

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 22, 2020

CITY HALL ANNEX, COCHECO ROOM

33 WAKEFIELD STREET, ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT –

Jon Batson (remote), Peter Bruckner (remote), Ray Felts, Susan Mills, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner (remote), David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT –

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact)

A. CALL TO ORDER – David called the meeting to order at 6:02.

B. APPROVAL –

a. Motion to accept the minutes of September 24, 2020, by Ray, second by Jon, and approved by roll call.

| Member | Vote | Member | Vote | Member | Vote |
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| Jon Batson | Yea | Susan Mills | Yea | Esther Turner | Yea |
| Peter Bruckner | Yea | Stacey Purslow | Yea | David Walker | Yea |
| Ray Felts | Yea | | | | |

C. DISCUSSION – Kayak Launch removal and update

Jenn provided the update. The removal of the launch was delayed while public works obtained a special tool. It will be stored under cover at DPW.

D. DISCUSSION – Next projects

Three ideas were broached: an overlook at the dam near Duval Park, a pocket park behind the Gaffney house, and pocket parks within Dominicus Hanson Park.

E. DISCUSSION – CDGB grant opportunity, due Nov 20th

Esther will do some research with quick feedback to the committee on the feasibility cost-wise and time-wise for the overlook. **Suzie** will work with Esther.

Stacey will investigate the possibility for the park behind Gaffney. **Ray** will work with Stacey.

Interest focused on projects with visibility downtown.

F. DISCUSSION – Plaque for past chair

Jenn will have a wall-mountable plaque produced for presentation to the past chair.

G. DISCUSSION – Other

Esther reported that the tech center at the high school will create and install a sign for each of the three outdoor classrooms in Dominicus Hanson Park. The committee would prefer a natural product in keeping with the park environment and easily maintained. **Esther** will pull together the necessary players—Parks Director, Trustees, and Creteau Faculty. **Jenn** will consult with Building & Grounds.

Jenn requested current members invite others to join the Riverwalk Committee to expand our capacity and capability.

ADJOURN –

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

| Member | Vote | Member | Vote | Member | Vote |
|----------------|------|----------------|------|---------------|------|
| Jon Batson | Yea | Susan Mills | Yea | Esther Turner | Yea |
| Peter Bruckner | Yea | Stacey Purslow | Yea | David Walker | Yea |
| Ray Felts | Yea | | | | |

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 24**, from 6:00-7:30 pm, subject to confirmation by Jenn Marsh, City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, 33 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner