

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2017

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

31 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH

MEMBERS PRESENT – Stacey Marchionni, Dave Walker, Andrea Lemire, Molly Meulenbroek, Mayor McCarley, Ray Felts at 5:20 pm, Sandy Keans and Donna Bogan arrived at 6:00 pm

MEMBERS ABSENT –Corey Mackoul, Peter Bruckner

OTHERS PRESENT –Jenn Marsh, Economic Development

A. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair, Stacey Marchionni called the meeting to order at 5:24 pm when a quorum was met.

B. **APPROVAL** - Minutes of April 4th meeting were approved by Dave Walker, second by Andrea Lemire.

-Discussion on concerned citizens. Before getting into the agenda of the meeting the Committee discussed the details of some phone calls and emails from concerned citizens near the school fields on Chestnut Hill Road. The Committee decided that they will look into holding a community discussion which would be facilitated by Rochester Listens so that everyone can hear plan, concerns, new ideas. The Committee is concerned with the feedback they have been getting and want to make sure they hear what everyone has to say, bring forward some ideas and see how we can best work together. This Rochester Listens meeting will also provide a venue for the entire community to learn more about the Riverwalk and express ideas and get involved. Chairperson Stacey will reach out to Emily Pelletier who is one of the Chairpersons on Rochester Listens and try to set up a meeting in June sometime.

The Committee also discussed the process of how plans or projects from the Riverwalk Committee get approved. Currently the Riverwalk is discussing and trying to re-phase the 2007 CLD Master Plan. Once they have come to a conclusion within the Committee this would need to be presented to the City Council for approval. All projects and discussions at this point are just discussion and the Committee has no power to make final decisions or approve any project. The hopes are to attend a City Council meeting or workshop in July once the budget season is over. These are all public meetings and the public is welcome to attend. The Committee will also make a point to attend a finance committee meeting before getting on the Council agenda to make sure all funding and monies are properly appropriated.

C. **DISCUSSION – Follow up on fiduciary duties**

David Walker followed up with Deputy City Manager Cox on the past funding for the Duval Park project. Originally there was \$50,000 and of that \$22,511.37 was de-authorized by City Council and transferred

to the Economic Development Fund. Jenn Marsh will follow up on the funds transferred. The Riverwalk Committee is interested to see if the funds can be re-authorized if available.

D. **DISCUSSION –Hanson Pines Eagle Scout program**

Ray Felts reported that Sean has raised approximately \$1,050 towards the project and the total cost could range from \$5,000-\$10,000. Ray will let Sean know the YMCA is willing to help with labor if that will help him. Once the funds are raised Sean will present a narrative to the Riverwalk Committee who will forward onto the Hanson Pines Trustees. The Trustees have been contacted about the project and expressed interest so this will not be new to them.

E. **Discussion – Complete recommendations for Master Plan review**

Chairperson Stacey wanted discussed other recreational uses besides a skate park and this should be brought up at the Rochester Listens meeting to see what type of recreation the community is looking to see in the City.

We discussed that downtown on the phasing is really referring to behind North Main Street and constitutes the back of those businesses that abut the Housing Authority property.

Chairperson Stacey discussed the possibility of reaching out the Fairgrounds to see if they might be able to see/ give an easement to the City for the recreation area. Mayor McCarley will research if the Stakeholders can even consider sales or easements in the founding documentation.

Adjourn – Motion made by Dave Walker, second by Andrea Lemire. Meeting adjourned at 6:29pm.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 at 5:00pm – City Council Chambers, 31 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH Respectfully submitted by Jenn Marsh