

CITY OF DOVER

COCHECHO WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **McConnell Center, Room 305, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norm Fracassa (Chair), Dana Lynch, Kyle Pimental, Matt Cox, Sean Fitzgerald (Vice Chair), Steve Brown, Kim Schuman, Jack Mettee, Liz Goldman, Otis Perry; Christopher Parker, Deputy City Manager (ex-officio)

MEMBERS EXCUSED ABSENT: Dennis Ciotti; Dane Drasher

MEMBERS UNEXCUSED ABSENT:

EX-OFFICIO EXCUSED ABSENT: Robert Carrier (Mayor), Ryan Crosby (Executive Director DHA)

STAFF: Jamie Stevens Project Manager

OTHERS: Cliff Blake

1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 5:33pm

2. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2023

Motion: Lynch moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023. Fitzgerald seconded. Vote: U/A

3. Citizen's Forum:

None

4. Changes to the Agenda:

None

5. Correspondence:

None

6. Old Business:

A. Waterfront Construction Update

A construction update was provided in the meeting materials and highlighted for the committee by J. Stevens.

B. Project Updates

Fracassa noted he and Parker met with the newly inaugurated City Council to give them an update on the status of the project as a whole. He also attended the Land Use Meet and Greet on January 9th and was able to share the progress at that meeting as well.

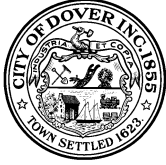
Individual project updates were provided in the meeting materials. These included: Park Pavilion, River Street Pump Station, and Dredge Cell.

The LWCF grant was accepted by City Council last week.

Lynch and Fracassa met with Great Bay Rowing and Cathartes to review elevation options and decided to provide three versions of what the view of the structure will be at three various heights being discussed.

C. Recommended Street Names for City Council consideration

An email was sent previously with suggested names for the committee to discuss. At the last meeting, the committee was asked to research and send around any additional suggestions so a decision can be made tonight. What is needed is either one or two names depending if we use Town Dr or end Town Dr at the private residences and use a new name for the remainder to the bridge.



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Approximately 30 names were received as suggestions. Staff reviewed them for possible confusion for E911 and updated the committee on those results. That eliminated approximately 11 of the options.

Indigenous names were supplied by committee members with interpretations of their meaning. Denise & Paul Pouliot, an Indigenous couple, provided accurate meanings and input. They feel that if an Indigenous name is to be selected, it should be “Nebi.” Parker presented and expounded on this information.

He noted Cathartes’ suggestion is to name the loop road River St. He explained his process for the meeting is to have everyone give their top three suggestions with no additional information and see which names would come off the list based on no or low votes, then have a discussion about the remaining names.

The committee members each noted their top suggestions.

Top suggestions:

- Nebi
- River
- Seaport
- Regatta

Options for how many names can be used and for which portions of the roads were discussed.

Discussion occurred on everyone’s opinions.

Discussion occurred about incorporating more names by naming the park and other points of interest within the project.

Motion: Mette moved to name the ‘loop road’ **River St**; name the existing River St. **Payne St** with the condition the Waterfront Park be named **Nebi Park**. Goldman seconded. Vote: U/A

Discussion ensued about the remaining segment of roadway still to be named between the Makem Bridge and Maglaras Park.

Motion: Brown moved to name the street from the Makem Bridge to Maglaras Park **Seaport Way**. Lynch seconded. Vote: U/A

7. **New Business**

A. Other Updates

None

8. **Committee Member Comments:**

Goldman

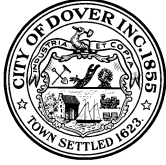
- Public transportation for this project- bus shelter in the plan?
 - COAST will do a review after the project is developed

Pimental

- Pavilion elevations and how that impacts the access to the boat house.
 - The concerns are about the flood zone and the retaining wall being exclusive separation as well as the concern of lifting the floor makes the total height taller and affects the view from the residences.

Mette

- City Council process



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- Parker will work with City Attorney to formulate a resolution incorporating the names along with background information on the conversations and process. Fracassa or other CWDAC member to be present at Council meeting to address any questions.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

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