

History:

- The CSD currently leases the AV Community Park area from AVUSD, as part of a 30 year agreement.
- Park area stretches 400' of frontage along Airport Rd.
- In 2021, the CSD received a \$177k grant for park improvements.
- Most of that grant was spent installing a parking lot, with more improvements in the works.

Reason for proposed transfer:

- AVUSD ownership of the park makes any development more expensive (2-3x), due to extra state requirements for development on school district property.
- CSD ownership of the park will make new development planning easier, since changes will no longer need approval from the AVUSD board.

Proposal:

- Transfer of AV Community Park area from AVUSD to CSD.
- Similar area to current lease agreement, with an added 212' frontage, extending south to solar panels.
- Future developments may include:
 - Community skatepark
 - Family bathroom facility
 - Improved fencing
 - More shade trees
 - Added benches and shade structures
 - Water fountain
 - Improved trash and recycling receptacles
 - Additional play features
 - And more!
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FAQ regarding development of a skatepark in AV:

Why is a skatepark needed here?

There are very few public spaces in AV for young people to spend time together, and few opportunities for healthy youth recreation. The void of such public spaces and opportunities causes youth to congregate in less visible areas (e.g. under bridges, in empty houses or cars) and engage in risky, unhealthy activity. A skatepark will inspire AV youth to be more active and fosters healthy community connection. Skateboarding (and roller skating) is a great outlet, physically and mentally, for young people, and can be a vital source for promoting mental and physical well being.

How much will the project cost?

The projected cost is around \$250,000.

Who is involved with the skatepark project?

The project was initiated by students in the AV Jr/Sr High Service Learning Team (SLT), a student group that works to improve the community. The CSD Parks and Recreation Committee is partnering with SLT to support the project, and is acting as the fiscal sponsor. A small community skatepark planning group is also being formed to help guide the project, and open community meetings will be held regularly to solicit input during the planning process.

Will a skatepark attract unwanted behavior?

Skateparks actually do the opposite by inspiring people of all ages to engage in healthy activity and connection. There are myriad opportunities in Boonville for people to engage in unhealthy behavior in locations where they can be unseen. The proposed location for this skatepark is in an open, highly visible area, making it an unattractive site for illegal activity.

What about liability?

California regulation grants immunity to public institutions housing skateparks as long as a local ordinance is passed to establish safety regulations for the skatepark and safety regulation signs are posted publicly.