

Scotty Lapp Foundation Skate Park Letter of Intent

The Tahoe City Public Utility District (TCPUD) and the Scotty Lapp Foundation (SLF) intend to work together on the development of a public skate park within the boundaries of the TCPUD as described in this Letter of Intent (LOI). Acknowledging the evolving recreational landscape, TCPUD and SLF are motivated to address contemporary recreational needs through the establishment of a public skate park. Either party may terminate this LOI by providing written notice to the other party.

Background:

For over five decades, the TCPUD Parks and Recreation Department has been dedicated to enriching the lives of residents and visitors alike. From sailing on the lake to a diverse range of recreational activities such as cross-country skiing, golf, tennis, pickleball, volleyball, bocce ball, softball, and hockey, TCPUD has played a pivotal role in contributing significantly to recreational and community activities.

The SLF, which was established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation in Scotty Lapp's honor, is committed to empowering youth by increasing accessibility to skiing, snowboarding, and skateboarding, particularly in underserved communities, fostering the realization of athletes' full potential. In so doing, SLF seeks to 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 promotes strong mental and physical health and well-being among local youth.

Since its formation almost two years ago, SLF has raised substantial funding in cash donations; secured pro bono representation from numerous consultants with technical, design and legal expertise; and secured County approval of and have successfully built, operated, and maintained a 4,000-square foot temporary Pop-up Scotty Lapp Memorial Skatepark in Tahoe City, which has huge success/demand.

Concurrently, SLF has been collaboratively working with TCPUD, Placer County, the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD), and other local stakeholders to develop a permanent skate park to serve the Tahoe City community. A number of locations have been investigated as potential sites for the permanent skate park and, after careful consideration, an opportunity site has been identified at the Tahoe City Dog Park (Dog Park), which is operated by the TCPUD on land owned by the TTUSD.

Reasons for Collaboration:

- A shared commitment to a mutually beneficial parks and recreation project for the community and its youth.
- Recognition of the community's demand for a public skate park, evident in the overwhelming support for the existing temporary popup skate park and community input received during Phase 1 of the North Lake Tahoe Active Recreation Needs Assessment.

Intent:

SLF would, at its expense, take the lead and be responsible for the acquisition of land rights, planning, environmental review, design, permitting, fundraising, and construction for the public skate park. In so doing, SLF would agree to provide TCPUD the opportunity to review and provide feedback on all aspects of development of the skate park, including but not limited to, encompassing development plans, environmental reviews, regulatory requirements, maintenance and operating obligations, public outreach, and fundraising efforts.

The TCPUD supports the development of a public skate park within its boundaries and specifically at the current Dog Park location. TCPUD will provide reasonable support and assistance to the SLF in their development of this community project. Furthermore, if SLF and the underlying landowner desire, the TCPUD will assume ownership of the constructed skate park improvements and its ongoing operations and maintenance subject to certain conditions generally but not exhaustively described below, and conditions of the underlying landowner, all of which will be further defined in subsequent definitive agreements cooperatively developed by the TCPUD, SLF and the underlying landowner (in coordination with the TTUSD) and approved by the TCPUD Board of Directors:

- All necessary property rights and regulatory permits are acquired by SLF (in coordination with the TTUSD) and transferred to the TCPUD.
- The skate park is designed and constructed to meet all regulatory, safety, and industry requirements and standards and is approved and accepted by the TCPUD Board of Directors.
- Subject to public input and Board direction, the current Dog Park is relocated to a location acceptable to the TCPUD.

This Letter of Intent signifies the initial step, of affirming our commitment to the collaborative success of this public skate park project. We eagerly anticipate working together to realize this vision for the benefit of the North Lake Tahoe community.

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Date

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Date