

 CITY OF DOVER	COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE – MINUTES Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, City Hall 288 Central Ave Dover NH Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Meeting Time: 5:30 pm
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Members Present: Patrick Manning (Chair), Shayna Sylvia (Vice-Chair), Jacqueline Manning, Bryant Hardwick, John Wyeth, Mark Herrick
Others Present: Cliff Blake, Jeff Bernstein, Dave Dinzeo
Staff Present: Outreach Coordinator Erin Bassegio

P. Manning opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.

1. Introductions

2. Approval of June 6, 2023 Minutes

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

3. Updates on Ongoing Projects

a. Public Graffiti Wall

P. Manning described the public graffiti wall installation off of Folsom St. on the Community Trail that includes four panels for purposes of public graffiti use.

E. Bassegio explained that members of the Planning Department met with Dover Arts Commission (DAC) members about arranging a graffiti artist to be the “inaugural” painter on the graffiti wall. The DAC members proposed that it may be an option to fund supplies for these efforts and they would discuss it at their next regular meeting on Sept. 11.

Committee members discussed repainting the graffiti wall in preparation for the upcoming artwork and, with permission from the property owner, potentially painting the structure behind the graffiti wall. Also discussed was signage for the art wall, explaining it’s purpose and general rules, maintenance of the art wall, and involvement from community members to ensure the wall is “self-governing.”

b. Scenic Drive Staggered Fence

Committee members reviewed the plan to replace the wooden staggered fence at Scenic Drive with bollards or a staggered metal barrier or gate.

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Discussion involved funding options for the fence project and avenues to increase funding for trail maintenance and outreach projects. Examples included crowdfunding or requesting from City Council for an increased budget for the committee.

c. TAP Extension Phases IV-A and IV-B

E. Bassegio provided an update that the City’s consultant partner on the next TAP extension phase, Fuss & O’Neill, provided a presentation to the Planning Board meeting on June 27, 2023. This involved a slideshow presentation and public hearing. Fuss & O’Neill’s design and engineering work on the Phase IV extension is ongoing.

d. Adopt-A-Trail

E. Bassegio informed committee members that the Seacoast Charter School has adopted the Watson Road Trailhead section of the Community Trail. There are some open sections of the trail that are available for adoption that planning staff are organizing and seeking adopters for.

e. Outreach and Trail Events

Committee members arranged a trail clean-up day on September 9, 2023. Members agreed to meet at the Rotary Trailhead at the Transportation Center at 9:30 a.m. and members of the public would also be encouraged to attend.

4. Visioning and Goals

Committee members reviewed visioning and goals for the Community Trail. This included, but was not limited to, long-term and short-term goals such as fundraising ideas, expansion of the trail to Newington, increased communication and outreach efforts, building out trail features, and increased wayfinding and lighting.

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J. Wyeth shared that he presented at the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) on potential East Coast Greenway routes through Dover and expects feedback prior to their next meeting.

E. Bassegio informed committee members that trash cans and cement pads were ordered and received for the Whittier Street and Watson Road Trailheads and installation is being coordinated.

5. Other Business

E. Bassegio shared that a few pieces of the Voyage Solar System exhibit were vandalized and that a claim was being filed with the City's insurance provider.

Committee members discussed the possibility of security cameras or trail cameras being installed in different areas of trail as a safety measure and the potential need for firmer language regarding motorized devices on the trail and classification distinctions between electric bikes.

6. Next meeting- Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm on a motion to approve made by M. Herrick. Seconded by S. Sylvia. Vote U/A.