KENNETH L. HOGAN
Councilman - First District
Council President

City of Dover

105 Hazeltine Road
Dover, DE 19904
(302) 734-2034 - Home
(302) 736-7006 - City Office

January 13, 2009

Wayne Henderson, Senior Planner
Delaware Transit Corporation
119 Lower Beach Street, Suite 100
Wilmington, DE 19805-4440

Dear Mr. Henderson:

The opening of the John W. Pitts Recreation Center has been very well received by the residents of the City of Dover. We have been able to offer a variety of programs and activities that are being enjoyed by many in the greater Dover community and beyond. However, the popularity of the programs offered has created many challenges for us. One of these issues is related to the provision of transportation to our facility.

Currently, there is no existing public transportation available to the Pitts Center. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, I would request that the Delaware Transit Corporation consider modifying an existing Dover bus route to include a stop at the Pitts Center. We believe that this modification would increase accessibility to the Center for young people and for others who rely on public transportation.

We look forward to your response regarding the feasibility of altering a bus route to accommodate this request. With your assistance, we hope to make the Pitts Center a facility that is accessible to all.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Hogan
Council President

KLH/js/tm
S:\ClerksOffice\Attachments and Exhibits\Committee Attachments\2008\12-08-2008 Special PR&CE\01-12-2009 Del Transit Corp.wpd

Status of FY-2008 Program Funds Spent - Fiscal Year 7/1/08-6/30/09

2008 Grant Projects	Project Details	Total Grant	Funds Encumbered	Funds Expended	Unencumbered Balance
Homeownership Assistance Program	Two (2) first time homebuyers provided settlement assistance	$45,112		$20,000	$25,112
*Housing Rehabilitation Program	Bid opening scheduled December 4, 2008.	$94,157		$0	$94,157
Dover Police Department	underway	$21,112		$1,340	$19,772
RC& D Emergency Home Repairs	Emergency home repairs completed in 3 homes	$25,000		$8,163	$16,837
Connections Community Support	6 motel vouchers issued	$15,112		$1,580	$13,532
Dover Interfaith Ministry	Expected to purchase site early next year.	$60,000		$0	$60,000
Total		$260,493		$31,083	$229,410

*Rehab Projects

Rehab balance from FY07 has been rolled over to FY08

141 Evergreen Drive
615 Crawford Avenue
612 Carol Street
505 W Division Street
47 Mitscher Road
740 River Road
893 Schoolhouse Lane

ATTACHMENT #2
Special PR&CE Committee Meeting of 12/08/2008

Status of FY-2007 Program Funds Spent - Fiscal Year 7/1/07-6/30/08

2007 Grant Projects	Project Details	Total Grant	Funds Encumbered	Funds Expended	Unencumbered Balance
Homeownership Assistance Program	Six (6) first time homebuyers provided settlement assistance	$46,912		$46,912	$0
*Housing Rehabilitation Program	Rehabs have been completed	$50,000		$50,000	$0
House of Pride	project completed	$33,050		$32,000	$1,050
RC& D Emergency Home Repairs	Emergency home repairs completed in 9 homes	$25,000		$25,000	$0
Connections Community Support	project completed	$11,698		$11,698	$0
Rental Rehab 301 W. Loockerman	one apartment unit completed	$57,000		$46,846	$10,154
Whatcoat Shelter	project completed.	$15,000		$14,000	$1,000
Total		$238,660		$226,456	$12,204

*Rehab Projects

Rehab balance from FY07 will be rolled over to FY08

128 W. North Street
402 W. State College Road
426 Court Street
817 Miller Drive
139 Gordon Place

26 City of Dover Parks

Revised 12/3/08 at DPSP Meeting

(In-person visual assessment; acres given on City website)

