

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 6, 2018

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT –Donna Bogan, Molly Meulenbroek, Dave Walker, Stacey Marchionni, Ray Felts, Peter Bruckner, Esther Turner, Sandy Keans (6:10)

MEMBERS ABSENT –Andrea Lemire

OTHERS Present –Jenn Marsh; Rick Lundborn, Fuss and O’Neil; Emily Lord, Shannon Rodgers and Mary Tibo-Davis all from the UNH Cooperative Extension

- A. Stacey called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of October 17, 2018. Jenn suggested we change the date on the top of the minutes from 2018 to 2017. Dave made a motion to accept with date change, Donna seconded.
- C. INTRODUCTIONS - Emily Lord and Shannon Rodgers joined us from UNH cooperative. They are working on downtowns and trail initiatives and Shannon is a State Specialist. Mary Tibo-Davis is also from UNH Cooperative and specializes in Urban and Community Forestry and natural resources. Rick Lundborn from Fuss and O’Neil was also present to review the changes for the CLD master plan.
- D. DISCUSSION – Review CLD plans with Fuss and O’Neil to approve changes  
The committee reviewed the plans and discussed the changes they would like Fuss and O’Neil to look at while they update the CLD master plan.
  - a. Viewing riverwalk as a larger greenways trail connecting from community to community.
  - b. Extending the Riverwalk on the North to start at the Hillsdale neighborhood with kayak launch and pier.
  - c. Extending the Riverwalk on the South to the interval.
  - d. Update budgets
  - e. Update purpose and mission.

The committee discussed the knotweed behind Water Street and the Main Street renderings. We discussed the renderings initially came from Main Street and it should continue to be their project however, the Riverwalk would like to keep it in the Master Plan because it would make sense to connect this area to the Riverwalk. The biggest hold up right now on that Water Street area is the fact that Knotweed takes time to remove. Ray will look into some possible grants and connect back with Make Rochester Great.

Phasing of the plan changes:

Phase 1A:

1. Viewing platform and where to locate. Options discussed were parking lot and Duval Park
2. Canoe input near Cove Court or Lilac City Grill
3. Lighting the damn and bridge

Phase 1B:

1. Boardwalks. Rick will look at possibly moving them to cut cost and avoid as many easements. Rick discussed that we need to incorporate engineering fees, wet lands and Davis Bacon wages into the cost of the project when applying for grants and make sure to add the cost to the initial grant amount.

Phase 1C:

1. Park behind Water Street. As stated earlier we will add this as exploratory and look to see if we can work with Main Street in the future.

Phase 2:

1. North end of the Riverwalk including; Heath Brook footbridge, fishing pier, parking, connection to SHS.

Phase 3:

1. South end of the Riverwalk including; bridges, interval, connect William Allen School, include fairgrounds with pocket park

Take out of the 2007 CLD Master Plan

- A. Dewey Street Bridge (completed)
- B. River Street Park (Duval is completed)
- C. Parking garage (this would be a City project)

- E. DISCUSSION – Grants and Deadlines. We ran out of time to have a discussion on grants. This will be added to the next agenda.

Old Business:

Eagle Scout: Sean Callopy is receiving a \$1500 start up and will be working on a fundraiser at the Community Center in March. Ray will reach out to Sean to invite the Riverwalk and also to invite Sean to our 2<sup>nd</sup> March meeting. The works out stations are \$2000 per unit.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Donna Bogan, second by Dave Walker. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 pm – City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH

Respectfully submitted by Jenn Marsh