

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 22, 2023

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Jennifer Gullison, Kerrie Landry, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE –Jennifer Marsh of Rochester Economic Development, Renée McIsaac of Rochester Planning & Development, Joyce Bruckner, Jane English.

ABSENT - Maggie McConaghy, Barbara Murphy, Trish Prescott.

A. CALL TO ORDER — David Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of regular meeting May 25, 2023, was made by Kerrie, seconded by Stacey, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION — Projects

Hanson Pines bench project is off to a good start. Rain has canceled the most recent work date. Painting and coating remain to be done and will be done as weather permits. **Stacey** posted pictures of the volunteers at work on Rochester NH Riverwalk facebook page.

Family Fun Festival, Saturday, July 8 (or rain date Sunday, July 9): **Esther** bringing in canopy; **Jon** providing tables and educational materials, which **Dave** may pick up; **Kerrie** and **Jenn** setting up games and prizes; **David** staffing full time, **Stacey**, **Esther**, and **Jon** parttime. Jenn displayed the banner and delivered the logo tee-shirts.

Boy Scouts may have interest in doing community service or in completing an Eagle Scout project.

D. DISCUSSION — Funding updates

1. Overlook at dam

Main Street has expressed some interest in the overlook project on the Duval Park side of the dam. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would fund an overlook on the parking lot side because that location is within the qualifying census tract.

2. Amphitheater

City Council has approved funding the design work.

3. Riverwalk Master Plan

Funding for an update is in the budget.

E. DISCUSSION — Other

Stacey presented work on the Riverwalk vision statement and requested feedback. Some wordsmithing was done while the document content was confirmed. Stacey will be back with a revised document that can guide us in articulating what we are trying to achieve. This can be used in our brochure, in our fundraising efforts, and in raising awareness in the community.

Jenn will see if Riverwalk could take on the garden at Duval Park as an Adopt-a-Spot.

Renée is doing water quality monitoring of the Cocheco through the summer.

As the city master plan is reviewed, **David** watches for inclusion of Riverwalk as appropriate to the work of the planning board.

F. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:43 by Kerrie, seconded by Stacey, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner