

14 June 2010

City of Alamosa
425 4th Street
Alamosa, CO 81101
Attn: Heinz Bergann

Dear Heinz,

Congratulations on your Tony Hawk Foundation grant award. From a pool of 59 applicants, your project was one of only 19 awarded a grant this term. We appreciate the hard work your committee and local skaters are doing to ensure you achieve a quality public skatepark that will serve your community for years to come.

In addition to the grant award, Tony had some ideas about the park design you included in your application, and I've returned it with his handwritten notes. Regard his comments as suggestions, but remember that Tony has skated scores of skateparks, often with his 17-year-old son. He has a keen sense of what works and what doesn't, for beginners as well as pros.

Tony suggests converting the three-sided Quarterpipe in the corner to a two-sided Pyramid with Flat Banks. Pyramids are very popular features, and that particular section of your skatepark will likely see a lot of traffic.

We would appreciate the opportunity to see any changes you decide make to the skatepark design, other than those suggested by Tony. If we can provide any other guidance or assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Kirsten Kahn
Programs Manager
Tony Hawk Foundation
kirsten@tonyhawkfoundation.org

23 June 2010

City of Alamosa
2222 Old Sanford RD
Alamosa, CO 81101
Attn: Heinz Bergann

Dear Heinz,

Enclosed please find the Tony Hawk Foundation grant check in the amount of \$5,000 to be applied toward the construction of your public skatepark. Also please find a copy of your signed Grant Agreement.

The Tony Hawk Foundation Board Of Directors is very pleased to be able to assist your skatepark program. We look forward to the park's eventual opening, and to hearing from you about its progress in the meantime.

Best Regards,



Miki Vuckovich
Executive Director

Alamosa Public Schools

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February 19, 2010

The State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado
1600 Broadway, Suite 1650
Denver, CO 80202

Dear State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado

It is with great enthusiasm that I provide a letter of support for the City of Alamosa's application for the GOCO Grant.

Last summer during our school registration for students in kindergarten through grade 8 an element was added that included the performance of a comprehensive health assessment for all students in those grade levels. When our school received the results of those assessments, there was a glaring statistic that over 43% of our students are either overweight or obese. I truly believe that a skate park in Alamosa would help combat some of this problem by promoting physical fitness, self-esteem, and providing an unorganized activity for our students. It would also be a safe place for our students to go after school.

Funding for this project would permit the City of Alamosa, along with their community partners, to build the necessary capacity to sustain our initiatives and to work towards our common goal of improving the health and lives of children and supporting the attainment of healthy productive lives as adults.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Mark Meyer
Alamosa Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent

The State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado
1600 Broadway, Suite 1650
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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE SAN LUIS VALLEY

February 19, 2010

To whom it may concern:

We are excited to write this letter of support for the City of Alamosa's grant to GOCO for a new concrete skate park. The City of Alamosa has been a wonderful partner to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley, collaborating with us on our 'Friends Park' project, supporting programming through general operating grants, and much more.

Skate parks offer a safe alternative place to ride away from the streets, the traffic and pedestrians and allow people to meet, socialize and practice their sports without fear of arrest or reprisal. By providing for skating, you are encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle that is proven to appeal to those who may not enjoy team sports and embraces a youth culture away from computer games and television.

Kids need a place other than the local bank's stair railings, curbs, and benches. Riding in areas like this are a lot of fun but it isn't very safe for the enthusiast or the pedestrian that may get in his/her way. Street skating often damages public or private property, which often irritates the owner a great deal. These areas are often illegal to skate at; having a skate park in town helps to solve these problems. It provides a safe haven for the skaters. Kids learn to be responsible and are in a positive atmosphere where they are encouraged to be the best in everything they do. Drugs don't have to be another obstacle in their lives, and they manage to keep a positive record with the law

Social interaction is an important way the skate park contributes to building and improving relationships within our community. The skate park is essentially a group of connected ramps and bowls, which many times don't have clear boundaries. There must be clear communication and collaboration for many people to safely share this resource. If you visit a skate park, you will see this is part of the culture. Through verbal and non-verbal cues, there is an informal scheme of taking turns happening. Exposure to people of other races and communication with them can be key first steps in developing racial tolerance and understanding. When kids learn to share a skate park with others, they are being prepared to share other resources: neighborhoods, parks, friends, the environment, and maybe even some of themselves. A skate park is a pro-active solution to building racial tolerance, and promoting a positive youth culture. It also helps to build effective relationships among our youth.

The work of the City of Alamosa fits very well with our mission which is: To ensure that all children and youth, especially those who need us most, are offered opportunities to realize their full potential as responsible, caring, and productive citizens in a richly diverse world. We enthusiastically support the work of the City of Alamosa and all that they do for our community!

Sincerely,

Frank Martinez
Executive Director

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February 23, 2010

Heinz Bergann, Director
Parks, Recreation & Library
2222 Old Sanford Rd
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear Great Outdoors Colorado,

My name is Liza Marron and I am the LiveWell Alamosa coordinator. LiveWell Alamosa is part of a statewide non-profit initiative committed to reducing obesity in Colorado by inspiring healthy eating and active living. We have a vision where "All Coloradoans enjoy a lifestyle that includes healthy eating and active living. The state's tradition of health and wellness is fully embraced by its residents." LiveWell Colorado's mission is to inspire and advance policy, environmental and lifestyle changes that promote health through the prevention and reduction of obesity.

In 2009 LiveWell participated, in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center, in a Coordinated Health Assessment of Alamosa students, kindergarten through eighth grade. We found that 25% of kindergarten students were overweight or obese, and that by the time they reach 7th grade 45% of students are overweight or obese. Over the past three decades, the prevalence of overweight among children and adolescents in the United States has increased dramatically.

Excess weight has both immediate and longer-term consequences for the health and well-being of young persons. Unhealthy eating and lack of adequate physical activity contribute to overweight in children and youth. Increased television viewing and use of computers and video games may lead to decreasing levels of physical activity. Unhealthy behaviors learned early in life often persist into adulthood, contributing to development of chronic disease and other causes of death and disability.

By providing infrastructure for the very popular sport of skating you are encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle. This sport appeals to those who may not enjoy team sports and embraces a youth culture away from computer games and television.

By building public skateparks, a city or town is promoting the health and well-being of their children, both physically and mentally.

I strongly encourage you to support this important funding opportunity.

Liza Marron
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Liza Marron", is written over the typed name and address.



REGIONAL
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CENTER

State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado
1600 Broadway, Suite 1650
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February 26, 2010

Dear GOCO Board,

I am pleased to write this letter of support for the City of Alamosa in their desire to build a new Skate Park.

At SLV Regional Medical Center and Physicians Services, we know the importance of prevention. Obesity in children is growing at higher rates than adults. In addition, for the first time in recent history our children may not live as long as their parents. Given these facts, there is a crucial need to provide opportunities for youth to participate in physical activities they enjoy and that are easily accessible.

There is a large contingent of skate boarders who not only utilize the current, outdated and unsafe skate park, but use public steps and rails to skate on, including our hospital and clinic areas. Having a park that is updated, safe and offers a variety of options to the boarder will be a huge benefit to Alamosa and the entire San Luis Valley.

I urge your strong consideration in helping to fund this venue for our younger generation who will benefit from the outdoor exercise opportunity this will create. While this may be considered by some to be a more non traditional sport, it is ever growing in popularity and offers an outdoor activity. That's what more of our youth would benefit greatly from.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

Russell Johnson, CEO
SLV Regional Medical Center

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