

Westbrook Rec & Con July 2020 Minutes

7/17/2020 6:03 PM Meeting called to order by Sarah Andre

Attending: Bruce Wallingford, Sarah Andre, Matt Grunner, Warren Lain, Rebecca Spitella, Phil Spiller, Nate Libby, Aubrey Bellanger, Paul Drinan

Guests: Greg Post, City of Westbrook

Jessica Wagner Kimball, Landscape Architect, tjd&a
Jed Talbot, OBP Trailworks

Item 1 - Rivermeadow update, R Spitella

- A. Required public access in addition to an open space requirement
- B. Workshop on tuesday 7/21 at Westbrook Performing Arts Center
- C. Letters need to be submitted by 12:30 PM 7/17
- D. Matt Brunner asked to speak to this but was reminded by R Spitella that there could be legal ramifications regarding conflict of interest rules.

Item 2 - Upcoming projects, R Spitella

- A. 527 Bridge St
- B. Brook St multi units
- C. New Gorham Rd

Item 3 - Rail Trail update, P Drinan

Item 4 - Bylaws, S Andre

- A. Goal for online and physical docs accessible to all
- B. Subcommittee volunteers needed
- C. MEACC as a model

Item 5 - Saccarappa Island bridge, B Wallingford

- A. Bridge access to island
- B. City has subcommittee for project (Warren Lain)
- C. Bruce will reach out re Rec & Con involvement

Item 6 - WEIC Update, W Lain

- A. Meeting every month
- B. Mechanic St 4 story vertical greenhouse plan underway
- C. 430 parking spaces

Item 7 - Cornelia Warren 4 Season Rink, Greg Post

- A. Opportunity to reinvigorate the neighborhood
- B. Reactivate the area as a recreational hub with amenities on the river

C. Not going to the city for money, secured \$248K in grant money

D. Rec & Con request for \$15,088

E. Sport court to be installed in September/October

F. River connection for kayak and SUP

Conversation:

N Libby expressed concern over the 10 year contract that US Soccer has for use of court as opposed to public funding which may have yielded higher rental rates. G Post replied that the community will have adequate access to courts and that long term maintenance will be covered.

S Andre re paid programming vs no-cost access. G Post said that it will be open to the public throughout the week with plenty of opportunity.

P Spiller re revisiting Cornelia Warren to ask them for additional funding (they'll do this as a last resort). Phil asked that the city revisit Cornelia Warren before asking for money from Rec & Con.

N Libby asked what improvements are being made to the boat ramp. A (\$37K) grant has been secured for that work.

Motion to approve funding up to \$15K

- Seconded: B Wallingford
- All in favor: 6
- Opposed: 1
- Abstained: 1

Item 8 - Westbrook City Forest Master Plan update by Jessica Wagner Kimball, Landscape Architect, tj&a and Jed Talbot, OBP Trailworks

A. 3 concepts

a. 2 with separated uses and one with more emphasis on common use

B. Jumps to remain? Add any?

a. Yes. Opportunity exists here for educating the "public" ie whoever has been building the jumps and creating negative environmental impact

C. Community/stakeholder input? This is happening next

D. ADA possible on trail nearest the community center

E. Will the trail building go out to bid or is tj&a doing this?

a. This will go out to bid

F. Sunset Ridge relationship? Yes (later)

G. Ari Dr access point via Cumberland Woods

H. XC skiing? Possibly

Item 9 - Rec & Con role city/open space plan, R Spitella

Adjourned: 8:28