Too Small, or Inappropriate Use

Constitution Park (.02 acres, historic district)
Division & Kirkwood St. (0.5 acres, playground & basketball court)
Heatherfield East (1.15 acres, mostly wooded, access from Pebble Valley Dr.)
Kirkwood & Mary Streets (.15 acres; playground)
Crossgates (5.66 acres; long & narrow along wooded creek bottom; Blue Beach Rd.)
Memorial Park (4.60 acres, Mirror Lake)
Orville Myers (0.2 acres; State & Division Streets)
Richardson Park (1 acre; along Silver Lake at State St. & Walker Road)
Slaughter & Loockerman Streets (0.22 acres)
The Green (0.7 acres, historic district)
Westwind Meadows (0.62 acres, somewhere near Dover-Kenton Rd; I couldn't find it)

Adequate Size, but Within Neighborhood, or Dedicated Use

Continental Park (2.95 acres, within Independence Drive neighborhood)
Dover Park (28 acres, off White Oak Road; all dedicated use, except wooded areas)
Hamlet (11.5 acres; all wooded creek bottoms, behind houses)
Mallard Pond (6 acres, between homes; access by foot path only)
Millcreek (1.8 acres; between homes; way up near Denny's Road)
Turner Drive Park (1.0 acre; between homes; near New Burton Road & Kesselring)
Westfield (1.4 acres; between homes; half wooded; near Fire School Road)
Woodbrook ("8.6 acres" -- doesn't look half that size; between homes)

Adequate Size, Centrally Placed

Dover & New Street (4.4 acres, dedicated use: ball diamond, playground, BB court & soccer field)
Mayfair Park (2.60 acres, playground, ball field & BB court, open field, few adjoining homes; Alder Rd & Blue Beach Rd)
Paul's Property (also called PW2; 14.2 acres; at South end of Legislative Ave.)
Saulsbury Park (2.7 acres; across Saulsbury Road from Food Lion)
Silver Lake Recreation Area (182 acres, mostly lake surface, but some land as well)
Shutte Park (57 acres; many dedicated areas, but still should have space available)
Williams Park (8.88 acres; large, long park East of Nimitz Rd; homes on only one side; small parking lot at East end of McDowell Dr.; access also at end of Townsend Blvd.)

Not A Dover Park, but Worth Considering (Adequate size & High Visibility)

Former Scrap Yard (S. West Street)
Former Capitol Cleaners (S. Governors Ave.)
Open Lot, on Walker Road just West of RR Tracks
Open Lot, on Loockerman Street, East of Duncan Building
Open Lot, between South West Street and RR Tracks

DPSP MEETING MINUTES
12/2/08

Members Present: Chris Asay, Joel Marousek, Eugene Stone, Dawn Pyne

1. SITE EVALUATIONS

We reviewed information about the 26 City parks.

Of the 26, eight were eliminated because of small size, and another 11 were eliminated because they were deemed inappropriate for a skate park, because the park had a dedicated use that conflicted with a skatepark, or because the relatively small park was surrounded by a neighborhood of houses.

For the remaining seven parks, which we deemed of adequate size to house a skatepark and associated structures, and which we deemed centrally placed in the community, we rated each on Area, Safety, Visibility, Central Location, Accessibility, and Cost Implication. We then totaled the scores and ranked them, as follows:

Saulsbury Park	5,5,5,5,5,5=30 #1
Dover & New Street:	4,5,5,5,5,5=29 #2
Mayfair Park	5,5,5,4,4,5=28 #3
Schutte Park	5,5,5,4,4,5=28 #3
Williams Park	5,5,3,4,4,5=26 #5
Paul's Property (WP2)	5,4,3,5,5,3=25 #6
Silver Lake Rec Area	3,3,3,5,5,4=23 #7

Eugene suggested that, when presenting these sites to the City, we also include aerial photos (Google Earth?) of other skateparks that are contained within a larger community park (Maple Shade, alongside the ball park; Sayreville; Ridgely; Smyrna), to demonstrate the relative size and the integration with other park activity areas.

We also discussed a number of non-city park properties as potential skatepark locations.