

I. MISSION OF SCOTTY LAPP FOUNDATION



Scotty Lapp was kind, thoughtful, loving and energetic. Skiing became his greatest passion, and during the off-season, he loved nothing more than to grab his skateboard and head out with his friends. After school in Tahoe City, kids of all ages would gather to skate but did not (and still do not) have an appropriate, identified place to go and skate. Scotty did not like breaking the rules but wanted to practice his sport. He intended to start a petition to build a park. Tragically, he passed away in a ski accident in February 2022 before he had a chance to help make his dream of a local Tahoe City skatepark happen. Hours after his death, his family decided to continue with Scotty's plans and work on trying to build a skatepark for the community's benefit.

In Scotty's honor, the Scotty Lapp Foundation (SLF or Foundation) was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation to bring Scotty's dream to fruition: creating a Tahoe City skatepark to empower youth by making ski, snowboard and skate more accessible to underserved communities and assisting athletes in reaching their full potential.

As a result of the incredible generosity of individuals, community foundations and corporate partners from around the world along with the unwavering commitment of the SLF Board, the Tahoe Skatepark Committee, and numerous others too many to name, the Foundation has accomplished much over these past 24+ months. Among other things, we have:

- raised over \$600,000 in cash and pledge donations
- secured pro bono representation from numerous consultants with technical, design and legal expertise
- secured County approval of, built and successfully operated and maintained a 4,000-sf temporary "pop-up" skatepark (relying entirely on donated land, labor and materials)
- created the Scotty Lapp Memorial Freeride Scholarship and "paid it forward" by contributing \$20,000 in ski scholarships to Palisades Tahoe Community Foundation and the Tahoe Junior Freeride Series

II. PROPOSAL: PARTNER WITH TTUSD and TCPUD TO CREATE AND OPERATE THE SCOTTY LAPP MEMORIAL SKATEPARK

The Foundation seeks to explore opportunities to partner with the Truckee-Tahoe Unified School District (TTUSD), as well as the Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) to transform the existing, approximately 12,140-sf underutilized dog park (located on TTUSD land adjacent to existing ball fields and Tahoe Lake Elementary School) into a regional skatepark serving Tahoe City and neighboring communities. Under this proposal, the Foundation would take the lead and be financially responsible for planning, environmental review, design, permitting, fundraising, and construction of the public skatepark improvements on TTUSD's property. TCPUD would assume ownership of the constructed skatepark improvements and its ongoing operations and maintenance in accordance with the Letter of Intent recently unanimously approved by the TCPUD Board of Directors. Each party's rights and obligations would be further defined in a future joint use agreement (or similar acceptable form of agreement) that would be cooperatively developed by the TTUSD, TCPUD and the Foundation, for approval by the TTUSD Board of Directors.

Proposed Location is Optimal

This is a stellar location for the proposed facility because, among other reasons, it is:

- flat, centrally located, and of sufficient size¹
- located where infrastructure presently exists on-site to accommodate active recreation and public use (e.g., baseball field operates lighting from dusk until 9 pm, public restrooms located onsite, public parking exists along Grove Street, behind commercial row, and at the adjacent elementary school after hours²)
- readily accessible by foot, skateboard, bus, and car
- highly visible to enhance safety and security
- close to local schools (e.g., Tahoe Lake Elementary, North Tahoe School, NTHS)
- readily accessible for people from multiple communities (west shore, north shore and beyond)
- located near complementary commercial-retail uses (e.g., restaurants, Tahoe Dave's) and other outdoor recreation amenities (e.g., lake, golf course)
- within the purview of TCPUD service area, thereby providing opportunities for ongoing operation and maintenance³

¹ We obtained concurrence from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) that there is verified coverage for the dog park to allow construction of the skatepark.

² The planned Grove Street Parking Project will further enhance parking to serve these joint-use recreational facilities.

³ Consistent with TCPUD's role in supporting a broad range of parks and recreation services and based on preliminary productive discussions with TCPUD staff and as reflected in the Letter of Intent recently approved by the TCPUD Board, we are hopeful that a mutually acceptable arrangement can be

- appears consistent with TTUSD facilities planning objectives such that the skatepark could be incorporated into planning efforts and be compatible with and not impede TTUSD's ability to realize other long-term facilities objectives

This Skatepark Would Deliver Numerous Benefits to the Community

This regional-serving public recreational use would:

- honor the wishes of a fallen student who was beloved by fellow students, staff and community
- provide access to much-needed additional recreational space⁴ to serve our local youth, fostering a sense of belonging
- facilitate an engaging, creative physical activity (which is also an Olympic sport) that is inclusive, affordable (particularly compared to snow sports and mountain biking), create a sense of community, and promote strong mental and physical health and well-being⁵
- enhance educational programming with local elementary schools⁶
- provide a training ground for all ages and abilities (beginner to expert level world class Olympians)
- serve as a destination attraction for visitors

Partnering with the Foundation to Create a Critical Community-Serving Public Recreational Use is Consistent with Key District Values and Objectives

We understand that developing this facility will take the cooperation and coordination of other multiple public agencies, including TRPA, TCPUD, and the County. ***But it goes without saying: this only happens if we have the support of TTUSD.*** To that end, the Foundation would very much appreciate the opportunity to explore partnering with TTUSD to make the Scotty Lapp Memorial Skatepark a reality. In so doing, TTUSD would be exemplifying core District values and fostering achievement of key District objectives, such as, for example:

made among the Foundation, TCPUD and TTUSD with respect to the relocation of the dog park and ongoing operation and maintenance of the skatepark.

