

## CITY OF CRAIG MEMORANDUM

To: Craig Planning Commission  
From: Brian Templin, City Planner  
Date: March 1, 2019  
RE: Skateboard Park – Site Analysis

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At the February 28, 2019 Planning Commission meeting the commission looked at a number of potential sites for placement of a new skateboard park. The sites discussed included:

1. The park at East Hamilton and the CK Highway (existing playground and basketball court)
2. Adjacent to the Aquatic Center parking lot and wood boiler on Water Tower Road
3. Below the existing playground/bathrooms at Ralph James Park
4. Near Craig Ballfields on Cemetery Island
5. Spruce Street Water Tank Site
6. Near the High School
7. On Middle School Property near Port Bagial Blvd. and the CK-Highway

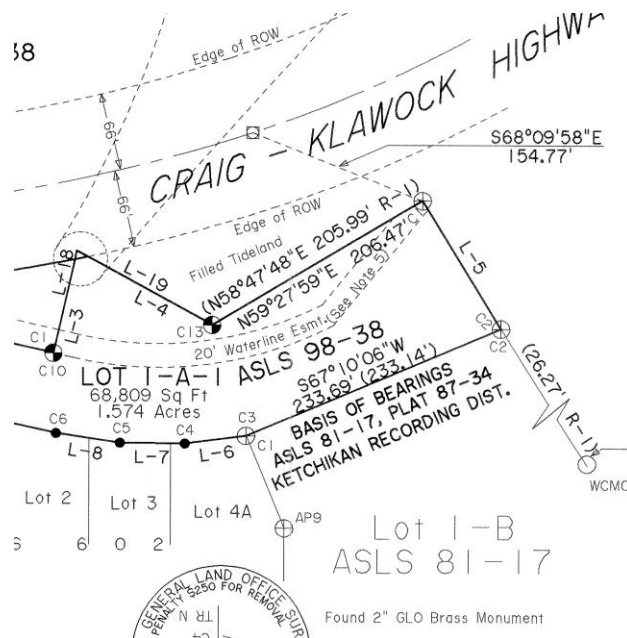
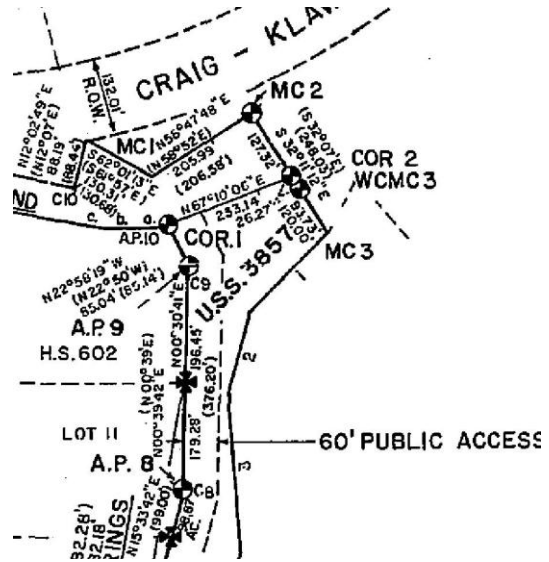
After taking public comment on the potential sites the commission asked that more information be brought back on sites 1 and 5 for further discussion at the March 28, 2019 meeting.

Site 1: East Hamilton Park/Basketball Court. (East Hamilton Site)

The East Hamilton Site is proposed to put a new skatepark in or adjacent to the existing park.



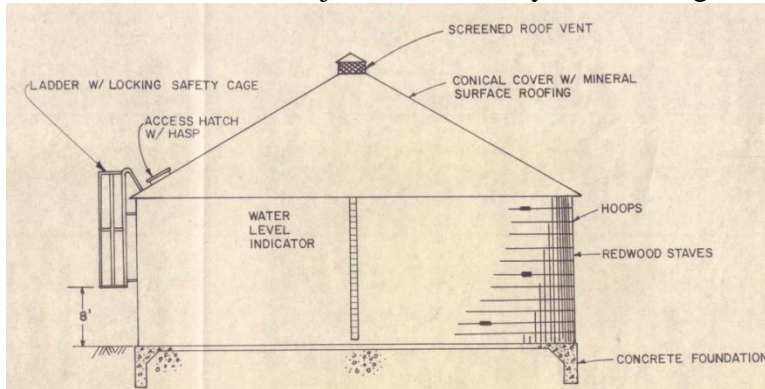
- The total area from the highway right of way to the south side of the playground/parking area is about 50,000 square feet
- This site has an existing basketball court and playground (this would not be a new recreation site)
- There is parking at the park site and at the Healing Heart Totem park across the street from the park
- The site is open and visible to law enforcement and neighbors
- Some of the site is previously developed – however there is likely not sufficient structural base so some additional site development would be required
- There are no public restrooms at the site
- There are a number of buried sewer lines and a sewer easement through the area that would have to be protected during construction of a new skatepark
- The existing fenced area is approximately 65'x35' (for overall scale)
- The city could choose to remove the basketball court and replace it with a skateboard park or it could choose to add a skateboard park adjacent to the basketball court
  - There was some public objection to removing the basketball court at the 2-28-19 public hearing
- There are some residential properties across Hamilton Drive from the proposed site



Site 2: Spruce Street Water Tank Site (Spruce Street Site)

This site includes lots 6 AND 7, Block 8, USS 1430, which is the current site of the wood water tank on Spruce Street. The tank has been unused for a number of years and the city has determined that this tank will be demolished and removed from the site.

- The site is approximately 12,500 square feet and consists of two lots side by side with the dental clinic on one side and the recreation center on the other side
- There are some residential properties to the south of the site but all property north, east, and west are non-residential
- The site is open and visible to neighbors and to law enforcement (the site is within one block of the police station)
- The site is next to the city owned recreation center which may allow for some shared use of restrooms
- The site is previously developed and has substantial structural fill and a concrete slab at the base of the existing water tank – the concrete slab may be a cost saving measure for construction
- This would be a new recreation area since the site is not currently a park or other recreation area
- There were no objections raised by surrounding landowners at the 2-28-19 public hearing



- This site would not displace any other recreational facilities
- Other than abandoning the existing water lines from the tank there are few other utility concerns underground on the site

I will send letters out to property owners near the two sites informing them that the issue will be discussed further and a decision may be made at the March 28, 2019 commission meeting.

At the meeting on March 28, 2019 the commission should discuss the two sites and, if the commission feels that it has enough information, make a recommendation to the Craig City Council to designate one of the site as the new skateboard park site.

