's why...

- On February 26, 2015, I submitted a letter to the Capitola City Council members about the continuing controversy surrounding the proposed 6,000sf skatepark #2 at Monterey Park. Under point #4 of my letter I explained how past errors have been made by the promoters in laying out the boundaries of the proposed skatepark. In conclusion, I wrote, **"I call upon the members of the City Council to address this issue and require the Developer(s) to survey, stake and indicate in some 3D fashion what the proposed park will look like so members of the community can mentally contemplate the ramifications of this immense structure. This information should be made available at least 30 days before the next public hearing."**
- On March 5, 2015, I submitted the same letter as above to the City of Capitola Planning Commission.
- The 3D models provided to date do not fairly characterize the proximity or potential impact of the proposed skatepark on private residences, offices or New Brighton Middle School.
- In the June 30, 2015, Scoping Meeting for the EIR, Robin Gaither asked that in-place 3D staking be provided at the proposed site for neighbors and visitors to gauge the impact of the proposed project.
- **There has been no attempt to provide accurate, realistic, in-place staking to date.**

I call upon your office to require that the developers provide accurate, realistic, in-place staking and netting for the proposed project within a 3% tolerance so neighbors and visitors can accurately anticipate the impact of such an immense structure on the southern-most, grassy knoll at Monterey Park.

This staking and netting will be extremely valuable when evaluating the safety aspect of the proposed location. It is my belief that the proposed skatepark is too far removed from Monterey Avenue to be seen by passing patrol cars---or the general public, for that matter. And any child skating in the bottom portion of the skatepark would likely be completely hidden from anyone more than 50 feet away from the facility.

Respectfully submitted,
POPP---PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC PARKS

Richard Lippi
Program Director

From: Protecting Our Public Parks [<mailto:POPP@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 10:55 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for the Monterey Avenue Skatepark---Traffic & Parking impacts

Dear Mr. Grunow,

As a resident living at the edge of Monterey Park for five (5) years now, and having my private residence within 60 feet of the proposed skatepark (#2 in Capitola) at Monterey Park, I feel qualified to address the issue of traffic and parking impacts of the subject project. Below are my observations relating to the subject of traffic & parking impacts. I am assuming that Monterey Avenue runs east and west.

- Without evidence to the contrary, the proposed skatepark will be open to the general public, 6am to sunset, 365 days a year.
- Capitola is a tourist town and, as such, the skatepark could be an attraction for guests and visitors coming into Capitola.
- The existing parking lot at Monterey Park is inadequate for the number of cars that park here when league baseball is occurring. Many times the players/visitors park on the south side of Monterey Avenue AND in the Soquel District Office parking lot in addition to filling the lot at Monterey Park.
- It is common for me to witness high school aged males arrive at New Brighton Middle School grounds in vehicles carrying three (3) or more individuals for the purpose of skateboarding at NBMS.
- With the approval of green bicycle lanes on Monterey Avenue the parking of cars on the south side of the street (the Park side) will be eliminated.
- The proposed skatepark is designed for skaters ages 6 to 14 according to the applicants.
- Under Capitola City Code Section 12.54.020 Prohibitions, paragraph (a) (2) it is stated "(a) No person in a Skateboard Park shall: (2) If under the age of ten (10), enter or use the Skateboard Park unless accompanied by a parent or adult guardian;"
- To paraphrase the California Health and Safety Code section 115800 a municipality will only be indemnified and held harmless for any accidents or injuries at a City owned skatepark if the individual is at least 12 years old and performing a trick or luge.

With the observations listed above, here are my concerns if the proposed 6,000sf skatepark goes in:

1. Traffic to Monterey Park will be increased due to tourists and visitors outside the area coming to skate at Monterey Park especially if the weather is overcast.
2. Since the proposed skatepark is designed for skaters ages 6 to 14 it is assumed that the majority of skaters will be in that age range
3. Since skaters under the age of 10 (that should be changed to 12) require parental or adult guardian supervision it is likely that these children will be chauffeured to Monterey Park. Assuming upwards of 25 skaters at one time, and 3 skaters per vehicle, that would mean approximately 8 vehicles added to the parking crunch.

4. Parking is already at a premium so the project applicants should address how the increase in parking will be managed. Will the project applicants enlarge the existing parking lot to allow for more parking?
5. If skateboarders park on the north side of Monterey Avenue and cross the street on their skateboards this could result in a hazardous situation. Does a crosswalk need to be installed? Should skateboarders be required to WALK across the crosswalk to the Park as many vehicle/skateboard accidents occur in crosswalks?
6. Skateboard traffic will obviously increase along the routes leading to Monterey Park which poses many safety concerns for pedestrians and vehicles, not to mention the increase in clicking and clacking at every 4 foot joint in the sidewalks! This needs to be addressed.

Thank you for your consideration of these items.

Sincerely,
PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC PARKS

Richard Lippi
Program Director

From: Protecting Our Public Parks [<mailto:POPP@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 5:13 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for the proposed Monterey Avenue SkatePark---Contaminants

Dear Mr. Grunow,

With respect to the subject project, I am concerned about the various contaminants that may be introduced into the air, water and bio system in and around the proposed facility by virtue of disintegration of the skateboard components through normal use. Below are my specific concerns:

1. In one case, I see that a skate manufacturer for industry lists one compound in their skate wheels as a carcinogen. What do the MSDS's (Material Safety Data Sheet) list as possible hazardous materials in the construction of skateboards (including trucks, wheels, paint and other finishes)?
2. Will the disintegration of skateboards and their components during use cause any airborne contamination of concern?
3. I'm assuming rains will be washing contaminants from the skatepark down the drain and into the storm system. Will the disintegration of skateboards and their components during use cause any environmental hazard to the bio system that travels in pipes to the ocean?
4. How will the skatepark be maintained free of eucalyptus leaves, pods and sticks? Will equipments such as leaf blowers be used? If so, what style of leaf blower, how often and for what period each time will they be used? If leaf blowers are used, will the disintegrated particles of skateboards and their components be "kicked up" in the cleaning process of the skatepark and become airborne?
5. Will the installation of the skatepark necessitate the increased use of a weed eater to maintain the outer portion of the skatepark? If so, how often and with what fuel source?

