CITY OF KETTERING
ROB DYRDEK/DC SHOE FOUNDATION SKATE PLAZA
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Skate Plaza Steps

- Traditional community meetings conducted with youth.
- City commits to pursuing construction of a Skate Park.
- Hire architect--Site Design Group
- Parents of Rob Dyrdek attend first meeting with architect.
Skate Plaza Steps

• Connect with Rob and introduction of plaza design.

• DC Shoe Foundation founded and financially supported construction of first Skate Plaza.
Skate Plaza Steps

• DC Shoe Foundation provides $250,000 for construction and naming rights.
• Site Design Group develops first drawings of plaza.
• First bid process, Plaza comes in $350,000 over budget.
• Site Design Group determines they will redesign at no charge.
Skate Plaza Steps

• Second design bid and comes in at budget.
• Total project cost of $650,000.
• All infrastructure was in existence.
• Construction time: August of 2004-June 2005.
• In House Project Manager.
• Local Construction Company: Pre-qualification with plaza experience.
Skate Plaza Construction Details

- Skate Plaza is 76,800 sq. ft./ 3.5 acres
- Skate Plaza has over 30,000 cubic feet of concrete
- Plaza is built on compacted earth with various concrete slabs poured 6” thick with re-bar 12” on center.
- Plaza concrete has various colors added for esthetic appeal
Skate Plaza Construction Details

- All footings have a minimum bearing capacity of 1500 pounds per sq. ft.
- All steel reinforcement is #3 re-bar.
- All concrete was made with Portland cement (ASTM C150, Type II).
- The base under all concrete consist of 95% compacted sub-grade with a minimum 4” compacted course gravel.
Skate Plaza Construction Details

• Skate Plaza stair tread and riser dimensions vary; however, all tread noses have ½ inch tooled radius.
• Skate Plaza is not reinforced with any steel edging or extra thickness.
• Skate Plaza will not accommodate bikes.
Skate Plaza Use

- Skaters from all over the world have come to Kettering.
- Year round skating, however peak times will see 50-200 skaters per hour during day.
- Vandalism and inappropriate behavior has been minor. Police extremely supportive.
- Accidents limited to broken legs and arms.
- Fire Department tracks calls and location.
Skate Plaza Lessons

- Edging
- Entrance
- Shade
- Trash
Skate Plaza Lessons

- Concessions
- Plant material selection for planter boxes
- More seating
- Sponsor Decals
- Saw cuts in concrete
Skate Plaza Lessons

- Skate Plaza is a community success story
- DC Shoe Foundation produced a video, sold over 25,000 copies.
Thank You

• Questions

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