



## April of 2017

### Indianapolis Skatepark Advocates

### Newsletter # 11

Spring is in the air! Hopefully we will start seeing sunny days and lots of people at the skatepark still enjoying the new obstacles added to the park last Halloween. The Advocates have been busy with meetings and a lot of plans are in the works all over Indiana as well as new things happening right here in our city and local park, Major Taylor! The future is looking good. We met with the city parks and parks foundation folks and we are planning on signing documents to make us an official Advocacy group within the Parks department. Here are also some details from that meeting and our meeting April 5th.

1. Officially being added as an advocacy group for the Parks Foundation and park department of Indianapolis. Contract still needs to be signed.
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.
3. Working on plans for our next big event at Major Taylor- Halloween 2017 This year will be a celebration year for the PLAN!
  - 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.
- A. 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 staffers 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.
4. Michael Gage was nominated to take over as Treasurer, and will take over handling the ISA account.
5. We will be reaching out to individuals also to network and make this event great!
6. Look for Social media announcements about 2nd Wed. Sessions
7. We are still working on some design images for Q Skatepark, the indoor spot in Stout field area. Currently we are working on designs for the following projects:
  - a. Indy Park master plan, and Riverside park master plan
  - b. Grassy Creek Park-site visit planned in the next few weeks.
  - c. Stout Field Elementary
  - d. 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 inquires 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!!!