

Photo by Vince Ramirez

Brandon Philes may be one of Eugene's many skateboarders to benefit from the city council's decision to proceed with a proposal to build skateboard parks.

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courses would go before the city council for approval on July 11.

Skateboard facilities are needed to "take some of the pressure off of private and public facilities that are now used," Drapela said. "Skate boarding is a sport without a place. Kids will use facilities that are not designed for that kind of use."

He added that there had been some complaints about skateboarders using sidewalks and ramps in the downtown area and the downtown shopping mall.

"I hope this is a positive way to deal with this." Drapela said.

The issue of providing a safe place for skateboarders to practice their craft was first brought before the city council by Eugene's Youth Committee.

"They did an excellent job of lobbying the council." Bascom said. "They showed up in large numbers and expressed themselves well."

Bascom added that about half of the funding needed for the skateboard project has been donated through materials and labor. She said the other half would come from the general park fund.

The design for the mini-course facilities were drawn by Aaron Lacy, a student at Spencer Butte Middle School. Lacy won a design competition sponsored by the Eugene Parks. Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

The design will feature an elongated free form area with sloped sides. It will also include a bowl at one end and sloped islands in the center of the course. Parks Planner John Etter said he will refine Lacy's design and make it more elaborate with additional features suited to all skill levels.

IFC to meet today

Incidental Fee Committee meets today at 3:30 p.m. in the ASUO office. Summer council orientation is on the agenda.

Et als

Campus Crusade for Christ's weekly meeting will be held Monday night at 7:30 in Room 146 Straub. The group is an international, interdenominational Christian group at the University. All are welcome at the meeting.

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