

Cradock Civic League



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Honorable Mayor Holley, Vice Mayor Randall and Portsmouth City Council Members
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Honorable Mayor Holley, Vice Mayor Randall and Portsmouth City Council Members,

The Cradock Civic League voted unanimously to allow the City of Portsmouth to use \$150,000 dollars of the \$340,000 budgeted for the Cradock neighborhood's revitalization efforts for the construction and development of a skate park, basketball courts and a playground in George Washington Park located on George Washington Highway within the Cradock Neighborhood. The goal is to phase the construction of the park attractions. The first phase would be construction of the skate park, the second phase would be the children's playground and the third and final phase would be the basketball courts. The park revitalization will greatly improve the quality of life for the children of Cradock and in all the neighborhoods located within it's vicinity.

Cradock desire is to provide a positive social outlet for the children of Cradock and Portsmouth. We believe that the revitalization of George Washington Park can be a safe and constructive environment. This environment can be protected and controlled with regular police patrols, Sheriff's department patrols coupled with the Cradock "Neighborhood" Watch Patrols and vigilant parents. It is going to take all of Portsmouth to make this a vibrant sister park that is equal, not less than the City Park. Thank you Portsmouth City Council for Supporting the Cradock neighborhood.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Somers". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Laura Somers

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