



CITY OF DOVER

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820,
Room 224
Meeting Date: Monday, December 13, 2021
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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Call to order at 6:00pm

Roll Call

Present: David Beaulieu (Secretary), Gary Bannon (Director of Recreation), Rick Mikulis(vice-chair), Elizabeth Fischer(Alternate), Heather Twombly (Chair), John O'Connor (City Council Liaison), Brian Murphy, Melanie Burger, Craig Bartle

Absent: Brandy Maas, Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Shayna Sylvia (excused), Jon-Erik Tryggstad (Alternate)(excused), Shellie Lemelin (Alternate) (excused)

Approval of Minutes for Nov 8, 2021

Approved by Brian Murphy; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum: None

Reports:

Advisory Board:

- Rick: Anti-Graffiti committee had its first meeting. Rick is the new Chair.
- Beth: New city holiday lights look good. Ice sculptures downtown.
- Mel: Community trail is very wet between Ballfield and Whittier Street.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- Mask policy for city employees has been reinstituted indoors. Also the school mask mandate will impact athletics at those facilities
- Tree lighting on Dec 3rd was well attended. Nancy and Seacoast Men of Harmony performed at the ceremony. New city bus was effective as equipment transportation & warming hut.
- This is final meeting for John O'Connor as City Council Liaison. Gary thanked John for his dedication & past support. John mentioned he may return to Rec Board as a member.
- No update to the Strategic Plan.

Old Business:

Amanda Howard Park Project Update:

- SUR completed the move of the gazebo.
- This essentially completes the project. Fosters may do an article soon.
- There will be a ribbon cutting in the spring when the weather is better.



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Skate Park Update:

- Technical review committee to see plans in January.
- Awaiting a few lighting proposals which may include solar panel wrapped lighting poles.
- Rotary Club still considering donation but would require some type of structure such as a pavilion where the logo could be displayed.
- Urban tree completed the tree removal & pruning along Oak Street side.

Olympian Recognition Signs Status:

- The Dover 400th Committee is interested in partnering with the Rec Advisory Board to discuss Olympian qualifications for new signage and timing for release.
- There may be a need to create a subcommittee.
- To be discussed with Dover Main Street.
- Perhaps utilize the Faces of Dover website.
- Additional consideration for Para-Olympians and Special Olympians.

Waterfront Park/Paddle Sports and Public Access Review:

- Work continues to incorporate public space & boathouse into developers design. There was a CWDAC Park Sub-Committee on Dec 1st.
- Great Bay Rowing, UNH Crew, Berwick Academy, and Northeast Passage have determined the proposed Building F will likely not have sufficient space for future needs of the groups.
- The proposed picnic pavilion in the park, in its current design, will not be a year-round functional facility. That structure should be redesigned to improve functionality.
- Ideally a new structure, or multiple structures, can be incorporated into the park development plans to support the future needs of the clubs and members of the community wanting to utilize the waterfront.
- Discussion should include the short-term while the site is under construction, & long-term solutions.
- Current park design needs reconsideration for overall future waterfront activities.

Awards Program Status:

- Gary spoke with his staff & decided the awards program should continue but in a non-traditional way given the pandemic.
- The awards can be solicited as normal but not have the banquet as usual.
- Beth suggested the ceremony could be held next summer at the completed skate park, maybe BBQ style. Could be timed to coincide with the opening ceremony of the skate Park.



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New Business:

Winter Sports Program Update:

- Arena and the Pool are busy and almost back to pre-covid levels.
- Will try to minimize spectators at events for safety.
- May also attempt to condense certain seasons.
- With the holidays falling on the weekends, it may naturally shorten sessions.

Budget Development Update:

- Budget is in the development process. Will be submitting edits.
- Rick Conway hired in the fulltime capacity as a Recreation Program Supervisor. Having Rick's experience will potentially allow programs previously cut or limited to return.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Melanie Burger. Motion 2nd by Rick Mikulis.

Vote unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be January 10th

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu