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LaGrange Skate Park Design Taking Shape

LaGrange, Ga. August 4, 2017 – The design of LaGrange’s downtown skate park in the south side of town is taking shape.



Former professional skateboarder Kanten Russell led the City of LaGrange’s second skate park design meeting Thursday evening at the District 4 Public Health Office across the street from the site of the park.

Based on ideas from the first meeting, he presented three options. Of those three, the majority of community members decided they liked a combination of two designs.

City of LaGrange Senior Planner Leigh Threadgill is helping Russell and the team at Stantec to design the skate park. “Of the three, concepts A and B were preferred with the majority of attendees commenting that they liked elements from both and would like to see a blend of the two.”

Russell, who skated professionally for thirteen years, says he truly enjoys working with the city and skateboard community. “This gives me an opportunity to take a look at a different perspective because I can see what the skater community wants and what the city wants to accomplish. This is a great project. Everyone is so supportive and everyone was very collaborative.”

Zack Collier, a local skateboarder, attended both the first and second meeting. He says he is



excited to have a place to skate. “It’s a stress release. I usually have to stay in my room. We’ve never had a chance to do something like this.”

Zack’s friend Cayton Bonds agrees. “Instead of being told to go away, this skateboarding park will be amazing. I plan to make many videos at this park and show it to the world.”

Downtown business owner of the Marketplace at Lafayette Square Al Brannon is excited about having a skate park near his business. “I think it’s a great thing. We need more things like this to do in downtown LaGrange.”

The City of LaGrange plans to build a public plaza-style skate park at the south end of downtown, on a portion of city-owned property near the Bull and Main Street intersection.

The skate park will provide a safe, designated place for wheeled-sport enthusiasts (skateboarders, BMX bike riders, inline skaters, scooter riders, etc.) to develop their skills and enjoy the company of their peers.

The skate park will be state-of-the-art, based on the latest skate park design principles and constructed with high-quality materials to ensure durability and longevity. It will feature a mix of street and transition-style terrain, with elements designed for all age groups and ability levels.

The design of the skate park should be finalized in about a month for presentation back to the community.

To watch the entire skate park design input meeting go to <https://www.facebook.com/lgtv.org/>

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