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City Council Meeting

REPORT DATE:
7/29/25

MEETING DATE:
8/13/25

SUBJECT **Update to the Capital Improvement Plan to include a Skatepark in Sherman Park and Grant Match to the Victor Skatepark Foundation**

ITEM TYPE ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Work Session ☐ Action Item

APPLICABLE VICTOR VALUES

☐Culturally Historic ☒ Sustainable ☐ Connected to Nature
☐ Small Town Feel ☐ Family Friendly ☒ Administrative Need

PURPOSE & PROCESS

The purpose of this item is for the City Council to consider amending the capital improvement plan to include a skatepark in Sherman Park and to pledge $150,000 for a grant match to build Phase 1 of the Victor Skatepark.

If the grant is awarded and the grant match is awarded, the project could begin as early as this fall.

BACKGROUND/ALTERNATIVES

The Victor Skatepark Foundation has presented to the City Council several times over the past few years to gauge interest in developing a skatepark within Victor city limits.

During that time, the Foundation has been actively fundraising and applying for grants to support the project. The current estimated cost of the skatepark is $310,000. Victor Skatepark Foundation applied for a $150,000 grant from the CHC Foundation, which would require a $150,000 grant match. They are requesting the $150,000 grant matching contribution from the City of Victor.

To date, the Foundation has secured $25,000. Victor Skatepark Foundation would contribute $10,000 of the funds raised for Phase 1.

The capital improvement plan for parks and recreation is broad, allowing for: play areas, picnic tables, pavilions, bathrooms, and park improvements at a level of service of 11.10 improvements per 1,000 persons. Staff believes the Skatepark project would be a valid and consistent use of the impact fees by providing a park improvement that does not currently exist in the city. New housing developments will contribute to the need for more improvements within Sherman Park.

ATTACHMENTS

Grant Application
Impact Fee Ordinance O606-Development Impact Fees | MuniDocs | Victor, ID | Municode Library
Impact Fee Study: Victor, ID Impact Fee Study_8.26.22 | MuniDocs | Victor, ID | Municode Library

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed project would require a $150,000 contribution from the City, which could be fully funded through the Parks & Recreation impact fee budget. To July 1, the City has collected $184,115 in Parks & Recreation

impact fees. Victor is expecting a fee in lieu at another project in the coming months, as well as projected impact fee revenue. Of that amount, $33,000 has been budgeted for new restrooms at the City Park. No other projects have been identified at this time, though potential future uses include a bouldering park, new playground equipment, and a restroom facility at Sherman Park, and upgrades to the riding arena.

This approval would require a budget amendment as the total budget for FY26 is $125,800.

Staff presented to the Urban Renewal Agency, acting as the Impact Fee Review Committee, on August 4. The URA approved the update to the capital improvement plan and recommended council pledge $150,000 for the skatepark. The Committee expressed some initial concerns that the funding was mutually exclusive and would pull from other projects, but ultimately felt that the skatepark in Sherman Park would provide an asset for the city and a positive impact to the users.

STAFF IMPACT

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the city council approve the amendment to the capit [address redacted] nclude a skatepark in Sherman park as well as the grant match of $150,000 for Phase

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve the amendment of the capital improvement plan to include a skatepark in Sherman Park.

I further move to approve the grant match of $150,000 for Phase 1 of the Victor skate park, pursuant to the award of CHC grant and a budget amendment.

[General vote]

ALTERNATE MOTION

[General vote]

2025 CHC Grant – Victor Skatepark Foundation

7/16/25

Project Description

- A complete description of the project including goals and objectives

  To build a ***unique*** skatepark that caters to all skill levels and user types, from beginner to expert. The goal for Phase 1 is to complete a 5,000 square foot concrete skatepark.

- Identification of specific outcomes the project is expected to achieve

  This grant is specific to building Phase I of the skatepark. See attached design renderings. The expected outcome is to have a 5,000 square foot, concrete skatepark.

- Explanation of the need for the project

  The need for this project is for recreational use. This project will become a part of Sherman Park, within the City of Victor. Sherman Park currently contains a bike park, horse riding area, playground, dog park, baseball fields, walking trails and disc golf course. Along with the skatepark the City of Victor has also approved a climbing/bouldering pavilion for this same city park.