Thank you for including these concerns in your environmental evaluation of the proposed skatepark.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lippi
Program Director

From: Protecting Our Public Parks [<mailto:POPP@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for proposed Monterey Ave SkatePark----Impacts relating to Construction

Dear Mr. Grunow,

In reading through the Initial Study for the subject project, there are several items that are not addressed relating to the construction activities. Below I have listed my concerns in this area:

1. The Initial Study states, "...construction activities would be restricted to Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM..." **The hours of construction extend too late into the day.** Considering that this is a noise-sensitive residential neighborhood where most people get home from work around 6PM, have dinner and want to rest after work, 9PM is way too late to allow construction activities. **The project should be limited to 5PM on weekdays.**
2. As a General contractor I have enforced Jobsite Standards on all of my projects since 1986 as a method of promoting safety and maintaining a good neighbor policy with individuals. **I ask that the City of Capitola consider the standards listed below as a condition of approval for this project.**
 1. NO drugs (except prescription) or liquor of any kind
 2. NO radios, car stereos or similar noise-makers
 3. NO dogs or pets of any kind (off-leash)
 4. NO lewd or offensive language
 5. NO unnecessary shouting or yelling that will disturb the neighbors or workers in an office environment
 6. NO [smoking].
3. I anticipate that **a generator will be running for most, if not all, of the work day.** I ask that the City evaluate the impact of noise and pollutants from this activity and make plans to mitigate these concerns.
4. I anticipate that **vehicles or equipment may have oil or coolant leaks that would contaminate the soil.** I ask that the City address measures to mitigate ground contamination from vehicles or equipment.
5. The estimated area for the project site is .25 acres, but there is no allowance for the parking of construction vehicles or ingress and egress of vehicles or equipment. **What area will be set aside for this activity? How will the general public be protected from the movement or operation of vehicles and/or equipment being used at the construction site? What damage might be incurred at Monterey Park as a result of vehicle or equipment use/movement?**
6. **How will concrete washout be addressed?**
7. **Will the public parking lot be fully available for public use** or will the construction activity restrict access to certain parts?

8. **Where will water for the project come from?** Will it be metered? Who will be paying for the use of water?
9. **Where will the porta-potty be placed?** Will the porta-potty have handicap access?
10. At what point in the process **will a Soils Report be required to establish the suitability of the site for construction?**

Respectfully submitted,
POPP---Protecting Our Public Parks

Richard Lippi

**Richard Grunow
Community Development Director**

City of Capitola

As Monterey Avenue residents, we strongly oppose the proposed skate park at Monterey Avenue park. We object to the high volume of noise the skate park will generate, the traffic and parking congestion, non-conforming uses and the destruction of aesthetics to the neighborhood.

Monterey Avenue is a high use roadway. In addition, the planned bicycle lane on the right hand side of Monterey Avenue will eliminate half of the available parking on the street. A skate park will increase the traffic, parking and congestion on this already busy street, and residents on Monterey Avenue will lose parking.

The proposed Monterey Avenue skate area park would have a significantly adverse effect on the environment within the project area. Existing use of the park includes year round organized sports. Families and individuals countywide use the park for a variety of activities all of which fit the flavor of the neighborhood. The New Brighton Middle School conducts organized, physical activities for the students in this park as well. The planned skate park area would rob many people of space needed for current activities at the park because space used for skate boarding cannot be recaptured.

The McGregor skate park is located less than three blocks from Monterey Avenue. The City has spent over \$100,000.00 on this skate park. Even though the proposed Monterey Avenue skate park will be financed by private funds, costs to the City for maintenance, police and emergency personnel will be ongoing because of the high volume of people visiting and using the area. These costs will continue to increase over time placing a further burden on the City budget and the tax payers in the community.

Also there is no master plan for Monterey Park. A strategic plan should be in place before committing to such a large, permanent facility in this location. We ask that you maintain the character of the neighborhood and protect it from over development.

At this time, the Monterey Avenue park is a beautiful and peaceful park with green grass and trees. The proposed 6,000 square foot concrete skate park surrounded by fences would not aesthetically be a good fit for a primarily residential area. Skate parks do NOT belong in neighborhoods. Please pay attention to the input from residents in the area and do not allow your decisions to destroy a highly valued Capitola residential area.

Michael and Barbara Arroyo

From: Cheryl Ban [<mailto:cherylban@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 10:35 AM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Monterey Skate Park

June 30, 2015

Dear Richard Grunow Capitola Community Director,

As residents of Capitola, we are excited and completely support the creation and location of new skate park at Monterey Park in Capitola.

We have lived in the neighborhood where this skate park will be built for over 30 years. The skate park will be built in the middle of what is substantially more than a residential neighborhood.

Monterey Avenue has long been a busy area of mixed public uses for our community. There is the New Brighton Middle school, Soquel District School offices, St Joseph s Catholic Church, Shoreline community Church, and the Performing Arts Center and the Monterey Park area.

The skate park will be built in the middle area of the Monterey Park.

A perfect location for this proposed skate park.

