

ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT relative to initiating a Vision Plan for Sheldon Skatepark to create a cohesive, community-driven design that enhances safety, connectivity, and recreational opportunities as it builds out the new roller-derby section for Phase II, and related matters.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Padilla – Jurado):

1. DIRECT the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and with input from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), to initiate a Vision Plan for Sheldon Skatepark to create a cohesive, community-driven design that enhances safety, connectivity, and recreational opportunities as it builds out the new roller-derby section for Phase II.
2. INSTRUCT BOE and RAP, with input from local skating groups, the larger community, and Council District 6, to develop a plan that includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. A cohesive and holistic park layout that unifies the skatepark, roller derby area, and LADWP trail as one continuous green space.
 - b. Improved landscaping with drought-tolerant, shade-providing trees and vibrant native California plants that bloom year-round.
 - c. Elimination of underutilized or “dead” spaces to maximize recreational and community use.
 - d. Clear, accessible pathways, lighting, and entry points that connect seamlessly to the LADWP trail without forcing park users to exit and re-enter.
 - e. Expanded seating and shaded areas, including gazebos, benches, and gathering spots.
 - f. A community center with flexible space for meetings, park operations, programming, and community engagement to improve safety and reduce vandalism.
 - g. A balanced mix of active and passive recreation opportunities, integrating the existing park footprint with Proposition K Phase II improvements and accommodating future phases.
 - h. Reduced excessive fencing, paired with safe, accessible parking areas.
 - i. A phased implementation strategy that bridges the gap between current and future Proposition K phases.

- j. Long-term strategies for programming, community activation, and ongoing maintenance in partnership with RAP.
3. INSTRUCT BOE, with assistance from RAP and LADWP, to provide a cost estimate and timeline within 30 days for the completion of the Vision Plan, with the goal of finalizing the plan by 2027.
4. INSTRUCT RAP to incorporate the City's Park naming policy into the Vision Plan process to ensure that the community has an opportunity to provide input on any potential naming or renaming considerations.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted

Summary:

On April 8, 2025, your Committee considered a Motion (Padilla – Jurado) relative to directing the Bureau of Engineering, in coordination with the Department of Recreation and Parks and with input from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, to initiate a Vision Plan for Sheldon Skatepark to create a cohesive, community-driven design that enhances safety, connectivity, and recreational opportunities as it builds out the new roller-derby section for Phase II, and related matters.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations in the Motion. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
ARTS, PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
JURADO:	YES
HERNANDEZ:	YES
NAZARIAN:	YES

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