



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities

Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park

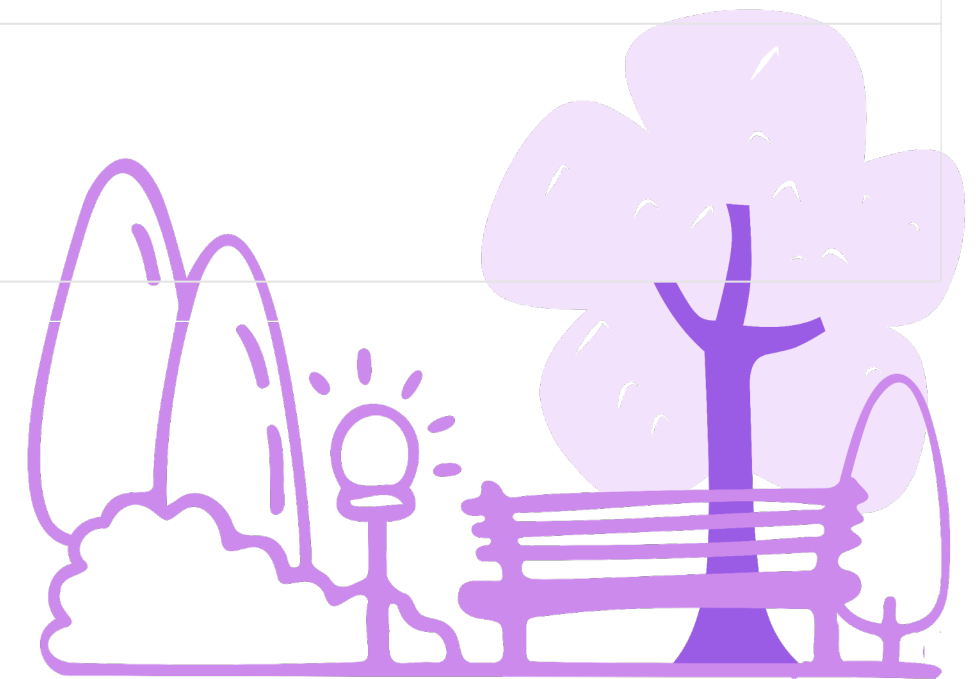
Park and Recreation Commission
Public Hearing July 17, 2025





Agenda

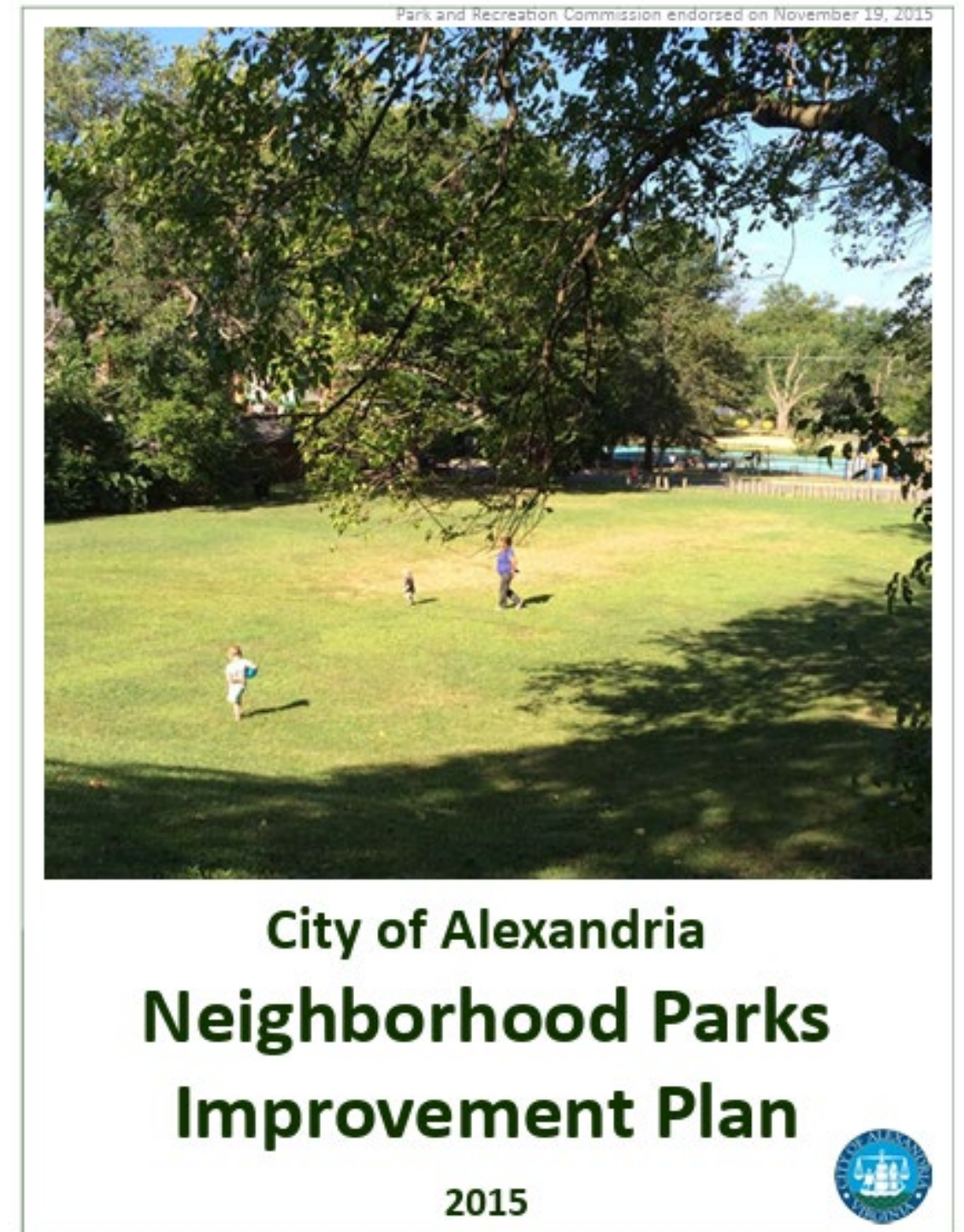
1. Staff Presentation
2. Public Comment
3. Commission Discussion
4. Commission Action