In the initial study for the skate park on page two it is showing a mobile home where on page four of the study it is the school district building. In looking at this study it would suggest that there is a residential home right next to the skate park, which of course is not the case, as it is the school district office.

We value children s availability to places where they can play and explore their talents. Our baseball fields, our ocean, soccer fields, skate parks are places that our children can grow and develop. Eventually becoming contributing adults in our communities. It is our responsibility and joy to create, provide, and sustain resources that foster the health and well being of the children and adolescents of our community for now and future generations.

The Monterey Park location for a skate park is a natural extension of the uses there now, the baseball field, the athletic course, open space areas and New Brighton Middle school. This area is easily accessible and already used by the children of our City. Especially after reviewing the proposed skate park plans, we support this wonderful project.

Monterey Avenue is the most perfect location in Capitola for a skate park.

Having the Monterey Skate Park will be a great addition to the City of Capitola.

Thank-you,

Cheryl Ban and Mark Ban
321 McCormick Ave.
Capitola
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From: Ann Benvenuti [<mailto:annanana1956@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:51 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Monterey skate park

Major concerns

Ample parking for both skate boarders and people using softball field.

Ground water during certain times of the year the area towards the ocean is like a swamp even in dry years water seems to be coming up from the ground .

Reduction of open space the proposed park cuts the existing space into about a 1/3 for softball field and about 2/3 for school field area the loss of open area would be dramatic .

Thank you Daniel Benvenuti

Sent from my iPad

From: The Bowmans [<mailto:dbow-man@pacbell.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 7:00 PM

To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)

Cc: PLANNING COMMISSION; Bertrand, Jacques; Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us); Harlan, Stephanie (sharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us)

Subject: Monterey Park Environmental Impact Study

Hi Richard,

I would like to contribute a list of items for consideration in the environmental impact study for the proposed skateboard park in Monterey Ave Park. I talked to several neighbors of both Derby and Jose parks to find out what environmental issues they have experienced.

1. Noise from the skateboard park itself: The type of noise from skateboarders using the facility can be louder, more startling and abrasive than any of the regular activities at Monterey Ave Park. Unlike the facility at Derby park which is a bowl below ground level, this Monterey Park proposed facility is starting on the hill, so features will be higher, and allow sound to carry further.
2. Noise of skateboard traveling to and from the park: Skateboarding on sidewalks and streets is loud. Street skateboarding traffic would significantly increase if Monterey Park were developed, and with the McGregor Park just a short skate away, there is a unique situation that would be created that could conceivably be a draw to high numbers of skaters from far and wide who might also skate from one park to the other. A few neighbors of Derby and Jose parks that I spoke with considered the street skating traffic to be a potential hazard to pedestrians on the sidewalks around Jose and Derby parks, and described it as "an accident waiting to happen."
3. Additional vehicle traffic to and from the park and parking on Monterey Ave. and Orchid Ave.: This is a neighborhood that is not meant for a lot of public traffic.
4. The lack of restrooms in the park is an issue. This will impact New Brighton Middle School as people head there in search of a restroom, or they will use the bushes behind the houses on Junipero Ct. and Orchid Ave.
5. The use of the skateboard facility after hours will be an issue. One neighbor of Jose park said that skaters can't get into the locked facility, so they skate on the neighboring sidewalks and parking lots at all hours. Skateparks are a meeting place.
6. The proposed skateboard facility can't be seen from Monterey Avenue, making it difficult for police or others to see what is happening without parking and physically walking to the facility. Skateparks are a meeting place for more than just skaters.
7. The proposed 6 or 8 foot fence is a detriment to the aesthetics of Monterey Ave. Park.
8. Extended hours of use: The large park would attract adult users for more extended hours all day and into the evening. A small park facility (or better yet, a regular playground) aimed for

kids and families would be used during more regular hours; and sports teams using the field are organized and again use the park for more regular hours. And the large skatepark as proposed would dominate the use of the small Monterey Park.

Thank you for considering these issues.

Regards,

Douglas Bowman
714 Orchid Ave.
Capitola, CA. 95010

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To:

Mr. Richard Grunow
Community Development Director
City of Capitola
420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, California 95010
(rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)

From:

Helen Bryce (helen.s.bryce@gmail.com)
Trevor Bryce
Deryn Harris
Norman Lane
Cassandra Matteis

Date: July 22, 2015

Addendum: EIR Concerns regarding the proposed development of a skating facility in Monterey Avenue Park, 700 Monterey Avenue, Capitola CA 95010

Dear Mr. Grunow:

Please accept our apologies for omitting these comments from our earlier submission.

Because of our concerns mentioned in our section of Water, we believe it is important to

- conduct a survey for possible riparian habitat damage and
- a survey for possible heavy metal contamination.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully submitted by:

Helen Bryce
Trevor Bryce
Deryn Harris
Norman Lane
Cassandra Matteis

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To:

Mr. Richard Grunow
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420 Capitola Ave, Capitola, California 95010
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From:

Helen Bryce (helen.s.bryce@gmail.com)
Trevor Bryce
Deryn Harris
Norman Lane
Cassandra Matteis

Date: July 22, 2015

EIR Concerns regarding the proposed development of a skating facility in Monterey Avenue Park, 700 Monterey Avenue, Capitola CA 95010

Dear Mr. Grunow:

Here are our concerns, comments and questions regarding this proposed development. We have attempted to organize them by category. Some of the issues overlap and, of course, and there would be cumulative effects in these areas.

