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|  <p><b>CITY OF DOVER</b></p> | <h2 style="text-align: center; background-color: #2e5496; color: white; padding: 5px;">COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES</h2> <p> Meeting Type: <b>Regular Meeting</b><br/> Meeting Location: <b>McConnell Center, 61 Locust St., Room 305</b><br/> Meeting Date: <b>Tuesday, September 6, 2022</b><br/> Meeting Time: <b>5:30 PM</b> </p> |
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**Members Present:** Bryant Hardwick (Chair), Patrick Manning (Vice Chair), Jacqueline Finnerty, Shayna Sylvia

**Others Present:** Sergeant Alex Mitrushi, Jim Verschueren, Jeff Bernstein

**Staff Present:** Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:32 pm.

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Approval of August 2, 2022 Minutes

- Motion to approve made by S. Sylvia. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.

### 3. Report on Trail safety and current actions

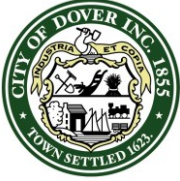
- Sgt. Alex Mitrushi was present to provide a report on efforts by the Dover Police Department to address any safety concerns on the Community Trail.
- Sgt. Mitrushi provided a list of 60 calls for service on the Community Trail that have been made between Jan.-Aug. 2022.
- Sgt. Mitrushi informed the CTAC that in 2021, the Dover Police Department had interactions with over 300 unhoused individuals in the City, with some individuals located at numerous campsites on City property. He predicted that this number will continue to increase.
- Sgt. Mitrushi explained the procedures that the Police Department has in place when a report of an encampment on the Community Trail is made. A summary of these procedures are below:
  - Appointments are scheduled by Police Social Worker, Kaitlin Jones, with unhoused individuals at encampments. The intent of these meetings is to arrange needed social services as well explore alternative housing options.
  - A warning is also issued to vacate the area and if individuals remain, they are charged with trespassing or illegal camping.
  - When a former encampment site needs to be removed, Community Services is contacted for a scheduled removal. However, if hazardous materials are located at the site, Community Services contacts ServePro to schedule a site visit and cleanup.
- Sgt. Mitrushi stressed that each interaction is unique and for residents and Trail users to report encampments to the Police Department.

### 4. Update on staggered fence on Scenic Drive

- E. Bassegio explained that a public input session was held with Trail abutters at Scenic Drive on August 16.

### 5. Update on Voyage Solar System Exhibit

- Staff update from E. Bassegio that the Voyage Solar System Exhibit arrived and that a meeting is being held on 9/7 to plan the installation.



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### 6. Update on TAP Extension Phases IV-A and IV-B

- E. Bassegio provided maps of the plans for Phases IV-A and IV-B and reiterated that discussions with the Department of Transportation on the plans and funding are ongoing.

### 7. Update on Trail events and promotion

- J. Finnerty discussed the Chalk Walk event that will be taking place between Rutland and Fisher Street on the Trail on September 17-18.
- E. Bassegio explained that the event has been promoted in the Planning Department newsletter, the Community Trail Facebook page, and will appear in the Dover Download newsletter.

### 8. Other Business

- Resident, Jim Verschueren, asked about a possible kayak launch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Whittier Street section of the Trail and requested information, on the same section, on a pile of gravel on one of the paths.
- S. Sylvia requested an update on the CTAC budget.
- Members discussed the idea of adding recreational items, such as interactive games, in the area along the water between the pedestrian bridge and Washington Street.
- S. Sylvia recommended that visioning be added to the agenda to discuss goals and plans for the CTAC moving forward.

### 9. Next meeting

- Scheduled for October 4, 2022.

### 10. Adjourn

- The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm on a motion to approve made by S. Sylvia. Seconded by J. Finnerty. Vote U/A.