Park & Recreation Commission Action Item

Following Public Hearing and Commission discussion, approve the 2015 Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park improvement Plan Amendments consistent with staff recommendations.





2015 Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan

Luckett Ballfield & Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skate Park included Recommendation 5

“The existing skate park, constructed in 2002 using modular elements, is nearing the end of its lifespan. The original plan proposed transitioning to a **concrete skate park**, considered the modern industry standard. Concrete facilities are not only more durable and cost-effective in the long run, but they also offer **enhanced safety, smoother transitions, lower maintenance needs, and greater design flexibility**. While the current site covers 12,000 square feet, there is an **opportunity to expand up to 18,000 square feet**. The illustrative design referenced in the 2015 Plan was conceptual, with the final design to be developed in coordination with skate park users.”





Summary + Project Goals

- Opened in 2005, the Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skatepark is the City's first and only skatepark. It was developed with community support and shares a 4.3-acre lot with Luckett Field & Stadium.
- The skatepark spans 12,000 square feet and includes various modular equipment, such as jumps, pipes, rails, wedges, and boxes.
- The park is named in memory of Schuyler Hamilton Jones, known as Sky and Shaggy, a 16-year-old T.C. Williams High School student who passed away in 2003.
- Seeking community feedback to plan future improvements and present Final Design Criteria at the Park and Recreation Commission.





Project Timeline

October 2024

- Skatepark Pop-Up Event
- Survey 2024

March 2025

- Community Virtual Meeting
- Community Pop-Up Meeting
 - Survey results
 - Draft Design Criteria

May 2025

- Community Virtual Meeting
- Community Pop-Up Meeting
- Park & Recreation Commission Meeting
 - Recommended design criteria

July 2025

- Park & Recreation Commission Public Hearing
 - Amendment presentation





2015 Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan

Recommendation 5 Amendment: Schuler Hamilton State Park

5(a) Short-Term Improvement

- Implement minor enhancements that aim to improve safety, usability, and accessibility. These improvements will be funded through partnerships, grants, and external support.

5(b) Long-Term Improvement

- Replace the current modular design with a skate park that meets contemporary design and user standards. The new facility should:
- Prioritize an inclusive, multi-level design that accommodates a variety of skill levels.
- It includes diverse elements and terrain, such as transition sections and street-style features.
- Ensure seamless flow and user-friendly transitions throughout the park.
- Incorporate skate-friendly surroundings and flexible areas for events and skill development.
- Emphasize aesthetic integration with the community and create vibrant social spaces.
- Utilize durable, low-maintenance materials and ensure compliance with all necessary safety standards.





Staff Recommendation

Based on community engagement, staff recommends that the Park and Recreation Commission adopt the recommended amendment to Recommendation 5 of the 2015 Neighborhood Park Improvement Plan, specifically for Luckett Ballfield and Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park.





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Community Comment





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Commission Discussion and Commission Approval





Project Information

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