We have presented our concerns in 10 sections:

- 1) Noise
- 2) Traffic
- 3) Parking
- 4) Wildlife
- 5) Trees
- 6) Scenic Concerns
- 7) Safety
- 8) Open Space
- 9) Water
- 10) Cumulative

In preparing our concerns and questions, we referred to the Capitola General Plan (among other things). Some of the relevant section are these:

Goal LU-1 Maintain and enhance Capitola's distinctive identity and unique sense of place.

Goal LU-4 Protect and enhance the special character of residential neighborhoods.

Policy LU-4.1 Quality of Life. Ensure residential neighborhoods are walkable, safe, friendly, and provide a high quality of life for residents of all ages. Minimize unwanted noise and spillover

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parking in neighborhoods.

Goal OSC-6 Protect natural habitat and other biological resources.
Policy OSC-6.1 Natural Diversity. Promote the preservation of native species, habitat, and vegetation types and overall natural diversity in Capitola.

Policy OSC-6.2 Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Protect, enhance, and, where possible, expand environmentally sensitive areas in Capitola

Policy OSC-6.9 Urban Forest. Continue to enforce the City's Community Tree and Forest Management Ordinance to protect trees on private and public property as important environmental and scenic resources.

Goal OSC-7 Preserve and enhance Capitola's creeks and wetlands.

Policy OSC-7.5 Creek Restoration. Restore culverted or buried channels to their natural state wherever feasible.

Policy OSC-7.6 Wetland Protection. Protect and restore where feasible the biological productivity and quality of wetlands.

Policy OSC-7.7 Biological Study. Require the submittal of a detailed biological study for proposed projects where an initial site inventory indicates the presence or potential for wetland species or indicators. The study shall contain a delineation of all wetland areas on the project site. Wetland delineations shall be based on the definitions contained in Section 13577(b) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Policy OSC-7.8 Wetland Habitat. Require proposed development projects to protect and preserve wetland habitats that meet one of the following conditions:

-----Wetlands that contribute to the habitat quality and value of undeveloped lands established or expected to be established in perpetuity for conservation purposes.

-----Wetlands contiguous to riparian or stream corridors or other permanently protected lands.

-----Wetlands located within or contiguous to other high value natural areas.

Goal OSC-8 Provide for a high level of water quality.

Policy OSC-8.3 Best Management Practices. Require all new development, public and private, to meet or exceed State stormwater requirements and incorporate best management practices to treat, infiltrate, or filter stormwater runoff and reduce pollutants discharged into the storm drain system and surrounding coastal waters during construction and post-construction, to the maximum extent practicable.

Policy OSC-8.6 City Properties. Design, construct, and maintain City properties in a manner that maximizes water quality protection.

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Goal SN-7 Minimize the community's exposure to excessive noise.
 Policy SN-7.1 Noise Sensitive Land Uses. Minimize the exposure of noise sensitive land uses to unacceptable noise levels

1) NOISE (Goal SN-7)

One of the greatest areas of concern is noise. The residential neighborhood surrounding the proposed development is currently very quiet. Skate parks are noisy facilities.

Noise, even at levels that are not harmful to hearing, is perceived subconsciously as a danger signal, even during sleep. The body reacts to noise with a fight or flight response, with resultant nervous, hormonal, and vascular changes that have far reaching consequences. Problems caused by noise include stress related illnesses, speech interference, hearing loss, sleep disruption, increased blood pressure, cardiac problems, learning difficulties, developmental delays, emotional problems in children and lost productivity. The negative effects of noise have been so well documented that we will not list them in detail.

Here is an overview of the issues we would like to see the EIR address:

How will the EIR measure noise? Conventional dbA meters do not measure all types of sound that negatively impact people and wildlife. What other types of instruments are you using?

The proposed development is very close to noise sensitive receptors: homes, churches and a school. (Policy SN-7.1 Noise Sensitive Land Uses) The nearest property line is only 50 feet (60 feet to the home). Additional residences are 100 feet away to 300 feet away. Skate park designers (Spohn Ranch) state that skate parks should be no closer than 500 feet away from homes. How can there possibly be sufficient mitigation for homes and schools closer than 500 feet? How do you propose to protect people from noise?

Restricting the hours of operation of the proposed development will not be adequate mitigation for nearby homes. Children and adults study and work at home during daylight hours. Residents who work at night must sleep during the day (nurses, firefighters, police, doctors, shift workers in manufacturing & shipping, etc.). What mitigation do you propose for these concerns?

Sound travels in all directions. How will you measure sound that is carried up into the trees above the proposed development? Birds such as red shouldered hawks, red tailed hawks, and endangered peregrine falcons perch in those trees. They need the height to hunt. Noise can have an extremely detrimental impacts on these

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birds and others that call Monterey Park home.

The proposed development contains several noisy features. Not all of these features are included in other area skateboard facilities. How will you find these types of features for comparison to do an accurate assessment of the noise these features will generate in the proposed development? What are the different types of noises generated by these features?

Noise has well-documented negative impacts on adults, children, wildlife and domesticated animals. What resources will you be using to demonstrate these negative impacts? Please include several from each category we have listed with documentation. How will you measure these impacts on the people who live, work, study, and worship in the area around Monterey Park?

Noise has been demonstrated to have physical, emotional, and developmental impacts.

Children, the elderly, and people with health problems are particularly sensitive to noise pollution. New Brighton School is adjacent to Monterey Park. Children exposed to noise experience hearing loss, speech delays, difficulty understanding spoken language, difficulty concentrating, social and behavioral difficulties, and poor growth. New Brighton school also has Special Ed classes, whose students are especially vulnerable to noise. Noise will negatively impact the teachers directly and also their ability to teach.

