

ROCHESTER RIVERWALK COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 25, 2023

City Hall Annex, Cocheco Room, ROCHESTER, NH 03967

MEMBERS PRESENT – Peter Bruckner, Kerrie Landry, Maggie McConaghy, Barbara Murphy, Stacey Purslow, Esther Turner, David Walker

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE – Brian Hettrick of Sunshine Initiative, Renée McIsaac of Rochester Planning & Development.

ABSENT - Jon Batson, Jennifer Gullison, Trish Prescott, Jennifer Marsh of Rochester Economic Development,.

A. CALL TO ORDER — David Walker called the meeting to order at 6:00.

B. APPROVAL —

Motion to accept the amended minutes of regular meeting January 26, 2023, was made by Kerrie, seconded by Maggie, and approved by all.

C. DISCUSSION — Volunteers for project work

Kerrie volunteered to clean the sign at Hillsdale Launch.

Volunteers for the Dominicus Hanson Park bench refurbish.

- Saturday, June 10, **Kerrie** and **Renée**
- Saturday, June 17, **Barbara** and **Esther**
- Saturday, June 24, **Peter**, **Kerrie**, **Stacey**, **Esther** and **Renée**

Rotary is seeking volunteers from their membership for this project as is Rochester Main Street.

Brian reminded the committee that Project Happy is a volunteer program already active at the high school that we can tap in association with a nonprofit. A boy scout troop has expressed interest.

Renée advised the committee of a subscription organization for volunteers, Nature Groupie. It is understood that **Jenn** will coordinate the volunteers.

Funds for the materials have been released. **Jenn** will purchase the materials Friday, June 2.

David will be on-hand throughout the Lilac Family Fun Festival to supervise the Riverwalk booth on Saturday, July 8 (or rain date Sunday, July 9). **Kerrie** is gathering the materials for the children’s game. Riverwalk trifolds will be available. Members signed up for tee-shirts to wear at this event and others. **Stacey** and **Esther** will assist in staffing the booth during the hours from 4:00 to 9:00. Set-up is between noon and 3:30. **Esther** is bringing a canopy.

D. DISCUSSION — Grant updates

1. Overlook

If American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are used, the overlook will be placed on the North Main Street side of the dam rather than at Duval Park. **Peter** will examine the location and prepare a revised drawing.

2. Amphitheater

The challenge is to fund the design. Community sentiment appears favorable.

Brian is in contact with the office of Rep. Chris Pappas. Trish Prescott is unable to continue with her efforts. **Stacey** is already working with Brian. They will continue work on grant writing and the completion of the Riverwalk story.

E. DISCUSSION — Other

City Council approved \$25K for clean-up of the Cocheco River, signaling a recognition of the value of the river to the well-being of Rochester.

F. Adjourn — Motion to adjourn was made at 6:30 by Peter, seconded by Kerrie, accepted unanimously.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6:00pm.

—Respectfully submitted by Esther Turner