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Public encouraged to ‘Come Out & Shape Your Skate Park’

Community engagement effort will inform designs of Westover Skate Park replacement project

HARRISONBURG, Va. – Harrisonburg Parks & Recreation is looking for the community to come out and help shape the future Westover Skate Park.

An open house public engagement session will be held Monday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Westover Park Community Activities Center, 305 S. Dogwood Dr. Anyone in the community can come to learn more about the project and provide their input on what they would like the amenity to include.

Action sports park design and construction team American Ramp Company will have skate park design experts on hand to speak with any community member interested in the project. Following the meeting, a survey will be available online and in print at the Westover Community Activities Center to allow additional feedback to be considered in the design phase of the skate park.

“No matter what your wheels of choice are – if you’re a skateboarder or enjoy getting out on your bike, scooter or rollerblades – we want to hear from you,” Harrisonburg Parks & Rec Director Brian Mancini said. “We know the former Westover Skate Park was beloved by many in our community, and we are excited about getting an even better amenity in that space in the near future.”

Once community input is obtained, Harrisonburg Parks & Rec staff will work with American Ramp Company on the design of a concrete skate park. Designs will be made available through the City’s website once available. Construction on the new skate park is currently anticipated to begin in late 2024.

The skate park is one of 21 projects funded through federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, and one of six Parks & Rec ARPA projects. The projects were determined following an extensive community engagement campaign that reached more than 3,000 people in the Harrisonburg community, asking them how they would like to see funds utilized. Learn more about the City’s ARPA projects at <https://harrisonburgva.gov/ARPA>.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 55,700 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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