

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 25, 2024

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, ROCHESTER, NH 03867

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner (remote), Maggie McConaghy, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE –Jennifer Marsh of Rochester Economic Development, Renée McIsaac of Rochester Planning & Development

ABSENT – Esther Thompson

A. CALL TO ORDER — David Walker called the meeting to order at 6:01.

B. APPROVAL —

A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting February 22, 2024, was made by Jon, seconded by Stacey, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION —

Overlook update

Jenn showed the three design concepts presented last week by Fuss and O’Neil. Jenn noted that the folks on last weeks call preferred concept 2 which shows a shade canopy and no trees on the overlook itself. She noted that the overlook would be required to be above the flood plain levels which raises the overlook about 2 feet from where everyone originally thought it could go. Raising it two feet would require talking at least 3 parking spots to allow for the ADA compliant walkway up to the overlook. The committee suggested adding hearty bushes around the overlook area instead of trees.

Master plan update

Fuss & O’Neill update completion is moved out to June/July. The updated plan will include a consistent look and a sequence for projects for the development of the Riverwalk.

Potential easements

Jenn and Dave met with the City Manager, Attorney and Director of Public Works to make a list for The Club Victorie on how the City and the Club can work together on an easement.

DISCUSSION —

D. **Riverwalk documents**

E. DISCUSSION —

2024 events

Logos. The committee asked to see a logo with a wider river and add a longer tail to the Heron on the beach.

F. OTHER —

Dave noted there is no dog station at Duval Park. Jenn will investigate that.

Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:00 by Jon, seconded by Peter, and accepted unanimously.

Next meeting will be Thursday May 23rd. W will meet at Duval Park to see what clean up/maintenance is required.

—Respectfully submitted by Jenn Marsh