

 CITY OF DOVER	RECREATION MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES Meeting Type: Regular Meeting Meeting Location: Room 305, McConnell Center, 61 Locust St, Dover NH Meeting Date: October 16, 2019 Meeting Time: 5:30pm
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Members Present: Gina Cruikshank, Maria Ayer, Tim Paiva, Pat Campbell, Linnea Nemeth, John O'Connor, Bob Carrier

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Donna Benton, City Planner, Gary Bannon, Recreation Director

Others: Kyle Pimental and Nancy O'Connor, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

1. Introduction of Members and Consultant

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

A. September 25, 2019

T.Paiva moved to approve the September 25, 2019 minutes. G.Bannon seconded. Vote: U/A.

3. Lessons Learned and Preliminary Results from October Art Walk

K.Pimental discussed that the Visual Preference Survey (VPS) drew the most amount of people to the table. They were busy for the entire time of 3:30 to 8pm. N.O'Connor thought it was a little tricky to have two locations at the artwalk and that being consolidated into one or having more volunteers would help in November. There seemed to be a good turnout with good feedback gained.

4. Lessons Learned and Preliminary Results from Apple Harvest Day

About 250 people stopped by the booth. The VPS dominated the interest again but the chalkboard also drew people's attention. The idea is to replicate the VPS using recreational amenities for the future outreach events. Many people didn't associate Long Hill Park with the dog park. Many people also didn't know about the Community Trail connections. There seemed to be lots of discussion about the ongoing work at Willand Pond. The consultants handed out many cards with the survey link QR codes.

5. Update on the Online Survey Responses to Date

N.O'Connor went over some graphs as handouts that represent the survey feedback to date. There were 68 respondents from the October Artwalk and 216 from Apple Harvest Day. Some interesting feedback included an outdoor skating rink, more access to indoor swimming, talking Christmas tree, remote control park, more/less police presence on Community Trail, and lighting in recreational areas especially the trail, Guppey Park, Long Hill Park, and Maglaras Park stood out as locations that were not as well known. A future recommendation could be to shift programming to the under-utilized/unknown parks. General theme was that except for the skate park, outdoor ice rink, Dover didn't need more parks, rather more improvements to what exists. One of the most important priorities from respondents was that the art reflect Dover's culture/energy especially the natural environment and history. The Committee discussed opportunities to spread the word about the surveys. D.Benton will reach out to the Media Services Manager, has brought the survey cards to

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multiple locations around the City, N.O'Connor will be contacting the schools, and everyone is encouraged to spread the word.

6. Discussion of Upcoming Outreach at Trick or Treat and November Art Walk

The trick or treat is occurring on October 26 from 11 to 2. The Committee decided to not do parklet but instead set up in the courtyard. The group discussed activities to draw the kids attentions. The two main ideas were pumpkin painting and “plan your own park” activity. Prizes and candy would help attract kids and their parents as well. D.Benton will reach out to the Mounted Patrol.

The next Art Walk is November 1st. The Consultants will use the new recreation amenities visual preference poster and the chalkboard or use existing photos based on feedback to date to apply potential ideas.

L.Nemeth asked if an audience was missing. N. O'Connor will reach out to the schools and everyone should try to spread the word to reach as many audiences as possible. G.Bannon can help provide contacts for Dover Baseball, Softball, Football, Seniors, etc.

7. Other Business

Discussion about outreach ensued.

In November or December the Committee will review the 2009 Chapter to see what the Committee likes and what changes the Committee wants to see and to review the previous recommendations using the feedback gained from this fall.

8. Adjournment

Motion by T.Paiva to adjourn. Seconded by P.Campbell. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.