

MARCH 2021 UPDATE

RIVER CITY SKATEPARK (RCSP)

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#SOUTHPARKSKATEPARK

RCSP is a free and public skate park at

736 S. Cloverdale St.
in South Park, Seattle.

This park is unique because it is privately-owned by Sea Mar Community Health Services rather than by Seattle Parks and Recreation meaning that our group, Friends of RCSP, and the South Park community need to fundraise, design, and take the lead on any improvements to the space. Our group is excited and ready to launch the next phase of building and activating the park and we need your help!

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RAMP 99

8TH AVE

CLOVERDALE ST

LIBRARY



OUR VISION

We want RCSP to be welcoming and inclusive for skateboarders of all ages and abilities along with being a healthy place for community members to gather.

After many conversations with the South Park community and skateboarders, we'd like to design and build a new welcoming area or "skate plaza" at RCSP along the Cloverdale St. sidewalk and next to the new Green Wall that will draw people into the park. This flat concrete surface will be ideal for beginners to practice skating, and also serve as a space for community events, pop-up vendor markets, music performances, and other uses by non-skating visitors. Benches, trash cans, a BBQ, and a spot for a future drinking fountain will introduce more PARK into River City SkatePark.





SO WHAT'S IN THE WORKS?

Friends of RCSP received a grant from the Seattle Department of Neighborhood's Duwamish River Opportunity Fund to add more PARK in the skatepark. This project will have several components:

DESIGN SURVEY

Friends of RCSP and Grindline is collecting feedback on features people are excited about adding to the skatepark design during March. Since we're hoping to make this little skatepark more fun, safer, and more useful for skateboarders AND the surrounding community, we have two surveys with different sets of questions. Our community-focused survey has been translated into Spanish.

You can view surveys at: www.linktr.ee/rcspsouthpark or by using the QR code on the left.



WHAT ELSE?

PROGRAMMING

The Concord International Elementary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Skate Like a Girl will be offering FREE intro to skateboarding lessons for Concord students starting in April. Classes will take place on the South Park Community Center Tennis Courts on Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. starting on April 14 (Most lessons won't take place at the skatepark because it lacks a large flat space).

New skateboards, helmets, and pads will be provided for participants. Lessons will be only 3 weeks at a time to ensure we can offer more kids a chance to learn the fundamentals of skateboarding.

We'll be following King County Public Health COVID-19 guidelines which means lessons will happen in small groups (8 students maximum at a lesson), with masks required, social distancing, and sanitizing of hands.

NOTE: Registration lasted all of 12 hours before our spots were filled. We'll look for funding to set up more lessons for neighborhood youth in the future. Please reach out to jake@sngi.org if you have ideas!

BUILD

Once the Grindline Skateparks design is finalized and we receive permits, we can start construction this summer. We'll be writing more grants and approaching donors all year.

We also need donated/discounted materials from individuals and businesses, including STEEL, LUMBER, PIPING, HEAVY EQUIPMENT, FENCING, DUMPSTER, etc., so please reach out to us if you know who could help out!

MAINTENANCE

Duwamish Valley Youth Corps will be doing cleanups on the first Saturday of each month through the end of summer 2021.

Questions about any of this?
Email Jake Hellenkamp
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