ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

MINUTES - OCTOBER 18, 2016

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT - MEMBERS ABSENT -

Stacey Marchionni – Chair Donna Bogan

David Walker

Sandy Keans

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Michelle Mears, Planning Department; Cory MacKoul, Molly Meulenbroek, John Storer, DPW; Owen Friend-Gray, DPW; Jenn Marsh, Economic Development

A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Stacey Marchionni called the meeting to order at

4:34 PM. Attendance was taken & introductions were made.

B. DISCUSSION – Committee Members

The group held a discussion on who should be added to the current committee of 4 people that were appointed by the Mayor. Any new committee members will need to be approved by the Mayor before being added to the committee. In order to accommodate some members the meeting time was changed from 4:30-6:00 pm to 5:00-6:30 pm, this will take effect starting November 1, 2016.

C. DISCUSSION – Future projects

Dave Walker, former Chair of the past Riverwalk committee brought the attendees up to speed on where the last committee left off. They left off at Duval Park and were talking discussing connecting downtown and the fairgrounds. Dave also informed the group on

locations that would be good for boat launches and those included Cove Court, Fawnes

Mill and the Interval. Another potential phase would be connecting Hanson Pines, Roger Allen Park and the athletic fields. The past committee also was looking where they could add pocket parks. The idea of connecting the old rail trails on Route 11 was also discussed at this meeting. Michelle will bring a projector to the next meeting to show where the Riverwalk starts and ends. Discussion was held on what immediate projects could be worked on and those included clearing out vegetation for a better view and looking at easily connectable areas. John Storer talked about the upcoming Wakefield Street project that will begin next Spring to see if that was an alternative route to the following the River on that portion of the Riverwalk. A Riverwalk tour will be held on Saturday November 5th starting at 8:00 am to familiarize committee members and non-members with the Riverwalk area.

D. DISCUSSION – Establishing a fund or fiscal sponsor

Jenn mentioned that the committee will need to set up a fund for any future fundraising or sponsorship efforts. Jenn will set up a meeting with Sandy, Stacey, Blaine

Cox, Deputy City Manager and Rolland Connors from Finance to discuss the best way to

set up a fund. John Storer discussed a grant possibility that might be a good fit for the

Riverwalk and that deadline is in 2018. Jenn will email the group the paperwork

provided by John and another from the Community Development Coordinator.

E. DISCUSSION - Other

Jenn will be emailing the group the grant paperwork mentioned above, the past Charette

and the CLD plans that include pricing quotes and a full map.

The Committee will need to come up with a current vision and objectives for the City

web site at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 1ST, 2016 AT 5:00 PM - CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH; WALKING TOUR WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5TH AT 8:00 AM, MEETING AT HANSON PINES NEAR THE POOLS.