WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 99-89

SUBJECT:

Skate Park Risk Management Statistics

REQUESTED BY:

Recreation Services

PREPARED BY:

Kaye Sloan, Recreation Services

DATE: September 1, 1999

FOR AGENDA OF:

September 13, 1999

SUMMARY:

Last October, I asked Rosemary Craig, Risk Management Director for Valley Hospital, if she could set up a tracking system for skateboard injuries. Attached is a copy of her latest report. This covers clinical outpatient, inpatient, and emergency room injuries treated at AIC and Valley Hospital. We have no way of knowing if the injuries occurred at the skate park or on the streets, but the low number is heartening.

In summary between January 1 and August 13, 1999, there were a total of 13 injuries treated that were attributed to skateboarding. Of the 13, only 1 was a female, over 17 years of age. Only one inpatient injury occurred, and that was an ankle surgery, a male over 17 years of age. Of the total 13, 6 juveniles age 11-16 were injured and 7 adults. 17 and over were treated. Among the injuries were sprains, contusions, broken teeth, and a jaw wound. Seven were treated in the emergency room, 5 at AIC and 1 inpatient.

There were no injuries reported for the period October 1 through December 31, 1998.

I am very happy with this low number of injuries, but am more than ever committed to stressing the safety issue to these kids. We must keep emphasizing to them the importance of wearing helmets and pads every opportunity we get.

Also, the skate park committee will be holding a "name it" contest in the next couple months for the park. They will be coming forward with a chosen name for your approval. If you have any questions on the statistics or the naming contest, feel free to call me at 373-9053, or Rosemary Craig at 746-8705. Thank you for your support of this facility!

FISCAL IMPACT: X No Yes, amount requested: \$

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MAYOR REVIEW/COMMENT:

Reviewed by: SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Presented with:

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Attachments:

Valley Hospital Report

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