

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES  
January 27, 2022  
City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room and remote attendance  
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson (remote), Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts (remote), Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Suzie Mills (remote), Barbara Murphy (remote), Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker [No absences]

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development)

CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:01.

A. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of October 28, 2021, was made by Peter, seconded by Kerry, and approved by all with the exception of Jon who abstained.

C. DISCUSSION — Project updates

**Peter** has obtained a cost estimate from an engineer through the cooperation of Peter Nourse for the purchase and installation of a 24-foot diameter circular platform to be cantilevered on the dam structure at Duval Park. The estimate of \$175,000 is documented in an email distributed to the Riverwalk Committee.

The signage in Dominicus Hanson Park, including the QR codes of the interpretive trail, need replacement. There has been some student interest in taking this on as a project.

Lighting along Riverwalk and at the bridge is an open item.

Parks and Recreation is planning to expand their facilities in the vicinity of Dominicus Hanson Park with a couple pickleball courts and an area designed for teens.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission is meeting February 3 to consider how to integrate Rochester's Riverwalk with trails in other towns. **Esther** will attend.

**David** met with the Sunshine Initiative to explore the potential for funding for Riverwalk.

D. DISCUSSION — Riverwalk Fund update

The Finance Committee is setting up an operating budget for Riverwalk of \$2,500 and requiring that Riverwalk do no fundraising directly. As a city committee, the reporting requirements of fundraising are cumbersome. Riverwalk can work with other organizations doing fundraising for Riverwalk projects.

**Jenn** can obtain status of this portion of the city budget as needed.

E. DISCUSSION — Logo contest with high school

**Barbara** will contact the school to develop a plan for the logo contest.

F. DISCUSSION — Kayak Launch update

The manufacturer recommends that the launch be removed from the water each fall to protect it from damage by river ice. Riverwalk requests that the launch be removed to a safe location each fall.

Riverwalk selected "Riverwalk Public Kayak & Canoe Launch" as the signage language for Hillsdale.

G. DISCUSSION — Other

**Jon, Esther, Kerry, and Maggie** volunteered to staff a booth at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Wings 'n' Wheels. The event runs from 10:00am to 3:00pm with setup at 9:00am.

**Jenn** has an inflatable kayak available for this event. While Riverwalk is no longer able to raise funds with a raffle, Riverwalk may arrange a raffle that promotes awareness of Riverwalk.

An outdoor dinner is planned for September.

**Stacey** will advise if she sees opportunity through the Community Project Funding in New Hampshire's 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

Riverwalk will review the list of grants that **Stacey** is holding.

H. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:50 by Suzie, seconded by Jon, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:00pm. —Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner