

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Marchionni, Donna Bogan (arrived at 5:20), Ray Felts, Molly Meulenbroek, Michelle Mears, Owen Friend-Gray, Sandra Keans (arrived at 6:25)

MEMBERS ABSENT – Andrea Lemire, Dave Walker, Jenn Marsh, Peter Bruckner, Corey MacKoul

OTHERS Present –Alexa Gozdiff, Strafford Regional Planning; Olivia Lapolla, Mayor's Intern; Shaun Collopy, Eagle Scout; Rick Lundborn, Engineer with CLD

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Chair, Stacey Marchionni called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Attendance was taken.
- B. APPROVAL - Minutes of February 21st meeting were approved by Molly Mears, seconded by Ray Felts.
- C. DISCUSSION – Shaun Collopy, EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - Shaun presented his proposal for an installation of 10 pieces of exercise equipment for Hanson Pines installation. He evaluated both wood and metal and determined metal would be a better long term fit as it will last longer and will not be as easily vandalised. The budget for the project is \$10,000 for 10 pieces, or \$5,000 for 5-6 pieces. He is going to work on fundraising with a \$10,000 goal. He has \$1,000 in seed money offered by The Knights of Columbus to get started. Discussion ensued regarding using Hanson Pines Trust as the fiscal agent for the fundraising and expenditures. Owen Friend-Gray confirmed that no permits will be needed from DES for this installation because of the minor amount of ground digging. Timeline presented by Shaun is: 3/31/17 deadline for prices; 4/4/17 Riverwalk Cmte approval; 4/26/17 Eagle Scout Board approval of project; Construction and installation will occur between 7/15 - 8/26/17. All fundraising will be done by Shaun. Riverwalk Committee to facilitate discussions with Hanson Pines Trustees and City Council.
- D. DISCUSSION – Cierra Roy, SHS Student and Economic Development Intern – Cierra was unable to attend the meeting. Stacey read her letter regarding the survey of SHS students and Hanson Pines.
- E. DISCUSSION – Rochester Cares Spring Cleanup Project – Tabled for next meeting.
- F. DISCUSSION – Review Master Plan and Phasing – After reviewing Phase 1 the following is a list of what the committee would like to accomplish:
Exercise Stations, Boat Launch and Pier at Hillsdale, Pocket Park – benches, pavilion at Hillsdale, Plantings, Parking Lot on City owned lot on Hillsdale, Clean Up and Maintenance of the Pines (Trustees), Footbridge over Heath Brook, Canoe drop/pull at Lilac City Grill (need easement) or former Main Moon restaurant , Move dumpsters closer at LCG, Riverwalk Signage.
- G. DISCUSSION – Marketing Materials/Printed Information – Tabled for next meeting.

H. OTHER - The following was discussed:

~Recreational Trails – funding application due June 3rd for 2018 funds.

~From Hillsdale to LCG – total of one hour from drop in to pull out by canoe/kayak.

~Eastern end of river is a good spot for launching. Housing side of Dewey is better for a launch.

~Constructing a parking lot on City owned lot on Hillsdale would alleviate problems of parking on residents' lawns.

~A launch ramp was suggested between Lilac City Grill and Papaya Thai. The City lot across the street would be used for parking. Stacey suggested stamping orange walkways between properties for pedestrian to delineate riverwalk and for safety of pedestrians..

~Michelle advised of a NH Office of Energy and Planning Conference on April 29th in Concord. Jim will be speaking about our Riverwalk. She will forward additional information.

ADJOURN – 6:28pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:00pm – City Council Chambers, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH Respectfully submitted by Donna Bogan