



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, 61 Locust Street, Dover, NH 03820
Senior Center Activity Room
Meeting Date: Monday, July 9, 2012
Meeting Time: **7:00pm**

DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER: Joe Tenuta called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

ROLL CALL

Present

Recreation Director: Gary Bannon

Assistant Recreation Director: Krista Trefethen

City Council Liaison: Bob Carrier

Recreation Board Members in attendance:

Joe Tenuta

Mark Hyson (missed meeting)

Jon Towle (missed meeting)

Jerry Newcomb

Kathy Morrison

Rich Johnson (missed meeting)

Scott Kelley

Margaret Trefethen

Norm Fracassa

Stanley Kaubris (A)

Lynn Antone (A) (missed meeting)

Open Positions on Rec Board: One Alternate

A full board consists of nine (9) full time members and three (3) alternate members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 11, 2012 minutes – Scott made a motion to accept, Stanley seconded - board voted & approved.

CITIZENS' FORUM: None

REPORTS

A. ADVISORY BOARD

Scott Kelley: Garrison Hill Gauntlet idea presented. Proposed to take place in spring 2013.

Motion was made to endorse the concept: Scott made the motion and Joe seconded.

Motion passed

B. RECREATION DIRECTOR, GARY BANNON

Gary went to skate park meeting at 6pm (July 9, 2012). Skate Park Group doing a lot of work in preparation of a move to Maglaras Park. Gary is working on a presentation to



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city about skate park move to Maglaras Park. Skate Park committee is also looking into possible grants. Power point presentation to be put together for presentation for City Council workshop in August.

May need access to the area where the skatepark is planned to be built be granted by Dover Youth Softball (since Little League gave the fields to Softball) to Maglaras Park. 4th of July went well.

Gary re-visited Fiber Art project again since its part of art commission work being done. They now want to call it Henry Law Park Art Project. There are 9 light poles to be wrapped in yarn. Arts commission is asking for the project to be reviewed from a different perspective. Request was made that if possible someone from the arts commission to come to rec board meeting in the future to lay out plans with details as they are unfolding. This event may be tied to another event like Apple Harvest Day, Cocheco Arts Festival Event, etc. City Department heads will need to weigh in as well. Fire Chief should also weigh in as to the flammability of something like yarn being put up around the park. In the end the board agreed that they do not have the jurisdiction to direct this event and to defer to the Arts Commission to perform due diligence in its work or public art approvals.

Liberty Mutual did a fantastic job on the cleanup project on Garrison Hill including painting the tower, cleaning up some brush, painting a fence, etc on June 21st. This writer went by Garrison Hill on Sunday July 15th and it looks fantastic! What a great job done by Liberty Mutual as well as the community services workers that did a lot of prep work as well.

C. ASSISTANT RECREATION DIRECTOR, KRISTA TREFETHEN

Dover Youth Softball is hosting a tournament July 13th-15th. Summer programs are full. Track group did really well. Adult fitness classes are ongoing. Senior picnic went well.

Old Business

Skate Park

Site at Maglaras is available. 10,000 square feet. City manager has indicated Skate Park must be moved from present site at Henry Law. Trust does say this area of Henry Law has to be used for Recreation purposes. Need alternative site approved then need to find \$100,000 to fund it. The timing will need to move ahead so there will be a skate park to go to in 2013.



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New site at Maglaras proposed at where Dog Park was going to be in the last master plan. Jon made a motion to accept new location, Kathy seconded motion, and motion passed (February 2012 Meeting).

Skate park group meets in Room 346 second Monday of month at 6pm (right before rec board meeting).

Question was asked “can materials taken and being sold from bluffs that will be sold by developer for profit have some of those funds put toward the cost of a new skate park?”

Henry Law Park:

Second meeting took place on May 22nd 7pm room 305. A lot of discussion centered around the parking lot.

Received \$10,000 grant from PSNH to help fund the project. Children’s Museum wrote the request for the grant (Justine).

Still working on parking lot layout, spaces, etc. Meeting with community services, city engineer, (July 11th), about what can be done. May be metered parking spaces.

Waterfront Development:

Discussions ongoing about Dickinson Development start date, work on bluffs, access road to skate park, discussion about overall development.

Gary met with Mark Dickinson and Dean Peschel the week of June 4th. Looking to re-shape Maglaras Park dredge cell. Dickinson sees it as a “win/win.” It saves him money and it helps the city by doing some work that needs to be done at the park. Papers to be signed in August, site work to start in fall or winter.

Coca Cola Contest:

3 prizes are awarded of \$100,000, \$50,000, and \$25,000 by Coke to the parks that get the top 3 online votes. Rec Board voted to support Garrison Hill as the park that should get the funds should it garner enough votes. Still ongoing and trying to get the word out to vote, vote, vote.

New Business

Pool Advisory Committee Liaison:

May have a pool committee member look to join the board or at least start attending the rec board meetings.

ADJOURN

Norm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy seconded the motion.

The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm

Respectfully, Jerry Newcomb