



Welcome to  
**JOE'S PARK**

IN HONOR OF JOE STANCIL SR.  
...THE MAN WHO MADE IT HAPPEN

Another Community Project by  
**PLACERVILLE ROTARY CLUB**  
Centennial Project



# Before the Park

- Skaters would skate wherever they could (private property, business districts, schools...etc)
- Skaters were put at risk  
\*In 2007 there were 50 skateboarding related deaths, 46 being collisions with automobiles. (Tony Hawk Foundation)
- Skaters were considered a public nuisance

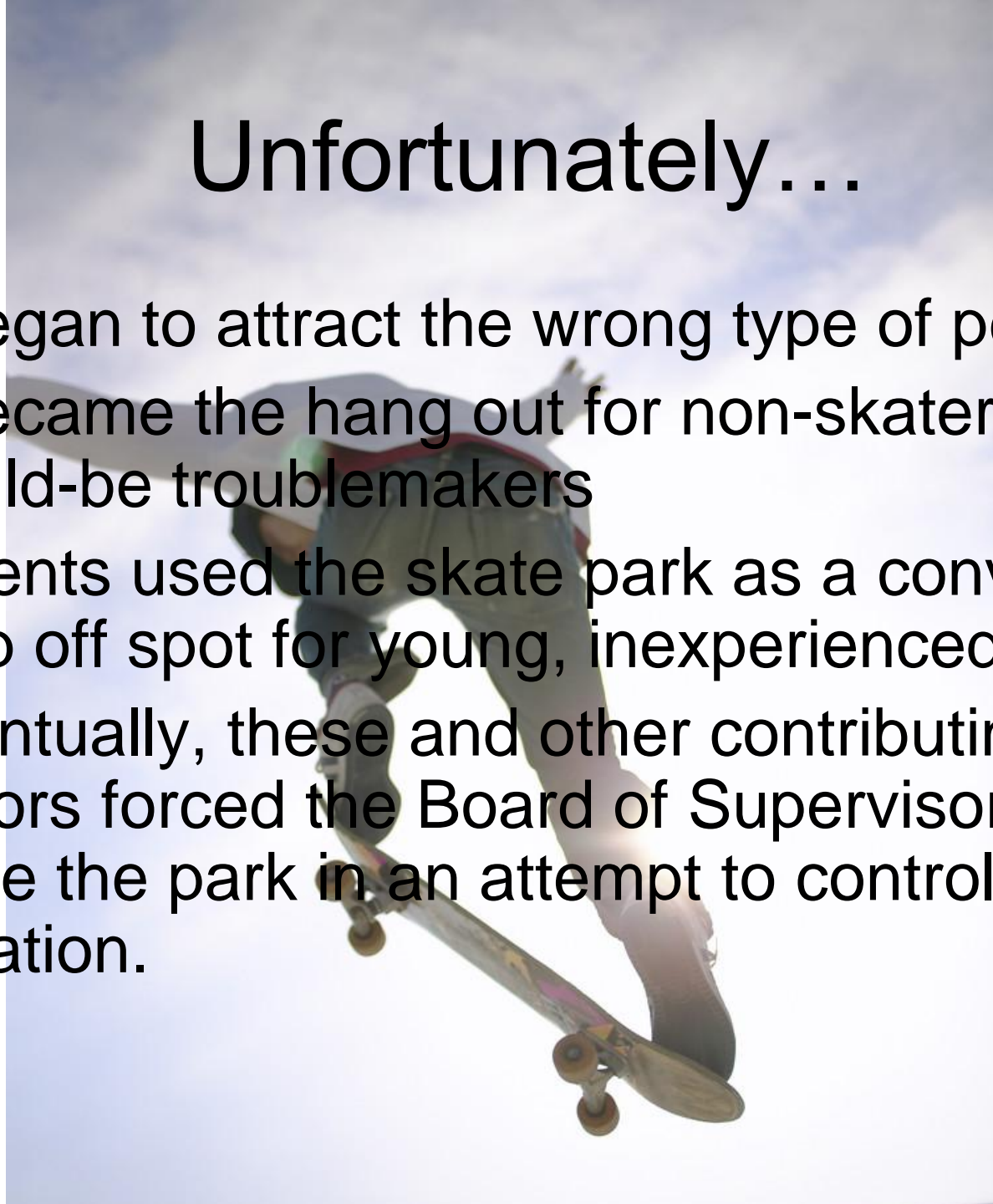


# After Joe's Skate Park Opened

- Skaters were grateful to have a designated, safe place to skate
- The popularity of skateboarding exploded in the Placerville area
- The skate scene began to thrive, with the skate park providing the foundation

