



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, February 14, 2022
Meeting Time: **6:00pm**

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), Craig Bartle, Jon-Erik Tryggstad (Alternate), Shellie Lemelin (Alternate), Melanie Burger, Dennis Shanahan (City Council Liaison), Shayna Sylvia
Absent: Alicia Rooney (Alternate), Brian Murphy (excused)

Approval of Minutes for Jan 10, 2022

Approved by Shayna Sylvia; Seconded by Melanie Burger

Citizens Forum:

- John O'Connor was visiting
- Rick noted the graffiti committee will meet the 4th Monday of the month at city hall
- Shana provided a community trail update
- Craig asked about possible signage regarding for Dover rail lines

Reports:

Advisory Board:

Introductions as Dennis Shanahan, Deputy Mayor and City Councilman, has now joined the board.

Recreation Director, Gary Bannon

- The City staff mask policy has transitioned to voluntary and to be used when requested.
- All programs are going strong including pickleball. Online sign-ups are now happening for spring programs.
- Sledding has been popular at Shaws Lane & Garrison Hill. Garrison has been temporarily closed due to icy conditions.
- The Paddlesport Dock is scheduled to be installed on Thursday March 31 just in time for spring rowing programs, which start early April.
- Jenny Thompson Pool project has been approved for financing over a year ago. Preparing for RFP's as the work is anticipated to begin this fall & finish in the spring of 2023.
- Senior Center spring programming is beginning to ramp up as more trips are expected to be added back this year, such as longer duration coach bus excursions.



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Old Business:

Skatepark Update:

- Working on the lighting design LED package. Does not appear to be enough square footage to proceed with a pole-wrapped solar design.
- Rotary Club has pledged a \$30,000 donation for a proposed 14'x18' pavilion structure.
- Technical Review Committee will need to complete their final review.
- The plans are for completion by mid to late summer, anticipated grand opening by the end of summer.
- First Push Syndicate, a tenant of the McConnell Center, is a nonprofit geared toward teaching the use of skateboards & mountain bikes and has offered to run classes.

Olympian Recognition Name Solicitation Process:

- Beth did primary update
- To date, Beth has heard from several athletes including Jenny Marshall
- Group discussion regarding eligibility
- Special Olympics, National Games, Paralympics, Junior Olympics
- A Google folder has been created to input data
- The Dover 400th Committee & Dover Main Street is assisting

Waterfront Park/Paddlesports and Public Access Review:

- Permit process is ongoing & should be nearing completion
- Current building design has a 60X36 footprint. Can vary no more than 10% from approval without resubmitting which would be a long process. Gary is working on new design that will fit within approved 10% variance.
- Working on a building design that can accommodate some of paddlesports needs
- New design will need to be approved by CWDAC Committee

Budget Development Update:

- Gary is meeting on Thursday with City Manager. The proposed budget will be submitted to Council around 3rd week of March.

New Business:

Strategic Plan Status:

- Submitted last week to the Planning Department
- Currently in a Draft format as it is reviewed
- Plan was regularly updated until Covid



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Spring and Summer Program Planning:

- Fourth of July celebration planned to be back downtown at Henry Law Park. Firework display should be very good as recovered funds from prior to be incorporated into show this summer.
- Summer camps with pre-covid capacities should return this year
- Beth asked about update on proposed sports complex:
- Gary completed a 'Needs' report which was given to the Committee working on the proposal and will be sent out to private developers for an RFP. Facility could include a pool sized for collegiate competition.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Melanie Burger. Motion was 2nd by David Beaulieu.
Vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Next Meeting will be March 14th

Respectfully submitted,
David Beaulieu