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CCC.

It has come to my attention that the Planning Commission's recent conditional approval of the current Monterey Skatepark design has been appealed to the City Council for hearing on June 23.

The appellant contends, rightly so, that the current design does not meet the criteria set forth by the 2012 CCC in its response to the design submitted at that time, namely that:

1. The footprint be 6,000 sqft or less.
2. That the design features cater to "beginners" .....local neighborhood children.

The design currently under consideration is far more robust than what was envisioned by the 2012 CCC. Its features include brick-like areas, jumps and grinds that tend to be noisy and dangerous.....hardly suitable for "beginners" .

When I think of a "beginner" skatepark, I think of something like the facility at Frederick Street Park.....linear, sloping and undulating..... safe for beginners, not a noisy nuisance objectionable by neighboring residences even without sound mitigation fences/barriers.....and not a "destination" facility likely to attract to intermediate/advanced skaters from beyond the neighborhood.

With the recent completion of the McGregor Street skatepark, which does appeal to more advanced skaters, the CCC thinking in 2012 is even more rational. A Frederick Street design-type is appropriate for Monterey Park, would not require costly/unsightly sound buffering, would be safe for beginners and probably acceptable to neighbors.

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