# Unfortunately...

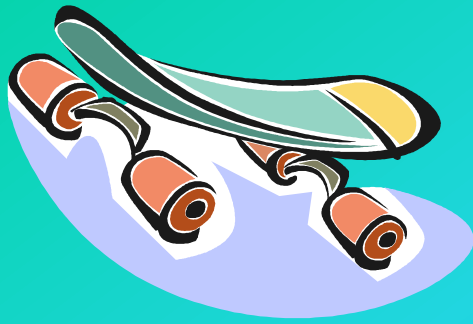
- It began to attract the wrong type of people
- It became the hang out for non-skaters and would-be troublemakers
- Parents used the skate park as a convenient drop off spot for young, inexperienced kids
- Eventually, these and other contributing factors forced the Board of Supervisors to close the park in an attempt to control the situation.



# Joe's Skate Park Community Partners

- 4H-El Dorado County Youth Commission
- El Dorado County Health Services-Alcohol/Drug Programs
- YC Skate Adhoc Committee
- Green Valley Community Church
- County Park and Skate Advisory Committees
- Friends of the Skate Park
- El Dorado County Office of Education
- Markham Middle School
- Independence High School
- Private citizens (parents, skaters, etc.)





## Mission

To foster multi-generational stewards who will create and maintain a healthy and positive atmosphere for all users of Joe's Skate Park in the Fairgrounds Recreation Area





# Vision

To build a community of educated, engaged, powerful people who will collectively find solutions for the problems facing Joe's Skate Park and our community's youth.

# Why El Dorado County Needs Joe's Skate Park

- Currently, there is no safe and/or designated place to skateboard in the Placerville area
- Placerville and its surrounding communities are home to hundreds, if not thousands, of skaters and park users
- With obesity and other health issues related to lack of recreation reaching epidemic levels, especially among youth, more recreational options are necessary



# Why We Need the Skate Park, cont.

- **Even with the currently limited hours, Joe's skate park had registered almost 700 users from within our county as well as throughout the state\***
- **Because the park is currently open only one day a week, it is suffering from severe overuse**
- **All Skateboarders need to be protected from any groups who would spoil the atmosphere and create unnecessary turmoil**

*\*Data reported by Green Valley Community Church via Saturday registration information*

# Docent Program

- Based on the youth-adult partnership model
- Docents will be volunteers especially interested in working with skaters to create a safe skating environment
- Docents will be trained to be familiar with park rules and regulations and learn how to tactfully carry out the rules while interacting with the users of the park and communicate the need to follow the rules
- Docents will have opportunities to assist with skate clubs and local competitions as well as to educate the public
- This program will eventually provide safe access to the park for all users, reduce crime and vandalism, increase community pride and education, and increase participation in planned scheduled events
- Docents are educational stewards of the park and may also be users of the park, but should not be considered supervisors.

# El Dorado County Skate Clubs

- Local high school student with the support of their teacher and parents wrote the EDGABY grant and were awarded \$1900 to develop and implement skate clubs on middle school and high school campuses throughout the county.
- Two schools have already committed with additional interested
- We hope to eventually become a part of the National High School Skateboard Association



# National High School Skate Association (NHSSA)

- In **2006** Jeff Stern, Founder/President of the NHSSA, built the first organization to hold a season of skateboard competitions where high school skateboarders come together as a team to compete against other high schools.
- He wanted to create an environment where the talent of skateboarders could be shown.
- Because schools could not take on the liability, he created an organization that could.
- It was the first network of high school skate teams



# Liability Plan



**Users of this Property  
Assume Risk  
of Injury or Death**

Skating and Skateboard use  
of this Property Constitutes a  
Hazardous Recreational Activity  
per Government Code  
section 831.7

- **Skate Clubs & Competitions:** ANR of Office of Risk Services-University of California Cooperative Extension-4H Program
  - **MOU Agreements:** EDC Risk Management a division of Human Resources
  - **Docent Program:** El Dorado County Office of Education
- \*\*Please note: Docents are NOT supervisors of the park, they are educators. Docents will be present at the park to be informative and to educate the public on proper use of the facility. The liability of the user during this time is covered by Government Health & Safety Code Section 831.7*



# Thanks for Listening!!

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