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Newark Awards Skate Spot Design/Build Contract

Public Workshop Scheduled

Newark, DE (February 22, 2013) – At its January 14 meeting, the Newark City Council awarded a contract for design and build services to Grindline Skateparks of Seattle, WA to design and construct two (2) skate spots. The skate spots will be constructed at Handloff Park located on Barksdale Road and Phillips Park located at the end of B Street. Each facility will be uniquely designed to include street and plaza style skate features.

Newark's Parks & Recreation Department formed a committee of interested citizens to work with the city and has hopes to expand that committee as it moves into the design phase of the project. Newark seeks the input of those who will ultimately use the facilities. A workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the George Wilson Center located at 303 New London Road.** Anyone interested in getting involved should plan to attend.

Funding in the amount of \$160,000 has been secured for the project through the City of Newark Capital Improvement Program budget, a grant from the Delaware Land and Water Conservation Trust Fund, and a private donation of \$40,000. In an effort to enhance each facility by way of adding more skate features and site amenities, the committee is soliciting additional cash contributions, donations of equipment, materials or in-kind services for the project.

The following is a list of items that would be helpful:

Materials – concrete, base material (stone), rebar, lumber, nails

Equipment – skid steer loader, dumpster

Services – strip top soil and rough grading; replace top soil sod or hydroseed

Any person, organization, or business interested in contributing to the project should contact Joe Spadafino, Recreation Superintendent at 302-366-7060 or jspadafino@newark.de.us. For more information about the project, go to www.cityofnewarkde.us/parksrecreation/skatespots.

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