Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

# SCHUYLER HAMILTON JONES:

## SKATEPARK SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

**56 SURVEY RESPONSES**

FROM OCT 15-NOV 27, 2024

11% RESPONDENTS WERE FEMALE

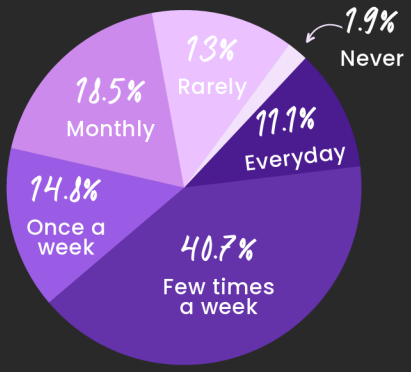
89% RESPONDENTS WERE MALE

## AGE BREAKDOWN

- **29%** 20-30 years old
- **28%** 30-40 years old
- **20%** 40+ years old
- **18%** 15-19 years old
- **5%** Under 15 years old

## FAVORITE DC SKATEPARKS

## PARK USE FREQUENCY




Nearly 41% of survey respondents reported using the park a few times a week.

## * PREFERRED STYLE OF SKATING

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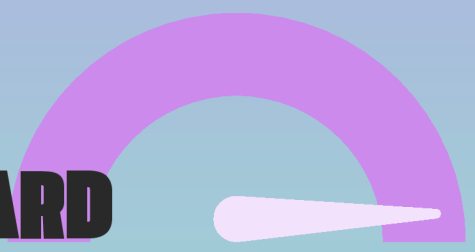
|---|---|
| STREET (rails, boxes, pads) | 40.7% |
| STREET, VERT, FLAT GROUND/FREESTYLE | 44.4% |

*96%
USE THE PARK TO
**SKATEBOARD**



17%
USE THE PARK TO
inline skate/roller skate, BMX, scooter

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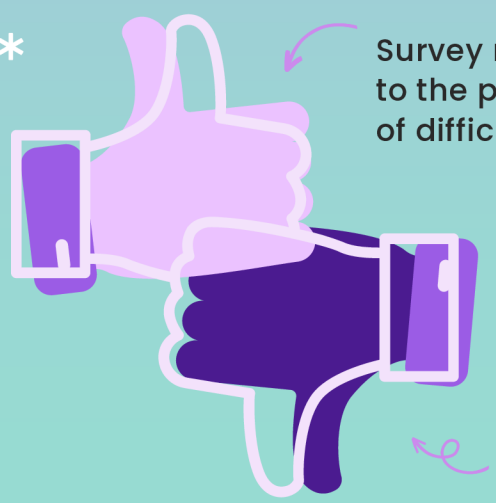

Survey respondents *like* the parking/ability to get to the park (57%), skatepark elements (45%) & level of difficulty of the elements (32%).

Survey respondents do *not like* the layout of the elements (59%), surface materials (55%) & skatepark elements (37%).

Additionally, survey users mentioned the lack of shade, lack of lights, need for better flow & outdated design.

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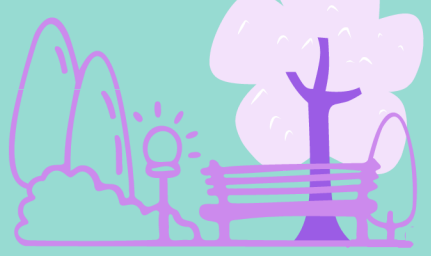
## SURVEY RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE:

85% lighting
64% seating
66% shade
45% water fountain

89% OF RESPONDENTS FEEL SAFE AT THE PARK



* *from a multiple-choice option*

# THE MOST FREQUENT SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS

suggested for improving the skatepark are:

## REPAIR AND REPLACE DAMAGED EQUIPMENT

Users pointed out the need to fix or replace broken elements like the green rails, flat bars, and half-pipe.

## ADDING SHADE

Some users proposed adding shade to make the park more comfortable, especially in hot weather.

