



CITY OF DOVER

CWDAC PARK SUB-COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Meeting Time: 6:00 PM

PRESENT: Norm Fracassa (Chair), Dane Drasher, Steve Brown, Kim Schuman

EXCUSED ABSENT:

STAFF: Steve Bird – Project Manager, Gary Bannon – Recreation Director

OTHERS: Dana Lynch, Cliff Blake, Jane Hamor, Jen Fried, RB Laurence, David Charette

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

2. Approval of Minutes From December 1, 2021

Excused typo. Drasher motioned to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes, Schuman seconded. Vote: 4-0

3. Citizens Forum:

No One Spoke

4. Review of Waterfront Art Options With Dover Arts Commission

Jane Hamor and Cliff Blake of the Arts Commission were present to provide an update on the RFP that the 400th Committee sent out for an art piece for the occasion. Six proposals were submitted and they select one called River Roots, which is 16 feet tall and 13 feet long sculpture made of metal on a granite base. The 400 Committee has a budget and they will do fundraising. Final decision pending full committee meeting. Possible location would be the middle area, parallel to the river. Other topics discussed include the Newburyport Clipper Trail and the art along the trail, their work with Cathartes for more art, park naming for grant writing opportunities and historical plaques.

5. Review of Tasks Assigned by CWDAC to Parks Sub-committee on 8/31/21

Fracassa reviewed the three tasks assigned to the committee and commented on the progress made to date on each task. Once the construction plans are finalized, we will prepare plans to provide as much access to the dock as possible during construction. Looking for dates and times that the clubs use the docks and parking needs.

Laurence: GBR uses the dock from April 1 to end of October, dawn to dusk. More in the morning in the summer and more in the afternoons during the school year. Don't use the building for winter training anymore. Parking needs vary but during busy times maybe 20 spaces with the rest being parent drop-off.

Charette: UNH has about 40-60 students but most come in vans. Use is in early morning during school year.

Access to the dock next spring will be difficult due to construction. Need to determine when the butler building will be removed.

Fracassa: A potential location for a temporary shelter to store shells could be the footprint of Building F. The site will not be sold in the first phase and access may be easier from the rear street.

6. Review of Crew Boat Building Options with Great Bay Rowing, UNH Crew and Northeast Passage Representatives

Fracassa reviewed the three options previously discussed.

Laurence of GBR said they have talked to the developer about Building F and that option doesn't seem to be supported by the developer. GBR has concerns also with the delay with the construction of the building, conflicting uses and time of day issues. The free standing building option needs more permitting, would be more expensive, it would take more time and we don't want to impact the park. They like the pavilion option and are willing to contribute financially. The basement space could be used. Expanding footprint would require more permitting.

Limitations to the pavilion option are that the City will need some of the space for storage and utilities, the space will be less than they have now and will not meet future space needs. Access to the building would require going through the plaza. Potential conflict with original vision of the public use of the building.

7. Discuss Application to LWCF Grant Program for Park Building Construction

Bird explained that the City is looking to apply for LWCF funding to pay for the building construction and that restricts users to public uses and doesn't allow for exclusive users. Application is due middle of December.

Bannon: We could look at the option of swapping exclusion areas to allow the pavilion to be removed.

GBR offered to bring examples of public/private partnerships for crew buildings. GBR has board meeting coming up on September 14 and they plan to discuss options.

Brown is looking for more information on how the pavilion building was designed that way and what the community desires were at the time.

8. Discuss Next Meeting Date and Time

Next meeting will be in October 5, 2022.

9. Adjourn

Fracassa declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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