

Developer proposes building wakeboard park near Allen High School

By ED HOUSEWRIGHT/Staff Writer

26 January 2011

A developer told the Allen City Council last night that he wants to create a small lake and open a wakeboard park near Allen High School by May.

The proposed 7-acre, oval-shaped lake would use overhead cables – not boats – to pull wakeboard riders, said Victor Toledo, a Dallas [real estate](#) lawyer and investor.

Only about 10 cable wakeboard parks exist in the United States, but more than 225 have opened worldwide, Toledo said. They feature ramps that allow riders – from beginners to professionals – to perform stunts and compete.

“This would be appealing to Allen residents, but it also would be a regional, if not national, draw,” Toledo told the council at a work session.

Council members generally supported the idea, although they asked questions about safety and parking. Toledo and his partners would lease land near Allen Station Park and the high school from the city. They are not asking for any public money.

City Manager Peter Vargas said he would present a lease to council member within six weeks for action.

Toledo said the wakeboard park would be open 10 months of the year, closing only during the coldest weather. Riders would wear helmets and life vests, he said.

“It would be a safe place for kids to go hang out,” Toledo said.