How do you propose to protect children from the harmful impacts of the noise? Who will pay for these procedures? Will the school have to provide additional soundproofing in the buildings? What about on the campus? Children will be exposed to noise on carepus outdoors. What happens if the proposed mitigation fails to provide adequate protection, requiring additional measures to be taken after the proposed development is in place? Who will provide or pay for that -- the city, the school, or the developer?

Noise has a negative impact on unborn children, and can cause low birth weight. How do you propose to protect pregnant women and their babies from these negative impacts?

The proposed development will generate noise from skating, from tricks, from jumps, clicking and clacking of the skateboards, and from grinding. In addition to the noise generated by the use of the skating aspects of the proposed development, noise will also be generated by the people congregating in the facility. How do you propose to deal with this contribution to noise? Do you propose to limit the number of people in the skateboard facility? If so, how? How about people loitering outside the skateboard facility -- do you propose to limit the number of people in

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Monterey Park itself? Again, if so, how? Or can you put into place in the proposed development mitigation features that will address crowd noise?

People who use skateboard facilities are known to bring appliances, such as "boom boxes", to play music. How do you plan to mitigate that?

What will be done to mitigate noise generated by skating events (such as competitions and demonstrations) taking place at the proposed development, including amplified sound, music, announcements?

Unusually loud noise will also be generated by people skating to and from the proposed development, using city streets and sidewalks. Since the City of Capitola has nearly completed the skate park in McGregor Park, which is approximately 1200 yards from Monterey Park, there will a large influx of skaters into the neighborhood and skating between the facilities. How will the developer mitigate that noise? How will the damage to infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, curbs) be mitigated?

Skateboard facilities, even ones that are closed at night, attract after dark activities of all sorts -- which of course result in increased nighttime noise.

2) TRAFFIC

The proposed development will greatly increase traffic in the area surrounding the proposed development -- both vehicular traffic and the skating traffic (mentioned above). The proximity of the proposed development to the existing skate park at McGregor Park will make this an even greater issue than cannot be measured by observing skate parks in other areas. How do you propose to measure this impact? How do you propose to mitigate it?

An increase in traffic will also cause another increase in Noise in the area surrounding the proposed development.

3) PARKING

The proposed development will negatively impact the neighborhood by creating problems with parking. The city of Capitola is already planning to remove parking along one side of the Monterey Avenue (the side with Monterey Park). Because of the possible coexistence of two skateboard facilities within 1200 yards of each other, parking will undoubtedly be in short supply. The parking lot at Monterey Park is quite small. Even now, parking on Monterey Avenue and side streets (Orchid, Junipero, Wesley, Cabrillo, Elinor), is negatively impacted by large events that happen at New Brighton School (such as graduation), and events at St. Joseph's Church. Theses events are fortunately not frequent. But the proposed development will create a skateboarding mecca in a residential

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neighborhood. How do you propose to deal with that?

4) WILDLIFE

(Goal OSC-6 Protect natural habitat and other biological resources.)

Monterey Park is abundant in wildlife: multiple species of mammals, reptiles, and birds, and amphibians live in Monterey Park (see our section on Water). It is also a designated birding site. Numerous types of birds live in and visit Monterey Park, from tiny hummingbirds to hawks and falcons. Recent studies show that noise causes an overall decline in species richness. Noise has very detrimental effects on wildlife, including disrupting breeding and feeding. Birds who eat insects or small mammals, such as endangered peregrine falcons, red shouldered hawks, and red tailed hawks, are more sensitive to noise than birds who eat seeds and plants (since birds use acoustic cues when they're hunting), but all birds are at risk.

In addition to noise, an increase in people, traffic, and disturbance of the water in the park (see my section on Water), can all have a cumulative negative impact on wildlife in Monterey Park. And, since the Escalona Gulch Stream flows through/under Monterey Park, there may be serious consequences for the endangered Monarch Butterflies that reside near the mouth of Escalona Gulch.

We would like to see the EIR contain a list of all species living in Monterey Park and how you propose to protect them. Also, how do you propose to time the construction phases of the proposed development to not impact the breeding and migrations of vulnerable species?

5) TREES

(Goal OSC-6 Protect natural habitat and other biological resources.)

We have concerns about the negative impacts of the construction of the proposed development on the large eucalyptus trees in Monterey Park. How do you propose to protect them, especially their root systems, during construction? These large trees are extremely important to the wildlife in Monterey Park, particularly the birds that need to hunt from heights, such as endangered peregrine falcons, red shouldered hawks, and red tailed hawks.

We are also concerned that the initial EIR study prepared by the city of Capitola mentions the possibility of removing the trees, which would be extremely disruptive to the natural environment of Monterey Park.

These trees are also important feature of the scenic scape of Monterey Park. In addition to making Monterey Park visually attractive, they provide shade, cooling, homes for wildlife, and a

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popular gathering place in Monterey Park. Please indicate how they will be protected from damage or destruction.

6) SCENIC CONCERNS

Currently, Monterey Park is a beautiful neighborhood park with open space and trees. It has a lovely open vista. The proposed development would destroy the green space that is currently a grassy knoll in Monterey Park, and pave it. This would dramatically damage the beauty of Monterey Park. In addition to the paved area, there would be metal features and a large ugly chain link (or other type of) metal fencing. The vista across Monterey Park and the school yard would be destroyed, the pleasant line of sight gone. It would just be plain ugly.

In addition, skateboard facilities are often "tagged" with graffiti, which is both unsightly and provocative.

7) SAFETY

Neighborhood safety is of course an environmental concern. The proposed development will attract after dark activities. The fence will make a climbing structure irresistible to children/youth who will see it as a challenge to conquer. This will be unsafe for Capitola's children.

