



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

December 16, 2020

4:00pm

Remote via Zoom

Heidi Wakeman

MINUTES

Present Members: Dave Sargent, Noel Mann, Heidi Wakeman, Dan Morris

Absent Members:

Staff: Gregg Cademartori, Adrienne Lennon

I. BUSINESS

- Adrienne opened meeting for Heidi to read preamble statement.
- Heidi explained the process of applying to OSRC on behalf of potential new members that dialed in.
- Dan asked if the frequency of the proposed calendar meeting dates was sufficient to conduct business and had concerns that topics will languish over 6+ week intervals. Proposed that we meet off-cycle as needed.
- Gregg explained how current staffing situation and meeting matrix across city meetings are challenges in adding more meetings.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Jennifer Donnelly representative of Municipal Wellness and Leadership Initiative/Health Dept. as grant coordinator for Cape Ann Mass in Motion explained how this project shifted as a Community Development project to the health dept. She explained that the presentation was still in draft at the time of this presentation but felt it was good enough to share with OSRC. The presentation was made during time 16:08 to 47:52 of the recorded meeting. Gregg offered to provide Jennifer with Strava heat maps as added data in the study and asked about the survey results. Two hundred and fifteen people took the related survey at the time of this meeting and Jennifer plans to extend the timeframe and hopes to get more youth and families to participate. Dan asked what next steps were for disseminating the information when completed. Jennifer plans to compile information from all sources (not just virtual input) and make available for future forums. She recommends outreach be regional at first to share common goals and resources.
- Gregg provided status of Open Space draft plan and recapped reasons for having MAPC involved to help with certain sections. He reinforced OSRC's mission and welcomed potential new members listening in to champion open space projects even with lack of approved open space plan.
- Noel advocated for infrastructure improvements with a focus on climate resiliency as it relates to trail access and open spaces.
- Heidi read the complete OSRC mission statement and stated to go on record as saying climate change is an important factor that should be considered as we take on projects. Her vision is that smaller groups of members can take on projects and report back to the committee as a whole to help advance ideas.

III. PUBLIC (HEARING OR MEETING)

- 1:16:15 Chairwoman Wakeman opened meeting for public comment
- Patti Amaral praised Mass In Motion for their work. She spoke of the good work this committee accomplished in past years then questioned why this committee didn't speak up during the Mattos field issue and advocate on behalf of open space.
- Mary Ann Bouche echoed Patti's concerns on Mattos field and shared concerns that kids from EGS will not be able to ride to a combined elementary school on Webster St. She expressed concerns that Lt. Parsons field at EGS will have a similar fate as Mattos if not advocated for preservation.
- Mark Poulin introduced himself with a short bio and expressed intent to join the committee.
- Richard Quateman tried to speak but had audio difficulties and was unable.
- Denise Pascucci echoed Patti and Denise's comments with respect to Mattos and felt like OSRC hid in the shadows. She expressed concerns that once open space is gone, it's gone forever.
- Adrienne tried again to open the meeting to Richard but was unsuccessful. She offered an alternative method to communicate in writing and share input with OSRC.

IV. CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING or HEARING

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Outstanding Minutes – Noted by chair that none were available to review

Motion to Approve Minutes for X was made by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously approved.

B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Mann , seconded by Member Sargent , and unanimously approved.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting of the OSRC planned for January 20, 2021