⁴ The closest existing skateparks are in Truckee and Incline, which is an 20-60 plus minute bus ride depending on where kids live in North Tahoe).

⁵ See, e.g., <https://pullias.usc.edu/blog/groundbreaking-study-redefines-skateboarding-culture/>. Skateboarding improves mental health. A recent study from The Skatepark Project and USC revealed that 76% of people skate to have fun, and 62% skate to get away from stress. (University of Southern California - Beyond The Board Study.)

⁶ For example, the Foundation and TTUSD could explore opportunities for the Foundation to help support (through funding, access to skilled professional skaters and equipment, etc.) new PE curriculum.

- *“The physical, social-emotional well-being of students results from a partnership between families, the school staff, and the community.”* (Core District beliefs, TTUSD Website)
- *“Learning is a process that combines nurturing, creativity, imagination, honoring a sense of wonder, and exploration of individual interests.”* (Core District beliefs, TTUSD Website)
- *“The Lake Tahoe region is precious, and we value our physical environment and integrate this element into our educational goals.”* (Core District beliefs, TTUSD Website)
- *“Schools, families and the community are partners in helping students develop a sense of ownership for their learning.”* (Core District beliefs, TTUSD Website)
- *“The board of education is entrusted with the responsibility for setting policies and strategies that are consistent with these beliefs and assures the district meets its vision.”* (Core District beliefs, TTUSD Website)
- *“Working together to engage and empower students, educators, and staff to achieve their potential.”* (Core strategy, TTUSD Strategic Framework, June 2023)
- *“Community Connections: Proactively support belonging and inclusion for all students, families, educators, and staff and continue to develop strong community connections to each other and to the valuable and precious resources in the Tahoe-Truckee region.”* (Focus Area 3, TTUSD Strategic Framework, June 2023)

“Expand community partnerships to support student learning and expand opportunities for community-based educational partnerships, immersion in our natural environment, internships, and outdoor education in the area.” (Focus Area 3, TTUSD Strategic Framework, June 2023)

High-Quality, Thoughtful Sustainable Design Would be Paramount

While the ultimate design of the facility would be subject to the approval of TTUSD (and other public agencies with jurisdiction over aspects of the project) and after completion of robust community outreach, the Foundation is working with teams from the Skatepark Project (formerly the Tony Hawk Foundation) and California Skateparks (a world renowned skatepark design and build company) to design an approximately 10,000-sf professional-quality permanent skatepark (which typically has about a 20-year life), utilizing low impact development (LID) and stormwater infiltration, taking into appropriate account adjacent uses.

Proposed Next Steps

The Foundation requests an opportunity to make a formal presentation in front of the TTUSD Board as an informational item at an upcoming Board meeting .

ATTACHMENT 1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCOTTY LAPP FOUNDATION

I. **Scotty Lapp Foundation Board Members**

- Amy Lapp (Co-Founder)
- Jason Lapp (Co-Founder)
- Christina Bosch (Fundraising Grants)
- Angela McInerney (Ski Development)
- Ritch Viola (Fundraising/Marketing)

II. **Tahoe Skatepark Committee**

- Nadia Costa, Land Use and CEQA Attorney
- Johnny Herlihy, local skater
- Lisa Laliotis, everything
- Tom Lane, everything
- Joey Meldrum, Land Use and CEQA Attorney
- Wyatt Olgilvy, TRPA Consultant
- Eben Schriber, Contractor
- Kat Smolen, Hydrologist
- Aaron Tippett, Event Production
- Lindsay Thayer, Marketing/Public Relations

III. **Local Business Supporters**

- Alpenglow Sports
- Alpine Sports Marketing & Sales
- Auerbach Engineering
- Blacktop Paving
- Coffeebar
- Fireside Pizza
- Fox Welding Iron Designs
- Galletto Construction
- Gather Fine Catering
- Hunter Metal
- Hydro Restoration
- Jim Morrison Construction
- Johansen Masonry
- John Doherty Construction
- JVP Communications
- LT Marketing
- Men Wielding Fire
- Mountain Slice Cafe & Creamery
- Ogilvy Consulting

- Peter Najim DDS
- Pro Form Metals
- Schneider General Engineering
- Skatelite Ramp Service
- Southern Carlson Supply
- Stohlgren Brothers Inc.
- Sugar Pine Cakery
- Swigarts Ace Hardware
- Syd's Bagelry & Espresso
- Tahoe Dave's Skis & Boards
- TNT Materials
- Tahoe Sports Hub
- The Crest Café
- Truckee Tahoe Lumber Co
- White Cap Supply
- Woodward Tahoe
- Zuri Coffee Company

IV. Local Non-Profit Foundation Supporters

- High Fives Foundation
- Shane McConkey Foundation
- The Skatepark Project (Formerly Tony Hawk Foundation)
- Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation

V. Corporate Supporters

- Evo
- Jones Snowboards
- Miller Star Regalia PLC
- Monchamp Meldrum LLP
- Palisades Tahoe
- Ski & Snowboard
- Visa
- Woodward Tahoe