8) OPEN SPACE

The proposed development will negatively impact the neighborhood by destroying Capitola Open Space / Green Space and turning it into a paved man-made structure. Capitola needs more trees and greenery, not less. Studies have shown that being in the natural environment, especially being in the presence of green growing plants and trees, is essential for the physical and emotional health of humans, especially for children. Studies have also shown that people, especially children, develop a greater sense of connection to other living beings and have a stronger moral sense when they spend time in nature and playing on grass rather than on pavement. Children of all ages, and adults at all stages of life, need a quiet green place to enjoy the outdoors, to reconnect with nature, and maintain good physical and mental health.

9) WATER

(Goal OSC-7 Preserve and enhance Capitola's creeks and wetlands.) The Escalona Gulch Watershed is a 57 acre watershed (according to the New Brighton State Beach General Plan prepared by State of California - The Resources Agency Department of Parks and Recreation, May 1990, revised April 1992). This watershed encompasses, among other things, Monterey Avenue Park in Capitola (700 Monterey Avenue).

Escalona Gulch itself is a valley described by the US Geographical Survey. The head of Escalona Gulch is at approximately 36-58.988N,

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121-56.5158W, which is in the vicinity of Capitola Knolls. Just west of Shoreline Church (875 Monterey Avenue), the USGS 2015 topography map places the head of an intermittent stream at approximately 36-58.939N, 121-56.630W. This stream, which we will refer to as Escalona Gulch Stream, flows slightly southwest. It crosses Monterey Avenue and parts of Elinor Avenue and Junipero Court before it traverses Monterey Park. Residents on Junipero Court identify a "spring" on their property.

Escalona Gulch Stream turns slightly south-east at Park Avenue. It then flows adjacent to the protected area of the endangered Monarch Butterfly site. The walls of Escalona Gulch become steeper in this area. Escalona Gulch Stream is above ground in this area, an important source of water for endangered Monarch Butterflies. Escalona Gulch Stream ends (its mouth) at approximately 36-58.548N, 121-56.581W, where it enters Soquel Cove.

Escalona Gulch Stream north of Park Avenue, at this time, appears to me to be, in large part, currently underground, just as is the stream that runs through Noble Gulch. Before the City of Capitola placed a culvert along the Orchid Avenue side of Monterey Park, surface water was visible within the park boundaries. The water table in Monterey Park is high, and often the ground is marshy.

Groundwater is the source of drinking water on the central coast. The Escalona Gulch Watershed is an important component of our water system. And, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), intermittent streams are an important part of groundwater recharge.

We are concerned that removal of the permeable ground in Monterey Park will damage the groundwater supply. We are also concerned that construction of the project will compromise the quality of the groundwater. We are concerned that use of the skateboard facility will have long term negative impacts on the watershed.

Negative impacts on the water in Monterey Park would also negatively impact local wildlife, particularly the salamanders and frogs living in the park. In addition, damage to Escalona Gulch Stream could be disastrous to endangered Monarch Butterflies at the Escalona Gulch Butterfly habitat.

As the drought continues, and our groundwater supplies diminish, we feel it is essential to safeguard our watersheds.

How will you determine the possible impacts of the construction and later use of the proposed development on groundwater in the Escalona Gulch Watershed, on Escalona Gulch Stream itself, and on the wildlife (particularly endangered Monarch Butterflies), served by Escalona Gulch Stream? We believe there needs to be a comprehensive study of the water table in Monterey Park and the

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Escalona Gulch Watershed.

10) CUMULATIVE

We believe that the cumulative effects of the proposed development are obvious. Noise from multiple sources (skating, people, music, announcements, traffic) will exponentially increase the damage caused by noise to both people and wildlife.

Increased noise, traffic, and parking problems will accumulate and compound the stress of people in the area impacted by the proposed development, especially considering another skate park is 1200 yards nearby.

The dangers to the wildlife in the park are also disturbing -- and the potential impacts on at least two endangered species (peregrines and Monarchs) cannot be ignored).

The Escalona Gulch Watershed is also at risk. Damage to the watershed could have far-reaching consequences.

Decreased quality of life, and poorer health, for everyone living, going to school, and working (such as school staff / teachers) in neighborhood is the obvious outcome of the proposed development.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Respectfully submitted by:

Helen Bryce

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Norman Lane

Cassandra Matteis

Monterey Park EIR Scoping Response

June 22, 2015

Submitted by: Sheryl Coulston, 300 Plum Street, #25, Capitola, CA 95010
831-227-9494, sheryl.coulston@gmail.com (resident for 20 years)

I write to submit my environmental concerns of the proposed installation of a skate park in Monterey Park, Capitola. I am unable to attend the June 30, 2015, EIR Scoping Meeting as I will be out of town.

1. **NOISE:** I live outside of the immediate residential community that is directly around Monterey Park. I am however probably within the area that will be affected by the noise that would be generated from a nearby skate park. When skaters are skating in the Catholic Church parking lot or going through the school parking lot we can hear the click clack at our home. Noise generated on Monterey Avenue echoes to the community directly behind Monterey Ave. (Brookvale Terrace). It is a fact that skate parks generate startling click clack noise. I am concerned about that noise to local residents and to the school classrooms. Skate board parks are not compatible with schools and residential neighborhoods. Successful skate parks are usually in more rural or commercial locations.
2. **AESTHETICS:** I think in a small 4.0 acre park that is already being enjoyed by some 500 + local neighbors daily for its present character and beauty and feeling of openness a cement skate park behind a fence would be out of character. A .25 acre skate park I assume would not be on the edge of the park but have some boundary of green space thus eliminating more of the open quality of this pristine park and open space. In a small tourist attraction city it is nice for residents to have these spaces within our neighborhoods.
3. **DIRECT EFFECTS:** I think a skate park will negatively effect the lives of many who use this park on a daily basis. Thus the effect of noise & aesthetics will be immediately felt.
4. **INDIRECT EFFECTS:** I think there is substantial data available on the effects of a skate park in a residential neighborhood. Increased traffic, parking on neighborhood streets, the general clientele of skate parks (NOT ALL) may bring added policing, graffiti, skaters using the park after hours (going over the fence), etc.
5. **CUMULATIVE IMPACTS:** I think there will be cumulative impacts of adding a skate park that would be difficult to measure at this time ó housing values decline because of noise, continuing complaints due to noise & traffic, expense of having to ultimately remove the skate park due to not being conducive to a neighborhood (this has happened in cities more than once!), the maintenance of the skate park (fence, cement repairs), the liability of the city, enforcement of existing policies regarding younger youth being accompanied by an adult at skate parks, unforeseen expenses due to maintenance, graffiti removal, etc.

