

**CITY OF REPUBLIC
SKATEBOARD COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

The meeting of the Skateboard Committee, of the City of Republic, was called to order by Chad Cole, (Alderman Ward IV), at 7:00 pm at the Republic Community Center. Committee members in attendance were:

Alderman Chad Cole, Jared Keeling (Parks Director), Kris Parks (Asst. Aquatic Director), Kelli Lewis (parent), Tyler Lewis (student), and Stefan Sheffield (student).

II. Citizen Participation: A motion was made by Kris Parks for Citizen Participation, and seconded by Kelli Lewis. Motion carried.

30-35 citizens were in attendance- (students, parents, teachers and Alderman Garry Wilson)

1. Michelle Boydston (parent) upset about the ostracism skateboarders face, & discussed how skateboarders are not obese kids. She sees no damage caused by these kids.
2. Jim Shikany (teacher) believes there is an urgency to get a skate park because there is no place for kids to skate. He, along with the public, does not want kids skateboarding on his sidewalk or steps, and that makes some of the skater's attitudes predictable, since there is nowhere for them to go.
3. Alderman Chad Cole urged skateboarders to email him on why they want a skate park and what they want, along with other council members. Chad asked the kids to "apply peer pressure" to other kids, and "present the best image possible" for the city. He has seen damage first-hand at Kiwanis.
4. Joel Thompson does not believe all the damage is done by skateboarders.
5. Stefan Sheffield asked where they could skate? They need a place until the park is built.
6. Jared Keeling says he is not 100% sure Kiwanis is not allowing skaters on their property. Kids can skate on city trails and back lots at the Community Center
7. Chad stated that the Committee will approach City Council, with all data and details on the skate park, on the first meeting in November.
8. Jared Keeling said ARC is willing to bring their equipment to Republic for an exhibition.
9. Tyler Lewis will check on a possible competition and BBQ in a local church parking lot
10. Tim Spitler (student) is starting a team called "Handicap skateboards.

III. Old Business: Kris Parks made a motion to discuss old business, seconded by Kelli Lewis. Motion Passed.

1. Jared Keeling stated that funds will be tight. There could be private sector groups, some city money or grants to help fund the park.
2. Chad Cole stated that we can't make a move until we have council's approval.
3. Stefan Sheffield would like School involvement.
4. Jim Shikany asked Tyler Lewis to discuss possibilities with him at school.

IV. Adjournment: Kris Parks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kelli Lewis. Motion passed.