

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 24, 2021

MIXED MEETING: Remote phone conference session via Microsoft Teams

In-person at City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room

ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Jon Batson, Kerrie Landry, Suzie Mills, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

MEMBERS ABSENT – Peter Bruckner, Ray Felts, Maggie McConaghy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Jennifer Marsh (City Staff Contact; Assistant Director, Economic Development)

A. CALL TO ORDER — David called the meeting to order at 6:06 and noted attendance.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the minutes of April 22, 2021, by Jon, second by Suzie, and unanimously approved.

C. DISCUSSION — Update on launch event and summer events and fundraising

It was a good event, with paddle boards, kayaks, and canoes. Jon Batson setup an educational display. Ray Felts went on the fireboat to scout upriver. Eagles were spotted. This is an event we might do annually between May 15 and June 1.

The calendars are selling at \$5 each. We hope to sell as many as 500. **Suzie** and **Stacey** staffed the non-profits table at the farmers' market and will again. **Jenn** will look into the potential of selling at the 3rd of July fireworks event. We will keep selling up through July 29th.

A committee formed to manage an outdoor community dinner: **Kerrie**, **Esther**, **Suzie**, and **Stacey**. Jenn may have a lead on a local restaurateur to cater the dinner.

D. DISCUSSION — Project updates

Committee members will send Jenn examples of structures that might work well for the outdoor classroom. Once we select a design, we can proceed with obtaining approval from the Trustees of the Trust Fund and the Director of Parks. Consultation with the schools will be done by **Stacey** (Erin Mahoney and Justin Roy) and **Esther** (Michele Halligan-Foley). Input from the schools will guide the selection of the design.

Peter is proceeding with the overlook project, working with DPW to choose a cost-effective plan.

Matt Winders of Rochester Main Street is working two projects: (1) bistro tables along the North Main Riverwalk park and (2) QR codes for historic sites including the dams and the river. **Esther** expressed interest in working with him.

E. DISCUSSION — Grant updates

Suzie has information on a Home Depot grant fund that might be applicable to the outdoor classroom structure. She will bring this to the next meeting.

Stacey has a calendar of grants previously identified.

F. Other

The Choose Rochester banner (tee-shirts as well?) is requested as a way we can promote the city as we attend events.

Riverwalk had some display items—nature features, maps—at past events. Jenn will ask around to see if they can be found.

G. Adjourn Motion to adjourn was made at 6:52 by Suzie, second by Jon, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, July 22, 2021, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner