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Date: July 3, 2007
To: Legal and Finance Committee
From: G. Chapman, Library Director
Cc: Monte Loos, Library Board of Trustees Chair
Re: Change to skateboarding ordinance

Recommendation: Change city ordinance 10.52.010 to include the library property in the “no-skateboarding” zone:

10.52.010 Skateboards-Prohibitions.

No person shall ride upon, operate or perform acrobatic stunts using a skateboard or other device propelled by human power of the rider upon any street, sidewalk, parking lot or other public place, or upon any private property so designated in the area bounded by the centerline of Omaha Street on the north, the centerline of ~~Kansas City Street~~ Quincy Street to the south, the centerline of East Boulevard on the east, and the centerline of West Boulevard on the west. Nothing herein shall prohibit the operation of bicycles or wheelchairs in accordance with applicable law or prohibit the use of skateboards or other device propelled by human power in the course of a parade authorized by the Chief of Police or upon any designated bike path.

(Ord. 3321, 1996: prior code § 28-7)

Background: Over 1,200 people visited the library each day in 2006. These library visitors enter and exit the facility from the main entrance on Quincy Street. To reach this entrance, they often encounter people skateboarding on the sidewalks or in the library’s parking garage.

Patrons regularly comment to library staff about skateboarders causing an access hazard in front of the library. The majority of these comments are verbal; however, there have also been written comments from patrons dating from 2003. In 2005, a pedestrian was injured by an uncontrolled skateboard.

The proposed change to the city ordinance is recommended in order to provide safe access and egress to the public library for all library users.

