



Skateboarding Streets

Red=Proposed Arlington Heights Neighborhood streets to prohibit skateboarding
 Green=Open skateboarding passage through Washington Park

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RECENT SKATEBOARD ACCIDENTS IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

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Date: June 1, 2012
Location: SW Marconi & Tichner
Accident: 18-year-old skateboarder Dakota Earls came down Tichner, crossed the center line at the corner with Marconi, and ran head-on into a car driven by neighborhood resident Donna Holden. He rolled over the hood, damaging the car. Fortunately, he apparently wasn't seriously injured. An ambulance was called, but he refused to be transported to the hospital. He admitted fault, said he'd lost control, and described that corner as his "nightmare spot." Police officer Jason Walters responded to the scene, but did not cite Earls, advising Holden that a skateboard is not a vehicle and therefore there was no violation he could cite Earls for.

Date: May, 2012
Location: SW Kingston & Fairview
Accident: A 14-year-old boy from Salem on a skateboard ran the stop sign at Fairview & Kingston and lost control while turning left onto Kingston. He ran into a parked car, denting it and smashing out a window with his head. Neighbors came to his assistance and called 911. He refused to give his name. His only apparent injury was a bloody lip. An ambulance took him to OHSU. The car was owned by a family visiting the Rose Garden, and neighbors waited by the car to explain to the owners how the damage had occurred. It appears that police did not respond.

Neighbors who live at that corner report that there have been at least 10 skateboard accidents at that location.

Date: January, 2012
Location: 2738 SW Rutland
Accident: A skateboarder racing down the sidewalk ran down a 3 ½- year-old boy who lived in the neighborhood, and skated away yelling "sorry, dude!" Fortunately, the boy wasn't seriously injured.

Date: November 10, 2011
Location: 2900 block of SW Fairview
Accident: 21-year-old skateboarder Jacob Myers of Hillsboro, racing down Fairview, crossed the center line on a tight curve and ran head-on into a car driven by neighborhood resident Susan Bankowski. Myers badly injured an ankle, and did significant damage to Ms. Bankowski's car. Police officer Lance responded and concluded that the driver had been in her own lane when Myers hit her. An ambulance took Myers to a hospital.

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS MEETINGS WITH CITY OFFICIALS ABOUT SKATEBOARDS

July 18, 2011: A standing-room-only crowd of neighborhood residents at the Sylvan Fire Station met with officials from PBOT, Tri-Met, Parks & Rec, Police Bureau, and ONI. PBOT Director Tom Miller had promised to come to the meeting, but cancelled at the last minute. The neighborhood presented a Powerpoint describing the skateboard problem, describing how other cities had dealt with similar problems, and proposing a variety of solutions, including rumble strips, and a prohibition on skating certain streets. Police Commander Mike Crebs proposed creation of a smaller group, with skaters represented, to discuss solutions, and the neighborhood agreed.

July 20, 2011: First meeting of small group, chaired by Cmdr. Crebs, and including Harry Saporta, head of Tri-Met security, Mark Lear and Greg Raisman of PBOT, two members of the board of Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association—Eric Nagle and Mats Lanners-- and skaters JP Rowan (manager of Rip City Skate), Billy Meiners (aka “Billy Bones”), and Duane Rodakowski. The skaters made it clear that, because they are longboarders, they could not claim to represent the skater community, which includes a variety of skater types.

After this meeting, Eric Nagle told Mark Lear that it was clear that we needed to reach out to a broader spectrum of the skateboard community, and that Tom Miller, as a former skateboard advocate, would be in the best position to do that. Neither Lear nor Miller ever responded to the request. We repeated this request to PBOT several times over the following months, and never received a response.

Aug. 17, 2011: Second meeting of small group, which discussed development of a modest educational program consisting of signs, flyers, and a website, aimed at encouraging skaters to be more responsible. PBOT officials rejected the neighborhood’s suggestion that rumble strips be placed at stop signs, asserting that bureau engineers believed such measures to present a safety risk to skaters.

Sept. 21, 2011: Third meeting of small group, which discussed content of the signs and flyers.

Oct. 26, 2011: Fourth meeting of small group, which again discussed content of signs and flyers.

Nov. 30, 2011: Fifth meeting of small group, which again discussed content of signs and flyers.

Jan. 8, 2012: JP Rowan, one of the skater reps in the small group, staged an illegal skate race in Washington Park, after having been told repeatedly by Parks & Rec that he was not permitted to do so without first applying for a permit. Rowan’s website, pdxdownhill.com, was advertising 5 more unauthorized races at that location in the coming year.

Jan. 18, 2012: Sixth meeting of small group, which involved a field trip to decide the location of signs.

Feb. 10, 2012: Announcement appears on Zoobomb.net that, as part of "Mini-bike Winter" celebration, a skate race was scheduled through Arlington Heights on the night of Feb. 19. Among those promoting the race was Billy Meiners, one of the skater reps in the small group, and a member of the Zoobomb inner circle.

