



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

September 23, 2020

4:00pm

Remote via Zoom

Charles Crowley

MINUTES

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

Absent Members: Charles Crowley

Staff: Gregg Cademartori, Adrienne Lennon

I. BUSINESS

- Gregg C. opened meeting by announcing that Charles Crowley has resigned as OSRC chairperson to pursue other interests.
- Gregg mentioned remote meetings will continue and that City has increased subscriptions to allow more participation.
- Gregg discussed need and importance for continuing with Open Space plan despite hiring freeze and expiration of grant for Steve Winslow to continue. Stressed importance of inventory mapping work as the foundation for planning, acquisition, and management of an open space plan.
- Gregg noted OSRC is down to four members but still have a quorum and that seeking outside support was a way to ensure getting tasks done in a timely manner as well as expertise in the format needed for adoption by the State.
- Group discussion and shared experiences about the effectiveness of conducting meetings remotely as compared to in-person meetings conducted at various venues around the city. A geographic vs. topic-based agenda has an impact on the level of participation. ie a general ward meeting vs. playgrounds. Regularly scheduled meetings help with consistency. Additionally, Ward specific outreach opportunities and passive means using MAPC's and other online tools are ways to improve participation.
- Next two meeting dates suggested: 10/14/20, 11/9/20.
- Heidi to continue as liaison to CPC
- Dave to apply for seat on ConComm and become liaison
- Adrienne discussed need to replace empty chairperson role and add more members.
- Call for new members and chairperson. Action taken to put nomination of chair on next agenda.
- Dave made a gesture to thank Charles for his 15yrs of service to the community and Heidi agreed to draft a thank you letter for review.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Gregg mentioned grant funding in place through fiscal year to work with MAPC on Open Space Plan.
- Noel inquired about draft updates and where to view them. Posted on Google drive. Section drafts will become available soon from Courtney Lewis (MAPC)

- Dan inquired about “Green Path” in the Open Space plan. Gregg responded that that was in the last plan and discussion took place about need for connecting ideas with Mass in Motion and other groups interested in cycling paths and safety. GC further recommended to ensure cycling is covered in draft plan.
- Gregg suggested OSRC look at Greenbelt’s assessment and weighting of their priorities to see how that fits into the collective knowledge of the OSRC.
- Land use and consideration by members (standard agenda item going fwd): Heidi recommends climate change be part of every discussion dealing with open space. Noel expressed similar need.

III. PUBLIC (HEARING OR MEETING)

No public statements made

IV. CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING or HEARING

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Outstanding Minutes – None proposed

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

B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting of the OSRC will be October 14, 2020