- Specific activities or methods that will be used to reach the project goals

  To reach the ultimate goal of this project, which is the completion of Phase I, we plan to continue to hold community fundraisers, work with the newly formed Teton County Recreation District as a potential funding source, and work with the City of Victor as a potential funding source. The main charitable organization in Teton Valley is the Community Foundation and we have worked with them the last two years to be a part of their main non-profit support, event known as the Tin Cup Challenge. See tincupchallenge.org for more info.

  We are also applying for grants and have done so in the past and will continue to do so in the future. Our next grant opportunity will become available in January 2026 and that will be done via The Skatepark Project. We have already held meetings with them and have kept them abreast of our developments as they occur.

- A timeline for implementation of the project including starting date and expected completion date

  We do not have a timeline as it all depends on fundraising and raising the total funds. Our design/ builder (Dreamland Skateparks) has schedule openings to start construction as soon as Spring 2026 and the overall schedule would be about 4 months.

- Comments on past or present attempts by the applicant and others to address the designated need

  NA

Itemized Project Budget

- Itemized project budget showing how major expenses are estimated.

OPTION 1			OPTION 2	
Project Cost	$310,000		Project Cost	$310,000
CHC Grant Request	($20,000)		CHC Grant Request	($150,000)
VSF Match via Donations(in-hand)	($20,000)		City of Victor Match via Impact Fees	($150,000)
VSF Donations (in-hand)	($5,000)		VSF Donations (in-hand)	($10,000)
Total Remaning	$265,000		Total Remaining	$0

Our project budget is $310,000. This is a cost from Dreamland & stems from their square foot cost of $62.00 per. $62.00 x 5,000 square feet = $310,000.

To date we have raised about $25,000. If we apply for $20,000 from this CHC grant we have $20,000 to match the amount.

If we apply for $150,000 from this CHC grant we would approach the City for the match via their collected impact fees of $150,000. With the dollars we have raised to date, these would fund the entire project and then some.

See chart above.

- PLEASE include bids for anything included on your budget. NA
- Explanation of how the project will be maintained after CHC Foundation funds are expended (how will operating expenses be funded?)

  The nice thing about concrete skateparks is once they are complete there is very little maintenance or operating costs. Typical trash pickup and debris clean-up is normally done by the users. There are already existing trash and restrooms in Sherman Park and the City is planning to build a new restroom and trash facility there as well.

- Explanation of why the organization cannot assume the cost of the project from its own resources

  Given the sheer cost of the Project, we cannot assume the full cost on our own.

- Explanation of other funding sources that have been received or attempted.

  We have had (4) community fundraisers and are planning a 5th on 8/24/25. We also held banked slalom race event at Grand Targhee resort this past April. We have applied for local grants

through Silverstar, Fall River Electric, Teton Springs Foundation and the Community Foundation of Teton Valley. We are also working on a grant that is due at the end of July 2025 from the CHC Foundation. We are planning to apply for another grant opportunity on 1/2/26 with the Skatepark Project (ex Tony Hawk Foundation). To date we have not been awarded any grant monies. The only dollars awarded have been through the Tin Cup Challenge last year, however we should be receiving further monies in August 2025 for this year's event. Most of our monies raised have been through the community fundraisers we have done on our own and last year's Tin Cup.

Organization Finances

- Include information about the organization's financial support for this individual project.

  We currently have about $25,000 in our bank account.

- Statement of the organization's financial status, including all sources of funds and income (preferably an audited balance sheet and income statement for the most recent fiscal year). NA

- A copy of the Internal Revenue Service tax exempt letter verifying that the organization is not a private foundation and is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. See attached.

- For public entities eligible under Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, a statement from the governmental or political subdivision official (school principal or superintendent, city mayor, county commissioner, etc.) affirming that the entity is eligible under Section 170(c)(1) because it is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho. The ideal phrasing for a letter like this would be something along the lines of, "Awesome County/Coolest Town is tax exempt under Section 170(c)1 Internal Revenue Service Code because it is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho." NA

- Name, address, phone number, and letter of endorsement from a person authorized to receive funds if granted.