From: Al Globus [<mailto:alglobus@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 5:19 PM

To: Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); City Council; Dennis Norton; Bertrand, Jacques; Jesberg, Steve (sjesberg@ci.capitola.ca.us); Harlan, Stephanie (sharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us)

Cc: PLANNING COMMISSION

Subject: Monterey Skatepark Noise assessment: the direct approach

While it's always nice to have expert opinion and measure db levels, there is a much more direct and effective way to assess the potential for noise at the proposed Monterey Skatepark. I strongly suggest you take an hour and do the following:

Go to the Scotts Valley skatepark on a nice Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

Open your ears.

Ask yourself: would I like to live next to this?

If your answer is 'no', then ask yourself: why would I force this on the immediate Monterey Park neighbors if I wouldn't like it myself?

At this point, consider the great wisdom of the McGregor skatepark: no neighbors.

Then remember that McGregor is perfectly safe if parents drive their kids there, and a lot more convenient than driving to Scotts Valley.

Then vote against the Monterey Park skatepark proposal.

Thank you.

From: Jeff Lathan [<mailto:capitolajeff@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2015 8:09 AM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Another skate park?

Wait a minute, They haven't even finished the skate park by New Brighton Beach and now they want another one? How about we just pave over any green area left? And a black chain link fence? That will look just great

From: Richard Lippi [<mailto:richard@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 10:06 AM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: June 22, 2015 Initial Study for Monterey Ave SkatePark----Project Description

Dear Mr. Grunow,

In the referenced document, under section B., Project Description, 3rd paragraph, it is stated, **"The skate park will generally be at a lower elevation than currently exists with a slightly bermed perimeter."** Looking at Figure 4 of the Initial Study (and looking at the project drawings) **it appears that the majority of the skate park features will be at-or-above the finished grade.** The large depressed area down the middle is of little concern noise-wise and I believe that concerned citizens will be misled by a depiction that the skate park "will generally be at a lower elevation than currently exists".

I know that the applicants have eluded to the description of the proposed skate park as being "an in-ground skate park" to try to repel arguments about noise generation, but **the fact is that the noise producing features of the proposed skate park are at-or-above the finished grade----which in no way relates to what "currently exists".**

I would appreciate public clarification of this important aspect of the proposed skate park at the next opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration,
Richard

From: Richard Lippi [<mailto:richard@greatoptions.net>]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 4:39 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Cc: Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: EIS for the proposed skatepark #2 at Monterey Park---private residence

Dear Mr. Grunow,

I am responding to the information in the Initial Study for the subject project.

In paragraph II. A. reference is made to a "caretaker residence". This is a misnomer since I own the residence that is being referenced, along with all of the improvements within the fenced property, as a private citizen. It is discriminatory to me to use a "caretaker" description. It is more accurate to refer to the dwelling as a "private residence" since only one of the activities I am engaged in is that of a contract caretaker. I request that you refrain from referring to my private residence as a "caretaker residence".

Thank you,
Richard Lippi

From: Kailash Mozumder [<mailto:kkmozumder@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2015 11:02 AM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Comments on IS for the proposed Monterey Skate Park

Hi Rich,

I can submit these more formally as part of the public comment period, but for now I wanted to share them with you.

Thanks,
Kailash

1. Alternatives - as part of the EIR process the lead agency must identify and evaluate other alternatives that meet the Objectives and Purpose of the proposed project. The EIR should explicitly describe the detailed objectives and purposes of the project. To generate ideas for alternatives I recommend we solicit input from the community to ask ourselves questions that can help form these alternatives, like ¿what can we add to McGregor site to allow it to better serve the community?

2. Biological resources ¿ Additional analysis should be provided to support the existing statement in the IS that says ¿the project will have no effect on biological resourcesö. The vegetation in and around Monterey Park provides nesting, foraging and annual habitat for numerous species of birds, mammals and amphibians. In order to determine a ¿no effectö to biological resources measures such as species/pre-construction surveys need to be included. In addition the project will need to conduct bird surveys to comply with the migratory bird treaty act to demonstrate that the proposed project does not impact nesting for the numerous species of songbirds and raptors that use the park for nesting and foraging habitat.

3. Transportation & Traffic ¿ the IS states that the proposed project would not result in significant trip generation. At the last meeting the majority of the parents made reference to driving their kids to the skatepark. I propose that prior to moving forward with the proposed project we study the use of McGregor park to see what level of traffic/use it gets to inform the city of what to expect in terms of parking demand and traffic increase for the proposed project.

4. Public Services & Recreation ¿ IS states there would not be an increase in demand for public services. As part of the EIR other communities with skate parks should be contacted so that we better understand what level of additional burden will be added to our police and emergency services.

