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Public Input Meeting Planned for Skate Park Project

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque will begin gathering input on a proposed new skate park at a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 9, in the Majestic Room at the Five Flags Center, 450 Main St. Potential user groups, potential project partners, and all others interested are encouraged to attend.

The purpose of the Nov. 9 meeting is to give community members an opportunity to meet the project design team, ask questions, share ideas, and discuss the project in-depth. The meeting will also include a review of Dubuque's two existing skate parks at Comiskey Park and McAleece Sports Complex.

The City of Dubuque recently awarded a contract for the skate park evaluation and concept design to Pillar Design Studios of Chicago. In addition to gathering public input and developing the concept and design for a new skate park, the firm will evaluate and make recommendations for the current skate parks operated by the City.

The City's goal for a new skate park is to draw and engage local users to a facility that will challenge beginners to experienced users at a facility that provides street and park style elements, obstacles, and terrain as determined by community engagement and City staff. No predeterminations have been made whether the facility will be concrete, metal, or other materials or whether it should be a skate park, skate plaza, skate spot or other configuration. This will be determined through the evaluation and design process.

The City has committed \$600,000 to the completion of the project and has also challenged a local parent and skate park user group to raise an additional \$200,000, which would give the project a total budget of \$800,000. Additional background on the proposed project is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/skatepark. For more information, contact the City of Dubuque Leisure Services Department at 563-589-4263.

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