## LIGHTING

Multiple respondents emphasized the need for proper lighting, especially to extend use into the evening & make the park safer at night.

## IMPROVING FLOW AND LAYOUT

There were several suggestions to improve the layout for better flow by moving ramps and obstacles around, optimizing space, and removing unusable equipment.

## ENHANCE SAFETY

Concerns about cars entering the park led to calls for better safety measures like barriers and a sidewalk for pedestrians.

## INCREASE BEGINNER-FRIENDLY FEATURES

Some respondents recommended adding smaller street features like ledges, rails, and curbs, or redesigning for novice-friendly layouts.

## ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

Ideas like adding color to the park, expanding the layout, and holding skate clinics for beginners were also mentioned.

## OBSTACLES THAT SURVEY RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN A NEWLY DESIGNED SKATEPARK INCLUDE:

MINI RAMP • MANUAL PAD • BOWL • LEDGES & RAILS • STAIR SETS
GRINDING BOX • EURO GAP

## OTHER SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Re-design and **better materials**
- Improved **park layout** and **space utilization**
- **More street features** and less vert
- **Smaller quarter pipes for beginners**
- More events
- Remove unnecessary obstacles

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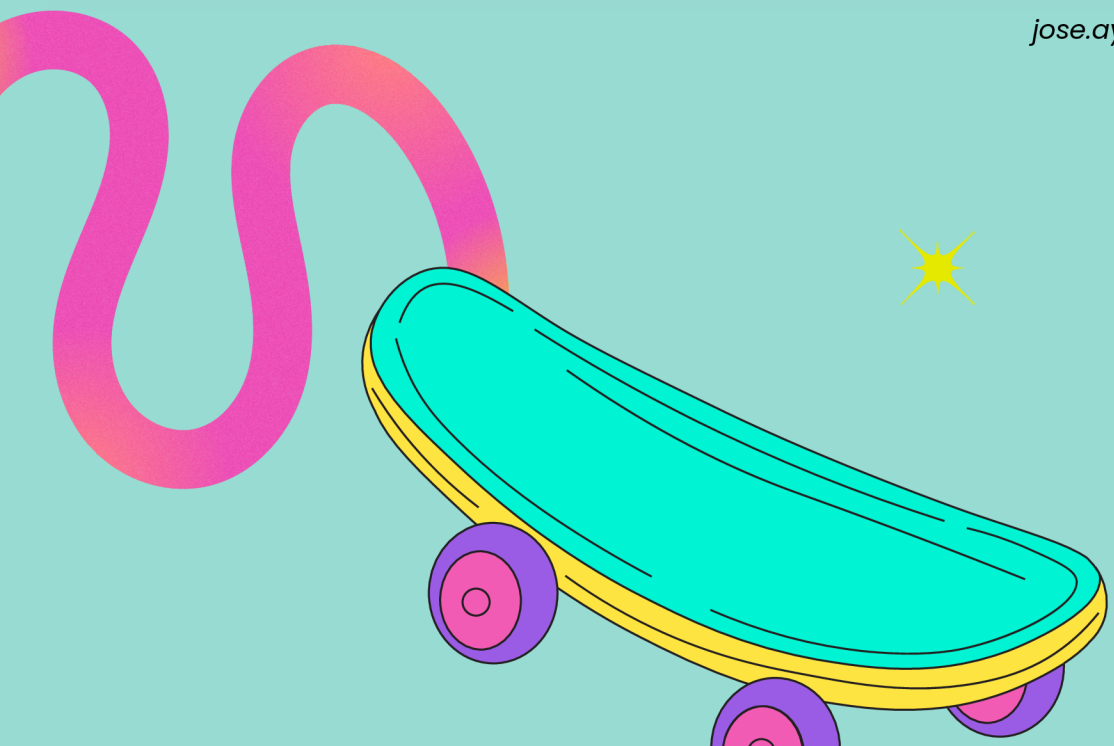
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