Feb. 13, 2012: Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association meets with mayoral candidate Charlie Hales to ask him what he'd do to fix the skateboard problem. After watching the videos of reckless skating, and hearing numerous residents' complaints about the issue, he agreed that the present situation is unacceptable, and that, if elected, he would address the problem.

Feb. 15, 2012: Seventh meeting of small group chaired by Cmdr. Crebs, and the last one attended by Arlington Heights representatives, who advised the skaters that their continued staging of illegal races in the neighborhood was unacceptable.

April 9, 2012: Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association meets with mayoral candidate Jefferson Smith to ask him what he'd do to fix the skateboard problem. After watching the videos of reckless skating, and hearing numerous residents' complaints about the issue, he agreed that the present situation is unacceptable, and that, if elected, he would address the problem.

Portland, Oregon
FINANCIAL IMPACT and PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT STATEMENT
For Council Action Items

(Deliver original to Financial Planning Division. Retain copy.)

1. Name of Initiator Stu Oishi Trevor Beltz		2. Telephone No. 503.823.4682	3. Bureau/Office/Dept. Office of Commissioner Randy Leonard
4a. To be filed (date): June 27, 2012 Times Certain: 9:30 AM (45 minutes)	4b. Calendar (Check One) Regular Consent 4/5ths <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Date Submitted to Commissioner's office and FPD Budget Analyst:
6a. Financial Impact Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial impact section completed		6b. Public Involvement Section: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public involvement section completed	

1) Legislation Title:

Amend Code to prohibit the use of skateboards or other similar devices in the neighborhoods surrounding Washington Park (Ordinance; amend Code Section 16.70.410)

2) Purpose of the Proposed Legislation:

Update City Code Title 16.70.410 to prohibit the use of skateboards or other similar devices in the neighborhood surrounding Washington Park and to increase the fine from \$25 to \$115 for failing to follow the City's Roller Skates and Skateboards code.

3) Which area(s) of the city are affected by this Council item? (Check all that apply—areas are based on formal neighborhood coalition boundaries)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City-wide/Regional | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> North |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Southwest | <input type="checkbox"/> East |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central City | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internal City Government Services | | | |

FINANCIAL IMPACT

4) Revenue: Will this legislation generate or reduce current or future revenue coming to the City? If so, by how much? If so, please identify the source.

This legislation does not impact revenues.

5) **Expense**: What are the costs to the City related to this legislation? What is the source of funding for the expense?

No City expenses.

6) **Staffing Requirements**:

- Will any positions be created, eliminated or re-classified in the current year as a result of this legislation? No.
- Will positions be created or eliminated in *future years* as a result of this legislation? No.

(Complete the following section only if an amendment to the budget is proposed.)

7) **Change in Appropriations** > No change.

[Proceed to Public Involvement Section — REQUIRED as of July 1, 2011]

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

8) Was public involvement included in the development of this Council item (e.g. ordinance, resolution, or report)? Please check the appropriate box below:

- YES:** Please proceed to Question #9.
 NO: Please, explain why below; and proceed to Question #10.

9) If "YES," please answer the following questions:

a) What impacts are anticipated in the community from this proposed Council item?

The amendment will improve traffic safety and livability in the Arlington Heights and Sylvan-Highlands neighborhoods. It will reduce the likelihood of a fatal accident involving a skateboarder, avoiding a senseless tragedy, as well as reducing the City's and residents' exposure to legal claims for injuries. For thousands of visitors to Washington Park, the amendment will improve the visitor experience by reducing the chaotic atmosphere created by skateboarders on the neighborhood streets that provide access to the park.

b) Which community and business groups, under-represented groups, organizations, external government entities, and other interested parties were involved in this effort, and when and how were they involved?

Beginning in August 2011, Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association (AHNA) representatives have had numerous meetings about the skateboard issue with officials in PBOT, Police Bureau, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and Parks & Recreation. Present at some of these meetings were several skateboarders, including a manager of a local skate shop. AHNA representatives have met with four City Commissioners to discuss the amendment. Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association has also participated in meetings, and supports the amendment.

c) How did public involvement shape the outcome of this Council item?

It produced an amendment that's narrowly tailored to address safety and livability problems in the location where they're most serious, while allowing skateboarders to continue skating freely in most parts of the city.

d) Who designed and implemented the public involvement related to this Council item?

It was initiated by Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association, with assistance from the Police Bureau.

e) Primary contact for more information on this public involvement process (name, title, phone, email):

Eric Nagle, board member, Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association, 503-222-6563,
ericwnagle@gmail.com.

10) Is any future public involvement anticipated or necessary for this Council item? Please describe why or why not.

The City Council may wish to hold a hearing to allow interested parties to express their views.

Commissioner Randy Leonard

BUREAU DIRECTOR (Typed name and signature)