

Palouse Skatepark, Inc.

Notable Event Timetable



A. October 17th, 2002 - First recorded skatepark meeting was held at Palouse High School Cafeteria. Fifteen students attended, as well as community leaders.

B. December 5th, 2002 - First press clipping in The Boomerang! paper references the establishment of a bank account and formation of the Palouse Skatepark Association.

C. March 15th, 2003 - \$180 added to bank account for a total of \$203.28.

D. 2006 - Skatepark effort stalls.

E. March 13th, 2012 - Skatepark effort is officially restarted with address to City Council. Current bank account total is \$1480.

F. July, 2012 - First meeting occurs at park. Attendance: 1.

G. October 20th, 2012 - First "Pizza for the Park" fundraiser nets \$147. Opportunity drawing with support of a quilt made by Bev Pearce, a Green Frog certificate, a McLeod's Palouse Market certificate, and a pizza party gathers \$282.

H. December 31st, 2012 - Twelve volunteers contributed 91 volunteer hours this year. Ending balance of \$3658.20 for the year.

I. March 9th, 2013 - Fundraiser concert held at the Grange in Palouse nets \$593. 163 volunteer hours were contributed.

J. July 9th, 2013 - Palouse City Council gives preliminary approval to pursue development of skatepark project in the city park, between the pool and the parking lot.

K. September 10th, 2013 - 3D renderings for skatepark design in City Park are presented to the City Council and design and location are again discussed. Opposition to location in park surfaces.

L. September 24th, 2013 - Results of a petition effort to stop development of skatepark in City Park are discussed at City Council. The effort to locate the skatepark within the city park is abandoned.

M. October, 2013 - Palouse Skatepark volunteers take over the "Fire Station" building for the Haunted Palouse fundraiser. 52 volunteers contribute 700 hours in raising \$14,297 for the Skatepark effort

N. November 12th, 2013 - After extensive location polling, the Skatepark Association presents their findings to City Council. Public opinion overwhelmingly favors a new location next to the Sewer Plant, across Main Street from the City Park, and the Council votes to approve this location for development, considering that specific criteria are met.

O. December 31st, 2013 - Over 100 volunteers contributed at least 1140 hours to the skatepark effort. Ending bank account totals \$20,500 with approximately \$16,900 raised for the year.

P. March 9th, 2014 - The sixth "Pizza for the Park" fundraiser gains 52 volunteer hours, 67 pizzas made and delivered, and \$1013 for the cause.

Q. March 25th, 2014 - The City is updated on the nature of recently discovered Department of Ecology concerns about the skatepark location approved by the previous Council next to the Sewer Plant and how this may affect the project. The DOE, the Mayor, and City Crew call for a new location to be considered.

R. May 14th, 2014 - Paula Echanove contacts the Palouse Skatepark group after talking with our mutual friends, the Dillard family, about the possibility of locating the skatepark on Whitman Street in downtown Palouse on a vacant piece of

ground that they would consider donating for the project. In an area zoned for high density use with ample parking, it is next to the Police Station and Community Center, and just a block from McLeod's Palouse Market and Heritage Park, which has restrooms open year-round.

S. May 29th, 2014 - A public forum is held to discuss the Whitman Street option, and preliminary measurements and design ideas are presented. Concerns about proximity to a neighboring home are noted and passed to City Council.

T. June 10th, 2014 - City Council officially revokes approval of the Sewer Plant site for the skatepark location. No suitable city property is available for development, and the Whitman Street location is pursued.

U. July 8th, 2014 - The City Building Inspector and City Clerk sign off on the Critical Areas Checklist for the Whitman Street location. A 2D design using a graphing paper overlay on the Whitman Street Project contour map is shown to City Council and left at City Hall to be filed. The design features a "street plaza" to the east with a skate-able amphitheater, 9-stair and handrail, curbs, pyramid with "auger pole-jam" and bowl and quarter pipe section to the west.

V. July 22nd, 2014 - A small ground-breaking ceremony is held at the site with supporters of the project. The park will be named the "Tony Kettel Skate Gardens" after the donor of the land, and reflecting the wishes of her family to include garden space and an "edible forest" in the park area.

W. August 23rd, 2014 - Palouse Skatepark, Inc. is officially recognized as a Washington State Nonprofit Corporation.

X. August 27th, 2014 - Palouse Skatepark, Inc. bylaws are adopted, and Board of Directors are elected. Aaron Flansburg is elected Skatepark Chair, Connie Newman is elected Finance Chair, and Kari Watkins is elected Secretary. Palouse Skatepark, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

Y. October, 2014 - Palouse Skatepark partners with the Palouse Area Robotics Team to run the "Fire Station" haunted house. The groups put in 655 hours of work and the efforts bring around \$9,200 to the skatepark effort.

Z. November 9th, 2014 - The first work begins on the site during a morning of cleanup.

AA. December 25th, 2014 - The first version of the "Whitman Street Design" is posted as photos pulled from the 3D Sketchup design. Changes are later made to the "Bowl" section and the "Art Wall" concept is developed.

BB. December 31st, 2014 - Volunteers contributed over 950 hours of time to our effort. Ending account balance is over \$33,000 with over \$12,500 raised this year.

CC. February 20th, 2015 - Palouse Skatepark Board of Directors approves design in 3D format for skatepark.

DD. March 11th, 2015 - "An Evening for the Skatepark" fundraiser at the Palouse Community Center attracts between 100 and 150 supporters. 35 businesses and individuals donated items for a silent auction, and gross receipts including donations exceeded \$10,000. Haskins Steel also committed to provide 294 sticks of #3 rebar as an in-kind donation worth over \$1200. Many volunteer hours were committed for the building of the park.

EE. May 12th, 2015 - The Palouse City Council approves a "License for Utilization" of the city right of way to the north of Whitman Street for skatepark development on a 7-0 vote.

FF. May 26th, 2015 - The final deed for the final parcel of land gifted by Tony Kettel is received.