

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 23, 2020

VIRTUAL MEETING: Remote phone conference session with public access on 857-444-0744 via 689461
ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson, Peter Bruckner, Susan Mills, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Ray Felts, Stacey Marchionni

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Lauren Krans (Assistant Director Recreation Department), Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact)

A. CALL TO ORDER – David called the meeting to order at 6:05.

B. APPROVAL –

a. Motion to accept the minutes of June 25, 2020, by Jon, second by Suzie, and approved by roll call.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Jon Batson	Yea	Stacey Marchionni	Not present	Esther Turner	Yea
Peter Bruckner	Yea	Susan Mills	Yea	David Walker	Yea
Ray Felts	Not present	Stacey Purslow	Yea		

C. DISCUSSION – Kayak launch

a. **Take-out dates, removal, storage and ribbon cutting.**

Jenn reported that the necessary signage is expected to be in place by the end of the first week in August, 8/7.

Lauren Krans described how the recreation department is [working on an agency reorganization](#) to better support outdoor recreation and self-directed activities. The kayak launch will be their responsibility, and they look forward to working closely with the volunteers of the Riverwalk Committee.

The take-out date will be October 15; and the put-in date, May 15. It is recommended that city employees that will be removing the launch each fall and installing it each spring witness the installation by FWM Docks to become familiar with the launch. Public Works will be providing storage over the winter.

There will be a small ribbon-cutting ceremony to publicize the kayak launch.

Because of the inadvisability of sharing personal equipment during the pandemic, implementation of a set of life vests at Hillsdale for paddlers to use will be delayed until May, 2021. **Esther** will follow-up with the high school for student construction of a storage rack for water safety life vests.

The recreation department is adding the kayak launch to its sanitation protocols during the pandemic.

D. DISCUSSION – Chairperson update

a. **Training and review of masterplan for new members.**

Jenn requested meeting time to inform new members of the masterplan and to have all members review it for the purpose of planning next steps. The committee agreed to place this training and review on the agenda of the August meeting.

Acknowledging the increasing relevance of Riverwalk to Rochester's economic development, a couple members indicated interest in having co-chairs, so that leadership may be shared.

E. DISCUSSION – Outdoor classrooms

a. **Nameplates, update, and check-in with superintendent.**

Esther will be in touch with Michele Halligan-Foley to re-engage students and faculty in the process of announcing the names of the classrooms and of providing a nameplate for each classroom.

ADJOURN –

Motion to adjourn by Jon, second by Suzie, and approved by roll call.

Member	Vote	Member	Vote	Member	Vote
Jon Batson	Yea	Stacey Marchionni	Not present	Esther Turner	Yea
Peter Bruckner	Yea	Susan Mills	Yea	David Walker	Yea
Ray Felts	Not present	Stacey Purslow	Yea		

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

Next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 27**, from 6:00-7:30 pm
at a venue in accordance with rules of public meetings in effect on that date.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner