

The Front Range Quad Skater Community

Denver Roller Derby Junior Team member & member of Scum of the Earth Church community, Hannah Paul, skating at the La Alma skate park



Wreckin' Roller Rebels Vs. High City Derby Divas



High fives for the audience after a Rocky Mountain Roller Derby bout.



The Wheelhouse Scouts are a group of quad skaters (& others) developing skills and community at Front Range skate parks



The communities of skaters in the Front Range are remarkably multi-generational, multi-cultural, and positive. Skaters share gear, teams share players, and everyone shares good times. Self-worth and validation grow rampantly and purposefully. There is much to be learned from these communities.

SCUM OF THE EARTH

Scum of the Earth Church
935 W 11th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

Modern roller derby was developed as an all-female, women-lead team sport in the early 2000's and now in 2018 there are more than 400 registered leagues globally. In Colorado, there are more registered players than anywhere else in the world with about 13 teams (three ranked in the global top 60), with additional recreational teams, and 5 junior derby teams.

In 2016, Denver's beloved Derbyville Derby Shop closed due to rent, leaving one shop in Colorado Springs and a shop shared with a skateboard business in Loveland. Even if Denver's derby population *wasn't* so large, there would now still be a large hole to fill in terms of the need for gear and service.



Scenes from a Rebels bout in 2017

But Scum of the Earth has more in mind than a stop gap. There is already ten derby players who are part of Scum and we hold a supplemental weekly practice for Denver's most beloved recreational team, the Wreckin' Roller Rebels. We've provided a safe outlet (well, mostly safe; bruises abound!) for troubled, marginalized, and at-risk young women and further facilitated the larger community of roller derby in the front range.

We intend to open with a moderate amount of inventory sold in our meeting room, but stowed in a closet after we close for sales which we intend to be mid-evening. We believe closing a bit later will contribute both to our sales and to our involvement in the community like our weekly community nights and First Friday openings.

This is our aim. To provide women with a physical outlet and a network of support. To unite women in a diversity of ethnicities, cultures, and faiths. To pass on the love that Jesus has shown us. And to have fun all the while! These are the things that will be most important to this derby shop and Scum believes these ends are worth it even at a financial loss (though, we'd be surprised if it's not profitable).

LA ALMA
LINCOLN PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Subject: Letter of support for zoning change at
935 W 11th Ave for a derby supplies shop

November 6, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The La Alma-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association (LA-LPNA) is writing this letter of full support for the rezoning of the property at 935 W. 11th Ave to allow for the Scum of the Earth church to open a retail roller derby supplies shop.

LA-LPNA heard a presentation by Mr. Jesse Heilmann, Ms. Jessi Heilmann and one of the derby participants about their concept and the community need for this establishment.

Residents in the community expressed enthusiasm for this project and its goals for strengthening a community in need. Neighbors living near the current location also added that Scum of the Earth has been a good neighbor and we appreciate their presence and their service in and to our neighborhood.

After discussion, it was moved and unanimously passed that we express our support by writing a letter of support for this project. If you have any further questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us directly.

Sincerely,



Christine Sprague, President

La Alma/Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association

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LPNA is a registered neighborhood organization. We strive to represent the interests of and build relationships between our ~6600 residents as well as business owners, students, and community stakeholders, and to share the pride in our sense of place. Our neighborhood extends from Colfax to W 6th Ave and the Platte river (I-25) to Speer Boulevard.



Rocky Mountain Rollergirls
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To whom it may concern:

I am a skater for Rocky Mountain Rollergirls, a non-profit organization created by women for women to empower Colorado women and girls. As an active member of the Denver roller derby community for nearly 7 years, I have committed a great deal of free time and personal resources to this sport because I love the community and the challenge. Roller derby has given me a multitude of leadership experience, connected me with other local non-profits and causes, and given me a safe outlet to pursue my physicality.

A local shop at Scum of the Earth Church, supplying gear for roller derby, would mean a great deal to myself and the many roller derby leagues in the area. It would ensure easy access to the tools we need and a spot for our community to connect and continue to flourish. I particularly love the idea of having a local business I can support, in one of Denver's most unique and vibrant neighborhoods. It's the perfect marriage of community and creativity.

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Warm Regards,
Kristy Rowe aka Harper Bizarre
Rocky Mountain Rollergirls



WRECKIN' ROLLER REBELS

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been playing roller derby with the Denver Roller Dolls and the Wreckin' Roller Rebels here in Denver for the last 9 years. Currently I am also on our league's coaching team. Derby has benefited me in many ways to providing for my physical and mental health as well as giving me a connection to amazing and different women in my city.

Denver is so fortunate to have a multitude of Derby teams in and around the city. These teams bring women and girls of different backgrounds, ages, athletic abilities, and ethnic heritage together. Much to the disappointment of us derby girls, our locally owned roller derby shop was forced to close its doors almost 2 years ago. My teammates and I are excited about the prospect of a new shop opening up through Scum of the Earth Church because, well, we are in need of derby gear and most of us would much rather support a local business in our city as well as be able to access products immediately and tangibly. We also know that Scum has values of helping individuals and serving its neighborhood in the city and derby is definitely about loving on people.

Sincerely,
Heather Vigil AKA La Rolla Cholla



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Chris Francis lived at Scum of the Earth Church from July 2015 to September 2017. Chris had numerous interactions with Scum's neighbor William Moore. William was always difficult to deal with. William didn't want a church in the building from the beginning to Chris' understanding. William never really revealed his reasons for disliking Scum to Chris. Chris attempted to understand William's problem with Scum but was never able to. Chris tried to develop a friendship with William on many occasions, inviting him on motorcycle rides (a common interest of theirs) and was never successful. Chris believes William may have struggled with drinking during the time Chris lived at Scum but also believes he may have since gotten sober. Chris and William managed to be cordial eventually despite numerous blow ups. Chris believes William tried to rezone his property for commercial use at one point in order to sell it for more profit. His rezoning request was not approved. Chris is aware of multiple noise complains made by William about Scum. In all cases Scum was found to have been well within the noise ordinances.

The above account of my and Scum of the Earth Church's dealings with William are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Francis", written in a cursive style.

Chris Francis