From: Yahoo! [<mailto:gloria0116@att.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2015 4:16 PM
To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)
Subject: Monterey Avenue Skate Park

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed skate park as a resident on Junipero Court whose home is against the park' The noise will be unbearable. I will not be able to have any windows open in the back of my house. When the park property was owned by the Mormon Church, it was a marshy, rather ugly lot. During recess at the then grammar school, the noise was very loud. The proposed skate park is closer than the former playground and will be open many more hours.

I object not only to the noise but to the fact that the concept of an ugly cement pit with an uglier fence around it will certainly not be an enhancement to this park. I also have concerns regarding the fact that those who want it plan to either dump their children off or have them skate down the sidewalks to get there. There are many residents who walk these sidewalks every day. The skateboarders who now skate down the sidewalk s are not always courteous and expect people to walk in the street so they can pass,. Another factor of concern is who is responsible for the accidents, etc. occurring at the skate park - I would think it is the city of Capitola. Will this mean higher taxes for residents? Will there be portable bathrooms for them, which are not only ugly but smelly. Will they demand fancy restrooms where the homeless will sleep at night? Skate parks do not belong in the middle of residential areas!!

Thank you for reading my objections.

Sincerely,
Goria Settle
215 Junipero Ct.
Capitola, CA 95010

From: Lisa Steingrube [<mailto:lisasteingrube@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2015 12:07 PM

To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us); Norton, Dennis (dnortondesigns@msn.com); Bottorff, Ed (ebottorff167@yahoo.com); Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com); Harlan, Stephanie (sharlan@ci.capitola.ca.us); Bertrand, Jacques; Cattan, Katie (kcattan@ci.capitola.ca.us); Flynn, Carolyn (cflynn@ci.capitola.ca.us); Safty, Ryan (rsafety@ci.capitola.ca.us); an Son, Brian (bvanson@ci.capitola.ca.us)

Subject: Proposed Monterey Ave Skate Park

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**Richard Grunow
Community Development Director
City of Capitola**

There are many reasons why a skate park of this size is not an appropriate use of land for Monterey Ave. All of these reasons have been stated over and over again by Monterey Ave residents in council meetings, but I will reiterate them once again, highlighting the most important ones.

1. 95% of the residents surrounding the park are against a park of this size right next to houses. We, who are affected the most, should have a major say in any project and we have had none. We were told we would be listened to and our views would be considered and they were not. Stephanie Harlan said publically “ This skate park is being shoved down the throats of Monterey Ave residents and that’s not the way a city council is supposed to conduct business”

2.Noise is the number one issue with the size of the proposed skate park. Skate parks are NOISY even the proponents said at a council meeting and I quote, “ We admit that getting to the park from the surface streets will be noisy”. They also said and I quote, “The people who think skate parks are noisy have never been to one.” They couldn’t be more wrong! We have been to all the skate parks in the county and they are all noisy. That’s the nature of the sport and Monterey Ave Skate Park will follow suit, especially the features that are part of the design. *And* the closest house is only 60 feet away from the park. Even professional skate park designers agree that “when choosing a great skate park site, make the sure the closest home is at least 500 feet away.”

3. Traffic and parking. Monterey Ave is already a very busy street. We have a school, Soquel Elementary Distinct Office, two churches, and we are a thoroughfare for traffic heading to and from Capitola Village. There isn’t a busier street in Capitola.

Also with the City of Capitola moving forward with a bicycle lane on the right hand side of Monterey Avenue half of the available parking on the street will be eliminated. A skate park will just increase the traffic, parking and congestion on this street.

4. Capitola already has a skate park less than less than 3 blocks from Monterey Ave. The city council voted to build that in at the McGregor property. They have spent well over \$100,000.00 on that park. Sam Storey left his seat on the city council with a legacy “of finally finding a site for a skate park in Capitola”. Does a city of less than 10,000 people really need two skate parks? Of course not. Its ridiculous. Even though the proposed Monterey Ave skate park will be built by private funds, the cost of maintenance, police and emergency personnel will go on into perpetuity.

5. Last but certainly not least, how can the question of aesthetics even be asked?? You take a lovely green, tree-lined park and replace it with cement, fences, hoards of teens with skateboards and boom boxes and ask about aesthetics? Skate parks do NOT belong in neighborhoods. They belong where young people can have fun and exercise without disrupting the beauty and tranquilly of the folks that have bought homes and kept up the beauty of our town,

From: Stef [<mailto:stephanie.tetter@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 4:08 PM

To: Grunow, Rich (rgrunow@ci.capitola.ca.us)

Cc: Dennis Norton; Bottorff, Ed (ebottorff167@yahoo.com); Termini, Mike (michael@triadelectric.com);

Stephanie Harlan; Bertrand, Jacques

Subject: EIR for skatepark

Mr. Grunow and Council:

I spoke at the Scoping Meeting about my specific concerns regarding noise, visual blight and harm to birds if the second skatepark in Capitola is approved for Monterey Park. I assume comments from that meeting are being incorporated into this review process, so I won't belabor the topic other than to remind you that residents of our neighborhood treasure the local environment, including our beautiful neighborhood park, well used by residents of all ages (and their friends, both human and canine).

The proponents of the second Capitola skatepark frequently assure us that this will not negatively impact us, citing examples of other skateparks. We are so happy about the skatepark under construction at McGregor...NOT in a residential neighborhood.

We ask your help to preserve Monterey Park, which is currently a lovely spot...unlike Derby Park, shown below, which is situated in a similar location: next to a school, in a residential area. PLEASE understand why we don't want a similar park in our neighborhood (noise, visual blight and harm to birds).

