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Subject: Skate Park Lighting

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At the March 16, 2015 City Council meeting, a group of skate board enthusiasts requested the City address a concern over lack of lighting at the Skate Park on New York Street. They cited the need for better evening lighting to make the facility safer and more useable. Council directed staff to look into the request and report back at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

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Parks staff met with skate boarding advocate Jakub Hladysz, one of the adult speakers at the March 16th Council meeting to review the group's concerns and concluded that there is a need for lighting at the park to facilitate evening use and provide added safety.

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The Police Department is on board with allowing lights at this location, provided they are on a timer and can be automatically turned off at 10:00 pm.

Staff will develop a cost estimate to provide lighting at the New York Street skate park for review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at their May 14th meeting. We will continue to work with Mr. Hladysz and other skate park users to ensure the facility remains a viable recreational opportunity for the skate boarding community.