

CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Meeting Minutes March 27, 2014

Members Present: Stephen Winslow, Noel Mann, Charlie Crowley, Patti Amaral, Heidi Wakeman, Susan Hedman, Jerry Goulart, John McElhenney

Meeting in Sawyer Free Library Friends Room 6:30 pm. Minutes from February meeting read and accepted

No action on the consolidation of defunct Parks and Recreation Committee into OSRC

New Way Lane- There are ordinances for creating fire lanes. Current signs have not been through process and therefore are not legal. There are similar problems with parking and signage in other city sites. OSRC determined to have a site visit and invite stake holders, police and others. Ask Bill Fonvielle as he is the new Ward 5 counselor. Date Wednesday April 9th 5:30 pm Patti Amaral will make calls.

CATS Plum Cove Boardwalk Nick Holland from CATS is working on neighbors who oppose the boardwalk. Improved access to our open space is major goal of this committee.

Gloucester Civic and Garden Club: Susan Kelly of the Club has reached out and has interest in improving maintenance of garden beds Downtown and at Grant Circle.

Mattos Field The banner program is back to support improvements at Mattos Field. Have applied for a grant with the CPA for improving Mattos Field

Priorities determine areas of need in open space

Poles Hill A question was asked about access and visibility of this open space. Susan reported having walked there and that trail work had been done. However this spot has little signage to welcome visitors.

Signage Grant The Poles Hill discussion brought on a discussion about the need for signage at many of Gloucester's open spaces. It was suggested that the OSRC apply for a grant and develop a standard signage to alert citizens to open space parcels.