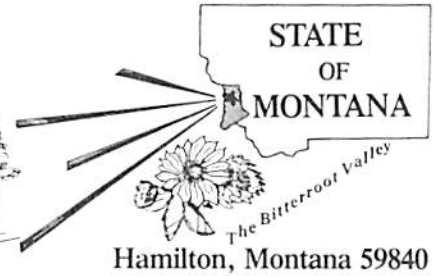


COUNTY OF RAVALLI



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May 21, 2014

Tom Kresan
Circle 13 Skatepark Inc.

RE: Support for Circle 13 Skatepark

Dear Mr. Kresan:

The Board of Ravalli County Commissioners supports the concept of a skatepark in Ravalli County. We feel this would be a recreational asset for our community.

Locating the skatepark on county property will require our office to hold public meeting(s) and take public comment, as well as further investigation by the Commissioners and our Civil Counsel.

Sincerely,
BOARD OF RAVALLI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Absent
Greg Chilcott, Chairman

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Ron Stoltz, Member

Absent
J.R. Iman, Member

Suzy Foss
Suzy Foss, Member

[Signature]
Jeff Burrows, Member



May 20, 2014

To: The Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners
From: The Ravalli County Fairgrounds Commission

RE: Circle 13 Skate Park Project

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Commission I am writing this letter of support for the Circle 13 Skate Park Project. At the fairgrounds commission meeting on March 11, 2014 Circle 13 Skate Park Board Secretary Crystal Anderson presented an idea for consideration of inclusion into the grand plan for the RC Fairgrounds. The idea proposed was whether ground for the Circle 13 Skate Park Project could be considered to be located on the Ravalli County Fairgrounds property.

Anderson reported that the City of Hamilton had agreed to donate land for a skate park however the land options given to date are not acceptable. She proposed utilizing the east area by the rodeo entrance on the Fairgrounds. The Circle 13 Skate Park Project would encompass 13,000 square feet. The Tony Hawk Foundation who will be a major contributor to the project does not fund skate parks less than 10,000 square feet.

After much discussion, the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Commission came to positive consensus for locating the Circle 13 Skate Park Project on the east lawn by the rodeo arena entrance, based on further investigation as to whether the City of Hamilton can provide the liability insurance for a project located on county grounds.

The Ravalli County Fairgrounds Commission believes that the inclusion of the Circle 13 Skate Park Project fits well with our mission of providing a wide variety of community activities at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds in a safe and positive environment.

We thank you for considering the request of the Circle 13 Skate Park Project to continue in their mission of providing additional healthy opportunities for the youth of the Bitterroot Valley.

On behalf of the Ravalli County Fairgrounds Commission
Deborah Rogala/Director/RC Fairgrounds

5/18/2014

Commissioner Suzy Foss and Ravalli County Commissioners,

This letter is a request to the Ravalli County Commission, for support to the Circle 13 Skatepark Inc, and the wider community or Ravalli County, to facilitate building a destination, 13,000 square foot, public, concrete skatepark for the youth and families Ravalli County. It is the Mission of the Circle 13 Skatepark Inc. to provide a high quality community recreational asset that supports healthy, athletic, creativity, provides a nexus for a diversity of user groups and improves the economic vitality of local business. We will advocate for the appropriate site, identify and solicit potential donors, engage in community outreach and education, seek local grassroots support and in-kind donations and partner with outside organizations and local government for complementary advocacy and support.

Presently, we are partnering with the City of Hamilton to identify a parcel of land, approximately ½ acre or less, at the Vestor Wilson Athletic Facility. However, this site remains encumbered with existing use. Currently, sufficient funding to move the existing use off site is lacking, however we continue to explore and move forward in considerations and refinement of the MOU.

Recently the Ravalli County Fair Board has stepped forward, to consider locating the skatepark on the south east corner of the fair, (next to the Road Dept site). We feel that this is actually a superior location for a number of reasons. The Mayor has offered 50,000 for the site at Vestor Wilson and as we continue face to face discussions with the City of Hamilton, these same funds may be better appropriated towards the referenced County property on Fairground Road. Transfer of the approximately ½ acre, SE corner to the City, or utilizing a long term lease would move the project forward. This would allow the project to fall under the City's existing MMIA liability insurance policy.

We would be happy to receive the County's support in exploring this possibility further. Additionally, we would be happy to speak to the Commission and articulate both the project as well as the benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Tom Kresan

Circle 13 Skatepark Inc.