

Open Space & Recreation Plan Committee Meeting – Sep 15, 2020

Members Present: Tania Lillak (Chair), Richard Smith, Sierra Muñoz, Molly O’Connell (Senior Planner), Tonia Bandrowicz (Vice Chair), Verena Karsten, Danielle Strauss (Recreation Director)

Not present: Sarah Koch, Angela Ippolito, Marzie Galazka (Dir Community & Economic Development)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by Tania Lillak.

Minute taker: Verena

1. August 31, 2020 Minutes: Sierra made, Verena seconded, and the Committee unanimously approved a motion to adopt the August 31, 2020 minutes.
2. School Building Committee meets tonight to vote on their recommendation for the new Elementary School.
3. 2020 OSRPC Plan (Molly):
 - o Molly explained the changes to Map 12 “Action Plan”. Changes to the green corridor network were discussed (Carson Terrace/Upper Jackson and Monument Mall) and will be added. Molly will investigate property rights for Sculpin/behind Police Station and Cliffside Street/Hawthorne.
 - o Next draft available this Friday, then for public comment, then it will go for Select Board Review before finalization.

ACTION ITEM: Toni and Sierra to provide comments by the following week

- o Public Q&A will be part of agenda at next OSRPC meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Molly to announce the Q&A plan on the community page etc.

4. Green Corridor – Carson Terrace (Toni). No response from Gino to talk about the Green Corridor.
5. Community Development update (Molly)
 - o Survey for Johnson Park will be posted next week
 - o State funding for second segment of rail trail received. Second segment is Beach Bluff to Bradley. Committee is concerned that the \$150k is only getting a small stretch of the rail trail done.

ACTION ITEM: Molly will send more detail on the 2nd segment of the rail trail to the committee

6. Tree Advisory Task Force (Verena):

- Paradise Rd/Rt1A tree planting through MassDOT challenging because gas line was installed under grass strip on Clark School side of road.
- Memorial Tree locations under consideration: Town Hall Lawn and Metropolitan Park
- Recruitment of 3 new members

7. Conservation Committee/Department update (Toni):

- FEMA money will be used for seawall repairs at Kings Beach. King's beach repairs will likely need to be compliant with DCR standards if we want them to take over the ownership.

ACTION ITEM: Molly to investigate any prior communications with DCR for Toni

8. Organic Lawn Management Task Force:

- No updates from Sierra
- Danielle said she had attended an Athletic Field Committee meeting. The TA was there and he wants to proceed with the organic lawn program. Danielle suggested Tania contact Allie at town hall to find out how the OSRPC can be a part of the Athletic Field Committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Tania to contact Allie

9. Swampscott Conservancy update (Toni):

- Ribbon cutting for the Forest River connector is planned for Oct 3rd
- Several zoom events are planned: bats/Halloween, cats and wildlife, Walden warming/Climate change

ACTION ITEM: Toni to send events to Danielle for posting on Town website

10. Historical Committee/Department (Richard)

- 4 historic signs are planned:
 - Olmsted District
 - Fishhouse
 - Town Hall
 - Andrew Chapel

11. Recreation Committee/Department update (Danielle)

- 2 upper courts at the Middle Street will be converted to pickle ball courts
- Carry-in and carry-out at Philipps and Eisenman's beach has been working very well

ACTION ITEM: Molly to check if Jackson Park is on the OSRPC

12. Grants (Molly)

- Grant for Windsor Park pdg response

13. Confirmation of next meeting date – Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.