

SKATE PARK FUNDING OPTIONS

In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the current skate park has become out dated and is in dilapidated condition;

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WHEREAS, construction of a new skate park as part of the Waterfront North project which includes relocating and widening that section of the bike path, is supported by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple funding sources for the project that have been identified including federal grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the point of contention with the project as raised by residents at both the Board of Finance, the Parks Commission and the City Council, has been the use of \$150,000 from “Penny for Parks” as a funding source with the stated goal of leveraging other money sources; and

WHEREAS, many residents supported the Penny for Parks initiative believing that the money was intended for improvement and maintenance of existing parks programs and use of the penny for parks money as a funding source may further erode voter confidence; and

WHEREAS, at this point in time, it is more important than ever that citizens of Burlington have confidence in the process, the project and the funding sources used;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council - with the clear

38 understanding that we support the project - requests that Assistant Chief Administrative Officer  
39 Richard Goodwin investigate whether a new funding source can be found for the project that  
40 would replace the \$150,000 of Penny for Parks funding, and that Mr. Goodwin is requested to  
41 report back to the Council by its meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup> on whether a new funding source  
42 could be identified; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a new funding source is presented to the Council,  
44 that the Mayor is requested to take whatever steps are necessary within the budget that would  
45 allow the change in the funding source to occur.

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