

Company finishes contract items for skate park

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The recently opened Gallup Skate Park next to the Gallup Cultural Center was closed Aug. 16 and 17 for the completion of items in the original contract that were not finished before the park's July 28 opening.

Written statements by Mayor Jackie McKinney and Executive Director of Public Works Stanley Henderson confirm the reason for the closure. Inquiries about whether the repairs were the result of damage to the park were dismissed by both McKinney and Henderson.

"This was an outstanding construction issue noted previously with the contractor," Henderson wrote.

The contractor, Albuquerque's H.O. Construction Inc., was completing the punch list, "and part of that punch list was reworking concrete joints that we did not accept when the contractor's work was inspected," Henderson said.

A punch list is a document naming work that does not conform to a contract's specifications and which the contractor must complete before receiving the final payment. Because it was considered a punch-list item, the work done during Aug. 16 and 17 meant no additional cost to the city.

According to McKinney, the initial cost of the Skate Park was estimated at \$500,000, but various issues brought the total cost to nearly \$800,000.

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