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### **THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION CELEBRATES THE OPENING OF EMERSON SKATE PARK**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. October 28, 2024** – The City of Grand Junction will host a ribbon cutting ceremony of Emerson Skate Park at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 16 at Emerson Park, 301 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street. A skate jam and community events will follow the ribbon cutting.

The skate jam aims to unite the community for a day of excitement, inviting skaters of all skill levels to show off their talents in a vibrant atmosphere. Helmets are encouraged by all riders. Live music, food trucks, vendors, and prize drawings to win skate gear and event memorabilia will occur throughout the afternoon.

Notable times:

- 11 a.m. – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Noon - 3 p.m.- Skate Jam

Following City Council approval of the project for the 2024 budget, the contract was approved to complete the design and building of the skate park. The design-build contract was awarded to Ford Construction, Team Pain as the skate park builder, Austin Civil Group for civil engineering, and Kaart Planning for landscape and architecture. Team Pain's design for the Emerson Skate Park incorporates modern features, including an extensive street course, an intermediate bowl, and an advanced bowl. These elements along with the entire Emerson Park renovation were developed through a community engagement process that included numerous focus groups, surveys and public meetings in 2023.

"Through public process, the city learned from the community of the need to provide a modern skate facility," said Parks and Recreation Director Ken Sherbenou. "Reactivating one of the City's four original historic parks, with its amazing mature tree canopy, was another central goal fulfilled by this project".

Team Pain Skate Parks is a nationally recognized firm with more than 30 years of experience in the industry. They specialize in custom skate structures, concrete skate park facilities, indoor facilities, and high-profile specialty structures. Team Pain has designed and constructed 26 concrete skate park facilities throughout the state of Colorado and more than 350 skate structures and skate parks worldwide.

The reactivation of Emerson Park is outlined as a priority in the 2021 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Master Plan for the parks and recreation system. [More information about the PROS Master Plan](#). For questions regarding city programming, services, or facilities, call Grand Junction Parks and Recreation at 970-254-3866, visit [gjcity.org](http://gjcity.org), or email [gjparksandrec@gjcity.org](mailto:gjparksandrec@gjcity.org).

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