



## May of 2017

# Indianapolis Skatepark Advocates

## Newsletter # 12

Will the rain ever stop! The April Showers are hanging around, hopefully it will start warming up and we can get out and play. Good meeting on 5/10/17-This was a travel meeting, we met up and went to Grassy Creek to review the site and talk about designs.

1. We are the official advocacy group for Skateparks in Indianapolis and surrounding area. We have met with many new groups and have made connections with others that will prove to be beneficial in the future. The future for skating and skate parks in Indianapolis looks bright. Several projects on the horizon.
2. We have been added to the Riverside park master plan for the 2017-2018 parks department agenda. This is huge, since all the work we have done, this will help keep us in front and our plans for the future protected as we go forward. We have our designs done and are submitting them to Ratio Architects to be included in their master plan of the area surrounding the skatepark. This is a long term plan for the greenways and parks along White River and the areas around it. Having our plans in place will make future builds much easier. This puts us in a great position moving forward. Discussions with Emily Wood at KIB to make green space improvements around Major Taylor.
3. Meeting planned at Major Taylor with Lisa Lemming to discuss - Halloween Jam 2017
4. Michael Gage now Treasurer, and will take over handling the ISA account. We have new official Fifth third Bank account, no fees, credit card and no minimum balance.
5. Look for Social media announcements about 2nd Wed. Sessions- this last one was made into a travelling core meeting of the group.
6. Indy Park master plan, and Riverside park master plan- looking to get hunger to do design and site map. Submitting basic details to parks board.
7. Grassy Creek Park- Visited site, location of basketball courts could be a concern, major cracks also in the asphalt of surface of tennis courts. Will discuss issues with Hunger skatepark designers. Separate parking lot for skatepark / tennis courts currently.
8. Stout Field Elementary- They are discussing a pump track and park now. Going back to them with design ideas and working with hunger on pump track.
9. Willard Park neighborhood -Downtown opportunity for revitalization of area, Sue Spicer and her group are looking to work with DMB, and Ashly Weaver of INRC to partner and make a skatepark for the neighborhood kids. Future private property park downtown, open at certain hours, outside and supervised by neighbors.
10. Issue at park was resolved within group and are network of skaters and users at the park. We had a fire happen at the park and one of the traffic barrels was completely burnt and melted to the park. It was handled, all was cleaned up and painted. Thankfully no one was hurt and law enforcement was not required. Marion has been notified about the incident and the Marion police are aware of what happened, but an official report was not filed. This says a lot for the community we have started to build and grow. Many skate shops are coming together and the overall scene is starting to solidify as a community of skaters. Which is a positive thing!
11. We will be the guest of Burger fuel and part of the Taste of Broad Ripple June 17, 2017. We have been asked to represent skaters and skate parks at the festival. We will have our banner flying and skaters from all parts of town helping us demo and hold a jump ramp contest. Ledges, rails and a few things from Arsenal Park set up. Look for details and social media posts about the event coming up in a month.

This year we will celebrate the PLAN!

MT Master Plan Jam Halloween 2017

- Food Trucks
- Bands
- Raffles
- Artists- Big Car, GPC Tubbs and Nat
- Sponsors / Donations- Skate shops, Skate Company's, Vendors.
- Future site development plans
- Various Fun tests! Speed race w/cones marking course, highest furthest Ollie, best costume, best obstacle use. Possible new removable obstacle, wood add on!
- Group photo opportunity and Event photo step and repeat cutout.

All this will take many volunteers, so we are asking FOR YOUR HELP! We will need many hands to make this happen and we know there is a place for you to HELP. We will have a special shirt made for the event along with a staffer's shirt that will be provided to those who help during the day. Come to the next 2nd Wednesday session and find out more about volunteering.

Still on the table- A memorial for our friend Keaton Ross. Working with Stephen Ross and BRHA, Broad Ripple Homeowners Association, to see if we can come up with a place to have plot pad poured and obstacles added to skate and a memorial rail to be put in place. This will be crowdfunded.

The Indianapolis Skatepark Advocates exist to help park users communicate with the city to make sure that we have areas to ride. Please let us know what you think. We want to create a community at our skateparks.

We always appreciate your input, feel free to message us on social media or email. Looking forward to seeing you at the park. Take care and have fun! See you at the park! Best way to communicate with the group is via email. Please direct all inquiries to [indyskateparkadvocates@gmail.com](mailto:indyskateparkadvocates@gmail.com)

If you haven't yet go to our website [www.indyskateparks.com](http://www.indyskateparks.com) and check out the photos and videos from the Halloween party last Saturday. Big shout out to Austin Friedline for taking the photos and making the video!!!