  Jeff Cominsky, Non-Profit Founder

  [address redacted]

  [address redacted]

  [phone redacted]

  Funds received would be direct deposit to our bank account or a written check made out to the Victor Skatepark Foundation. See attached Letter of Endorsement.

Information About the Organization

Description of the organization requesting funds, including a summary of its background, purpose, objectives, and experience in the area for which the funds are being sought.

Victor Skatepark foundations wants to add to the recreational opportunities in Teton Valley Idaho by building ***unique*** skatepark that caters to all skill levels and user types, from beginner to expert. The idea is to not only attract valley locals to the park but to draw visitors from neighboring states. All board members are skateboarders, some have taught skate lessons, some have built ramps as jobs, and most have kids that skate as well. The park will be open to skateboards, inline and roller skates, scooters and BMX bikes (no pegs).

- Name and qualifications of people involved in implementing the project.

  Jeff Cominsky, Tim Eberly, Dave Bender, Mark Paglierani-skateboarders and most are fathers
  Jeremy Besbris, City Administrator, Victor, Idaho
  Dreamland Skateparks, nationwide skatepark builder 25+ years experience design/build

- Include a list of the Board of Directors if appropriate.

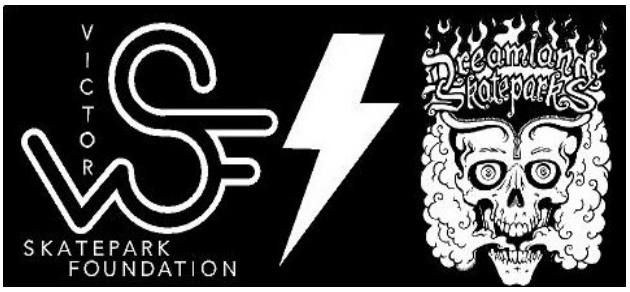
  Jeff Cominsky, Tim Eberly, Dave Bender, Mark Paglierani

- Statement of full support by the director of the requesting organization. Schools should include a letter from the principal and superintendent supporting the project. Other public entities should include letters of support from appropriate governmental officials. See attached statement from Jeff Cominsky and Letter of Support from the City of Victor.

- Please list past history of CHC Foundation grant history requests in descending chronological order with amounts requested and granted. The discussion should include the following: purposes, experiences, and outcomes of those projects that were granted. NA.

- How did your organization learn about the CHC Foundation?

  Word of mouth at a Community Foundation of Teton Valley non-profit mtg.



Letter of Endorsement to receive funds from CHC Foundation

- I Jeff Cominsky, founder of Victor Skatepark Foundation note as follows:

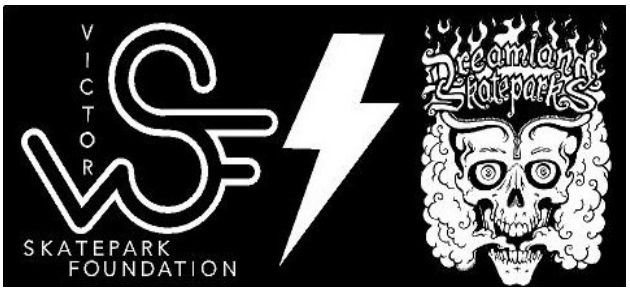
Jeff Cominsky, Non-Profit Founder/ Victor Skatepark Foundation

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Statement of Full Support

- I Jeff Cominsky, founder of Victor Skatepark Foundation note as follows:

  Statement of Full support is written to support the 2025 CHC Grant Application. Our Foundation supports the need for an additional recreation opportunity in Teton Valley in the form of a concrete skatepark.

  The location within Sherman Park will be adjacent to the bike park's future asphalt pump track and the newly proposed climbing wall facility. The City of Victor is in full support of all (3) projects. This would create a one-of- a- kind community park not found anywhere in the state of Idaho.

  Below are statements from online sources noting benefits of community skateparks:

  Recreation and Leisure: Skateparks provide a designated space for skateboarders, etc. to engage in their activities. By offering a safe and accessible environment, a skatepark encourages physical activity and healthy recreation. It gives individuals, particularly young people, an outlet for their energy and a place to socialize with others who share similar interests.

