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From: Brian Tungate
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2010 10:23 AM
To: 'mike boohar'
Cc: 'SueWiz@aol.com'; Dick Sturm (dsturm@wppienergy.org)
Subject: RE: skate park

Jodi:

Our department has recently met with officials from the Police Dept. to address many of the concerns you mention. We are planning to have Crime Prevention Officer Aaron Zemlock at our next Park Board meeting that I believe Dick Sturm has invited you to. A quick summary of some of the things that either are already in motion or will be followed up on in the near future include: installation of a portable video camera near the park, the police have purchased one that should go up soon, consideration of an ordinance revision that would lower the park curfew from 10pm to 9 pm, another ordinance revision that would prohibit smoking in the entire park, another revision that would give either Police Chief and/or Park Director the ability to close the basketball court or skatepark for temporary period of time, police assistance in recruiting attendants to periodically watch over the park, installation of at least one more trash receptacle, and some bike hitching posts. Lastly, the PD is starting to work with Family Dollar owner on signage that would essentially prevent parking in that lot without permission by the owner. Solea restaurant currently uses some spaces, so they would be an example of a legitimate user. As you can see, we were thinking along the same lines as you were, we wanted to get some changes in place before the summer season.

-----Original Message-----

From: mike boohar [mailto:mbooh@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, March 28, 2010 7:01 PM
To: Sue Wisneski
Subject: skate park

Hi Sue,

I live on Wilson St. and am concerned about the skate park activity. I have talked to the police department countless times and they really do try to handle my complaints. However, there are only so many of them, and other crimes and complaints may take priority over loud thumping music, underage smoking, and littering. I am not alone in my concerns or complaints and I would like something more proactive to take place in that park. As I walk through the park, pick up garbage, and observe the teenagers openly smoking, I am appalled that nothing is being done to make it better. How about some auxiliary police officers patrolling for a few hours each night? Their presence is likely deter the underage kids from thinking they can do what they want openly without consequence.

Summer is coming and my fear is that it will be another that is full of music thumping, littering, illegal activity, disrespect, and underage smoking, to mention a few. Please consider, for the sake of us tax payers and concerned community members, doing something now before another summer comes and more for sale signs go up.

Sincerely,

Jodi Young
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