



CITY OF DOVER

COMMUNITY TRAIL COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **2nd Floor Finance Conference Room, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Tuesday, June 7, 2011**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Present: Joe Caproni, Bill Breault, Jeremy LaRose, Bruce Woodruff, Jared Lambert, Jess Bardi, Marcia Gasses, Cheryl Niles, Andrew ?

- Meeting convened 5:32PM
- Newcomer Andrew
- Staff updates: Bruce Woodruff:
- Washington St to bridge lighting project: no further updates. Bid documents expected to council in next two weeks.
- New condo owner wanted to know where her property line/easement was. Issues with people coming onto the deck possibly at night.
- Joe notes no call-ins to PD
- They wanted to know if city would come out and survey - Bruce said no, but would help w/ existing documents. Upon questioning, realtor never told them anything about the trail. Education is a real issue. The condo owner intends to put up fence.
- Jeremy asks if we can get contact info so we can do outreach to realtors
- Spaulding underpass project: 34k grant. Bids received in May. Reviewed and chose low bidder. SNAFU is grant will run out June 30th. Not enough time even though grant extension paperwork went in two months ago. Spent a lot of time in DRED office; signed by everyone except Gov and Council approval. In the meantime, bid may be lost because it could not be awarded. Just got an email that Gov/Council should be signing in next couple of weeks. Project does not have to go to city council because it's under 25k; only needs City Manager signature.
- Watson Road parking lot project from Marcia: were going to start after Memorial Day. Perhaps with all rain, other projects were causing delays. Bruce: engineering wanted to know who was doing inspections. Marcia: drainage work? Bruce: yes next to rail bed
- Servapalooza: nothing new? W/ regard to Downeast trailhead - put together estimate based on plan from previous meeting; done back on 5/24. \$23.5k, 5850 for trail, 10k for stairs. No funding until late May; got letter from State DOT agreeing to cancel Washington/Arch bridge rebuild. Proposal went to City Manager asking for money from that project. Asked for about \$24k for trailhead and was awarded. Marcia asked about wetland crossing NW of Downeast trailhead. Cheryl: combo between elementary school to continue trail and make bridge improvements. Cheryl is confident bridge can be reconstructed properly. Berry Brook - Laurie Chase. Bruce: can we invite? Cheryl will make connection and forward Jeremy contact info. Jeremy to send formal invitation to get involved in group.
- Bruce: Money (60/70k) for paving and swale clean up. Doug Steele has met with contractors (SUR) taken preliminary look, plus secondary contractor for small trees. Expecting work to start by end of June. Hopefully paving will happen before fall. Joe: Silver to Folsom is a disaster; lots of masonry, etc. Bruce: owner of warehouse is doing that. Bruce: trail needs improved exposure, something that is taken pride in, etc. Joe: if we're bringing in equipment, we should avoid his property. Bruce will talk to Doug Steele. Also, swales need to flow in the correct direction. Work entails bringing in proper amount of gravel and then paving.



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Marcia: easement is how wide? Bruce: 15' wide through Goldstein property. Joe: concerned about vehicles going towards tunnel. Bruce spoke to DS about bollards.

- Every meeting we have; please give us updates about what needs to be fixed.
- Strategic plan: Cheryl - we need to stay where we are cuz we've made good progress and we should keep going. Marcia: Cheryl has great ideas for beyond Watson. Bruce: city attorney recommended that we vision and potentially send it to council. Cheryl: get bikers involved too. Joe: snowmobiles definitely conflict with city ordinances.
- Timberland: Bruce: when we get to August we need to have a plan - what exactly are we asking for? Grant application going back to February? May want to relook and add. Timberland folks will want members to participate as well. Cheryl suggested we can remove rail ties. Jeremy: What's likelihood underpass will be done? Timberland - in addition to dressing trail, could Timberland construct a lay-down bridge along the grounds?
- Introduction of Bill Breault - new contact for patrol captain.
- Discussion on need for increased positive traffic to discourage tagging, etc. Need for improved signage, including stencils on ground. Need improved visibility for crossing from Washington to Scenic.
- Joe: Thad has high school group available to clear from Whittier Street towards Beckwith. Discussion about who is in charge of Conservation Area - who do we get permission from? Joe says probably area of Conservation Committee - need to check with them for permission.
- Andrew: Whittier Falls Way - trail signage is confusing? Bruce: guy who gave us easement has a problem with the easement
- Marcia: notify open lands committee, joint with conservation committee to discuss improvement with high school kids?
- Bruce: additional work for facilities? Joe: tree near Goldstein property that could be a hazard. improved signage at Washington Street, tagging on light posts and on bridge
- Next meeting July 5th