



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between
Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District
and Rocker Memorial Skatepark

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (“MOU”) is entered into by and between the Truckee-Donner Recreation and Park District (“TDRPD”) and Rocker Memorial Skatepark (“Rocker”), collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, TDRPD is a Special District in Nevada and Placer Counties that inspires creative and active lives for a healthy mountain community by being the primary provider of public recreation services and facilities within the Truckee region; and

WHEREAS, Rocker Memorial Skatepark is an independent community group with CharitySmith as its 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor founded in January 2013 to advocate for public skateboarding in memorial of local friends that have passed away; and

WHEREAS, TDRPD has operated and maintained Truckee River Regional Park (“Regional Park”), a park consisting of five parcels of land owned by three separate public entities, since its incorporation in April 1962; and

WHEREAS, TDRPD constructed a 7,000 square foot skate park in Regional Park in 1999 with an industry leading design for its time; and

WHEREAS, In the last 20+ years, participation in action sports has increased drastically in part due to skateboarding becoming an Olympic sport; and

WHEREAS, Increased participation has resulted in the current skate park becoming overcrowded, and doesn’t meet community needs for beginner and expert terrain; and

WHEREAS, Rocker desires to construct a 25,000 square foot expansion of the skate park that will add modern skating elements and create a world-class facility for action sport athletes of all abilities, from beginners to experts; and

WHEREAS, in May 2015 the TDRPD Board of Directors unanimously approved moving forward with constructing a new skate park at the Regional Park overflow parking area next to the Rodeo Arena (capacity ~200 vehicles), supported by Rocker through donations and special events; and



WHEREAS, it is recognized that the overflow parking area next to the Rodeo Arena is on a parcel of land owned by the Truckee Donner Public Utility District ("TDPUD") and leased to TDRPD for recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017 the design of the proposed skate park was finalized by Rocker including infrastructure, wetland mitigation and 28 parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, in January 2020 TDRPD adopted the Regional Park Master Plan that included the construction of the proposed skate park in the park plan and recommended immediate implementation; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020, TDRPD adopted the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan Objectives which affirmed continued work on "implementing the Regional Park Master Plan recommendations, including working with the Town, Library, Kid Zone and Rocker Memorial Skatepark."; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022 the Town of Truckee ("TOT") Planning Commission approved the skate park project, accepting the Mitigated Negative Declaration for CEQA; and

WHEREAS, Rocker has raised over \$300,000 through donations, sponsorships, grant awards and fundraising events over the past 11 years for the project; and

WHEREAS, Rocker has paid over \$120,000 of the raised funds for design and construction documents, TOT permitting process requirements including a CEQA study, and sponsorship of community events; and

WHEREAS, TOT has issued 83 Conditions of Approval ("COA") required to be satisfied, which requires additional fees be paid and contractual agreements be executed, in order for them to issue the construction permits; and

WHEREAS, TDPUD wants to amend the existing Lease Agreement with TDRPD to include language and performance requirements as defined in the TOT's COA document; and

WHEREAS, TDRPD has contributed \$50,000 in funding for the design and planning of the skate park;



NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby enter into this MOU and agree to assume the following responsibilities:

- TDRPD will reserve the designated location for construction of the skate park until this initiative is complete or deemed infeasible or unlikely to be completed due to a lack of funding, expiration of project approvals, or other reasons as determined by TDRPD.
- TDRPD will work with Rocker to complete all COA items, including agreements between TDPUD & TOT, and filing for a Time Extension with TOT Planning Department.
- Rocker will work with their project design firm to produce a project budget based on 2024 cost quotes.
- Rocker will continue its active advocacy role in raising funds and obtaining commitments for in-kind donations for the construction of the skate park.
- TDRPD will coordinate with Rocker on all grant applications and contractual agreements.
- Once 70% of the expected project budget has been secured – either raised through monetary donations or grant awards (held in bank or TDRPD reserve accounts) or through in-kind donations of materials/labor guaranteed by company promissory letters – and provided all COA items have been performed and deemed acceptable by TOT, all project approvals, including building permits, have been obtained and are in full force and effect, Rocker has transferred all cash donations for construction to TDRPD and confirmed all in-kind donations for construction TDRPD will commence with breaking ground and constructing the project, coordinating with Rocker and selected contractor(s).
- TDRPD is committed to owning, operational management and ongoing maintenance of the skate park once construction has been completed.

Either party may terminate this MOU upon notice to the other party if in its reasonable opinion it deems completion of the skate park infeasible or unlikely to be completed due to a lack of funding, expiration of project approvals, or other reasons.

 2/22/24

General Manager Date
Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District

 2/22/24

Colin Robinson Date
Rocker Memorial Skatepark