  Community Engagement: Skateparks often become community hubs, attracting individuals from diverse backgrounds who share a passion for action sports. They foster a sense of community and provide a
  space for interaction and connection. Skaters can form friendships, share tips and tricks, and inspire each other to improve their skills. This social aspect helps build a stronger sense of community and encourages positive interactions between different groups of people.

  Youth Development: Skateboarding and other action sports can have a positive impact on youth development. They promote discipline, perseverance, and resilience as skaters work to master new tricks and overcome challenges. Skateparks offer a platform for young people to develop their skills, boost their self-confidence, and learn valuable life lessons such as goal-setting and perseverance.

Tourism and Economic Benefits: Well-designed and well-maintained skateparks can attract visitors, including skateboarders and spectators, from outside the city. This influx of tourists can have positive
economic effects by increasing local spending on accommodation, food, and retail. Skateboarding competitions and events held at the skatepark can also draw participants and spectators, generating additional tourism revenue.

Health and Well-being: Skateboarding and other action sports provide a form of physical exercise that promotes cardiovascular fitness, balance, coordination, and overall well-being. By offering a space for
these activities, skate parks encourage healthier lifestyles and contribute to public health initiatives aimed at reducing sedentary behavior.

February 26, 2025

Victor Skate Park Foundation

RE: Letter of Support for Victor Skate Park Project

Dear Victor Skate Park Foundation Board Members:

On behalf of the City of Victor Mayor and City Council, I am pleased to formally express our enthusiastic support for the Victor Skate Park project. This letter confirms our commitment to partner with the Victor Skate Park Foundation in bringing this valuable recreational asset to our community.

Following thorough review and deliberation, the City Council approved the allocation of a 15,000-square-foot (approx.) portion of Sherman Park, located adjacent to and southwest of the existing bike jumps, for the development of the skate park. We believe this location offers an ideal setting that complements our existing recreational infrastructure while providing convenient access for residents and visitors.

The City of Victor recognizes the significant benefits this skate park will bring to our community, including:

- Expanded recreational opportunities for youth and residents of all ages
- A dedicated space for skateboarding, fostering physical activity and skills development
- Enhancement of Sherman Park as a recreational destination
- Potential economic benefits through increased tourism and visitor engagement
- A community gathering space that promotes positive social interaction

The City of Victor looks forward to continuing our collaboration as this project moves into the development phase. Our staff will work closely with your team to ensure smooth coordination regarding permitting, construction logistics, and integration with existing park infrastructure.

Should you require any additional documentation or support from the City, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Besbris
Victor City Administrator

cc: Victor City Mayor

August 13, 2025

CHC Foundation
[address redacted]
[address redacted]

CITY OF VICTOR
CITY COUNCIL

Dear CHC Foundation Board of Directors,

RE: City of Victor Matching Fund Commitment for Victor Skatepark Foundation Grant Application

The City Council of the City of Victor is pleased to express our strong support for the Victor Skatepark Foundation's (VSF) grant application to the CHC Foundation. We are writing to confirm our commitment to provide matching funds should VSF be awarded a grant in the amount of $150,000.

The City of Victor pledges to match the CHC Foundation's grant award to the Victor Skatepark Foundation dollar-for-dollar, up to $150,000. These matching funds will be sourced from developer impact fees currently held by the City. The City is committed to working collaboratively with the Victor Skatepark Foundation to construct Phase 1 of the proposed skatepark within Sherman Park. This partnership represents our dedication to providing diverse recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages in our community.

We believe this skatepark project will provide significant benefits to our community, offering young people and skateboarding enthusiasts a safe, professionally designed facility for recreation and skill development. The project aligns with our city's commitment to promoting active lifestyles and providing quality recreational amenities for all residents.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of the Victor Skatepark Foundation's grant application and look forward to the opportunity to partner with the CHC Foundation in bringing this valuable community asset to fruition.

Should you require any additional information or documentation regarding our matching fund commitment, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Mayor Frohlich, City of Victor

cc: Victor Skatepark Foundation Board of Directors

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VICTOR SKATEPARK FOUNDATION
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VICTOR, ID 83455

Date:
05/01/2024
Employer ID number:
93-2265914
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: (877) 829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
June 6, 2023
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements









