

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**

Members Present: Gina Cruikshank, Tim Paiva, Linnea Nemeth, Bob Carrier

Members Absent: Maria Ayer, Pat Campbell, John O'Connor

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. October 16, 2019

L.Nemeth moved to approve the October 16, 2019 minutes. B.Carrier seconded. Vote: U/A.

3. Lessons Learned and Preliminary Results from Dover Main Street's Trick or Treat

K.Pimental discussed that the results from the Trick or Treat event where 150 youth and 50 adults provided feedback at the booth both via visual preference surveys (VPS) and the design your own park activity. Main feedback remains that Dover does not necessarily need more recreation areas but better awareness of what is available. Other ideas discussed included blue safety lights along the trail, outdoor pool and ice skating rinks ranked high on the VPS, and utilizing the Mill Girls Strike as a possible highlight or attraction.

4. Lessons Learned and Preliminary Results from November Art Walk

About 50 people provided feedback at the November Art Walk. There was some confusion on where to set-up. Overall it was worthwhile to attend and gain feedback. The responses received so far seem well thought out.

5. Update on the Online Survey Responses to Date

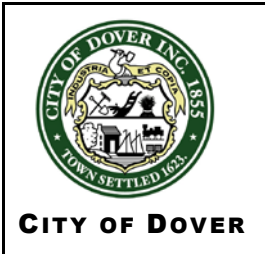
There have been about 293 responses on the Recreation survey and 133 on the public art survey to date. The consultants went over some general feedback themes provided thus far via a power point which will be available on the City's website.

6. Preliminary Results From 2009 Recreation Plan and 2012 Vision Chapter Review

A. Review 2009 Chapter Implementation Table

The consultants passed around copies of the recreation implementation table and discussed the homework for the group before the next meeting will be to go through and mark which recommendations can be removed, which should be updated, and which need to remain in place, while also thinking of additional recommendations.

The consultant and staff from Planning, Community Services, and Recreation will meet in early December to update the existing implementation table and get more concrete ideas for what



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ongoing means for each, what has occurred, and what obstacles have stopped other recommendations from occurring so far.

7. Discussion on Existing Inventory and Map Analysis

The consultants showed the Steering Committee different maps showing demographics such as rental assistance, housing, veteran status, recreational amenities within walking distance, etc. These maps can be reviewed to study whether there are any equity issues, what areas of the City should be focused on, if there are any recreation deserts, etc. The consultants will send to D.Benton to send to the Steering Committee.

8. Bloomberg Transportation Art Grant Application

The consultants and D.Benton discussed the grant opportunity. L. Nemeth brought up some solid concerns about the aggressive timeline and amount of work it is to apply for a grant. D.Benton mentioned there may be a more general public art grant available from the same source in the spring time. The Steering Committee agreed but also felt it was worthwhile to try to apply to. D.Benton and L.Nemeth will meet in early December to go over ideas and the application before applying by December 12th. The Committee seemed to lean toward the idea of public art on the sidewalks acting as wayfinding for the Community Trail and downtown area.

9. Other Business

No other business was brought up.

10. Adjournment

Motion by B.Carrier to adjourn. Seconded by T.Paiva. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.