

 CITY OF DOVER	COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES Revised Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: Council Conference Room, City Hall, 288 Central Ave, Dover Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 Meeting Time: 5:30 PM
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Members Present: Bryant Hardwick (Chair), Bill Stafford, Jon Niehof, Alex Abbott, Jacqueline Finnerty, Patrick Manning, and Shayna Sylvia.

Members called into the meeting: Mark Herrick, Laurie Smith, Steve Oman, Tom Ryde

Staff Present: City Planner Donna Benton

B. Hardwick opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of February 4, 2020 Minutes
 - Motion to approve made by S.Sylvia. Seconded by P.Manning. Vote U/A.
3. Update on TAP Extension Phase III
 - D.Benton explained that construction occurred mostly in 2020 and that crews were finishing up the final touches (final paving, brick work, benches, waste bins, etc.) over the next two weeks and a potential date for a ribbon cutting has been set. The CTAC discussed with COVID-19 still going on, they would like to limit the ribbon cutting to stakeholders only and not advertise to the general public.
4. Update on TAP Extension Phase IV
 - The next phase is still in the design phase. The design engineer has provided a change order to determine the geo-technical needs for a bridge crossing over the Bellamy as part of the next phase. Staff is reviewing to see if we can proceed with that aspect.
 - This Phase IV-B route would start at the rear of the High School parking lot off Bellamy Road through the City-owned property on the south side of the Bellamy River, cross the Bellamy River via a new bridge, and then pick up as planned at the rear of Bellamy Park, behind multi-family housing and terminate at a new trailhead on Rt. 155/Knox Marsh Road. Funding opportunities include the next round of TAP funding which the City applied for and is waiting to hear back about and potential mitigation funding from the General Sullivan bridge project. S.Sylvia suggested also looking into the Recreational Trails Program funding opportunity.
5. Update on Washington Street Trail Crossing
 - D.Benton said the bid documents are drafted and given a final review by staff before going out in the next week or so. Construction should still be able to occur in 2021 for a trail crossing to include bump-outs, signage, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and striping.
6. Discussion on Voyage Mark II Solar System Installation
 - In January, an opportunity was presented to the School Superintendent and City Staff regarding a new version of the Voyage Mark I installation in three locations in the US including on the Washington Mall in front of the Smithsonian Institute. The installation is a replica of the Solar System with 13 stanchions installed to-scale depicting their distance from the sun and each other along a 2,000 linear foot route. The City, School District, and Children's Museum are pursuing the opportunity for the installation to be on the new section of Trail from Central Ave to Fisher Street. The School Board has voted to endorse the expenditure of school impact fees to fund the exhibit and installation and the City Council will vote on the expenditure and award of bid on



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- May 12, 2021. Dover is the only community in New England pursuing this opportunity. For more information, visit: <http://voyagesolarsystem.org/the-experience/>.
- Discussion ensued about the installation and how to solve the potential issue of groups of people viewing the exhibits and blocking regular use of the trail.
 - S.Oman moved to endorse the installation along the trail with the request that traffic on the trail be taken into account as the trail serves as a corridor for transportation and recreation. Seconded by P.Manning. Vote 10-1 with J.Niehof opposing.
7. Discussion on Dover Graffiti Sub-committee
- D.Benton explained that she and the Police Chief were forming a committee to review and manage graffiti city-wide based on continued complaints regarding the community trail. The City Council will vote on the formation of the ad-hoc committee on May 12th. Then applications would become available. One member should be from the CTAC, other representatives should be from the Arts Commission, Recreation Advisory Committee, Dover Main Street, two at-large members and staff from Community Services, Police, and Planning. If you are interested in joining the committee, please reach out to D.Benton for an application to then go to the Appointments Committee.
 - Some ideas would be to install a graffiti wall near the green garage near Folsom Street or the Rotary Trailhead or new skate park as well in an effort to try to take pressure off the trail head kiosks, tunnels, signage, etc.
 - P.Manning offered to help fix the mural under the Spaulding Turnpike if D.Benton has funding available for additional paint.
 - The committee would also be looking into additional lighting and cameras.
8. Other General Updates
- B.Hardwick asked about the Police Liaison attending the meetings. B.Stafford summarized a meeting with D.Benton and the Police last fall. D.Benton announced the new Police Liaison and explained she couldn't make tonight's meeting.
 - A.Abbott asked about the trail being plowed and maintained during the winter. S.Sylvia requested that the stairs near Silver Street are also maintained during the winter.
 - Beckwith-Whittier drainage concerns were raised again. D.Benton will follow-up with Community Services.
 - Signs for paths/uses on the trail during the winter were discussed. J.Niehof will come up with a template for Community Services
 - The need for parking clarification signs on Fourth Street was discussed.
 - Sidewalk stencil is needed from Rotary Trailhead to Fourth Street trailhead.
 - Parking from church attendees on the north side of Fourth Street block the sidewalk.
 - D.Benton explained some items that Community Services will take care of such as the addition of granite curbing and the fence to be fixed near the train planter.
 - S.Sylvia announced the new recreation site mapping tool SRPC created which can be found here: <https://arcg.is/1veW9q> and the trail passport this spring and partnering with the Children's Museum.
 - D.Benton will submit a service request for the removal of the dog waste sign near tunnel which has so much graffiti on it that it is illegible.



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- D. Benton met with Liberty Mutual about the off-shoot trail maintenance earlier in the Spring and will put together an agreement for their review.
 - The Arts Commission put together a presentation on possible public art for the trail.
 - D.Benton has requested Community Services to revise the parking at Whittier Street to be longer and striped for head-in parking.
 - Wayfinding signage including for the trail was installed in April/May throughout the City.
 - S.Sylvia will work to re-do Rotary Trailhead poster.
 - The City is working on a bike lane striping program to prioritize striping bike lanes on roads that connect to the trailheads to start this spring during the annual re-striping.
9. Update on Promotion/Adopt-A-Trail Section/Goals
- D.Benton mentioned there are still two trail sections without signed agreements. She will reach out to the one group who requested the new section a couple year ago.
 - B.Hardwick will send a thank you note to each of the adopters on behalf of the CTAC.
 - D.Benton will check in with the adopters and work on signage.
10. Other Business
- D.Benton mentioned the Open Lands Committee clean-up on Saturday May 8th and asked for volunteers to join them on the Cassily piece.
11. Next meeting— June 1, 2021
12. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm on a motion made by A. Abbott and seconded by J.Niehof. Vote: U/A.