

OSRC Meeting Minutes
10/12/17

Present: Patti Amaral, Jerry Goulart, Charlie Crowley, John McElhenny, Heidi Wakeman, Steve Winslow

1. INTRO/ADMINISTRATIVE

Charlie moves to accept minutes of May 25 meeting. Jerry seconds, all in favor.

2. FUTURE PLAN DEVELOPMENT:

INVENTORY STATUS: Noel & Charlie met to discuss status of parcels. They are moving forward. John asked "What's the expected outcome?" Charlie answered, "To get data, assign parcels to categories, identify grant funding." These all show success of land conservation.

COMMUNITY MEETING/OUTREACH @ WILLOWOOD PARK: We chose a date and time, November 16, 6:00. Members of the committee and Steve will introduce the results of the survey, get community input and share the process of developing a new plan with community members. Steve will do publicity, including but not limited to: public notices, flyers, Good Morning Gloucester, the community center at Willowood.

3. GRANT STATUS:

CPA PROJECTS/UPDATES: Heidi stated that there is currently a Stage Fort Park application, for the cannon area. This is a historical application. The larger SFP project is on hold. Steve is meeting with Nocella Paving to discuss a quote for completion of paving at Burnham's Field. Charlie brought up Salt Island and asked if the CPC had received any application/interest in procuring that piece of land. Heidi responded that yes, it was discussed and the Save Our Shores (SOS) group is exploring the purchase of the land, with Essex County Greenbelt.

4. OTHER UPDATES:

STAGE FORT PARK-See above

NEWELL STADIUM-Steve shared that the foundation is sinking more than was anticipated. There is a meeting on Friday 10/13 to discuss this with the Mayor and Jim Destino.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

SMOKING IN PARKS: Steve brought up the issue of whether we should suggest a smoking ban in public parks. There are new grant funded 'Buttlers' to dispose of cigarette butts throughout the city. The question was brought up: should we as a committee support a smoking ban in parks? In beaches? Charlie suggested we bring this up at our community meeting in November. No further action was taken.

FITNESS COURT: Steve introduced the consideration of a basketball sized 'Fitness Court' to be installed/purchased to promote physical activity and socializing.

BICYCLE RACK AT GOOD HARBOR: Heidi brought up the removal and lack of replacement of the bike rack at the Good Harbor footbridge. Charlie motioned that the committee support a letter to request the replacement of the bike rack; Patti seconded, all in favor. Heidi will write a letter and send it to the committee for review.

6. TABLED ITEMS:

DOGTOWN CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS: Charlie reported that the Dogtown Advisory Committee is active & Noel met with the Assessor to make cohesive land parcels. He

reported that the Mayor controls sales of land and suggested that she (Mayor) can assign a steward.

ID of SELF HELP PARCELS: Charlie brought in a sample of one of the reports he has created on one of eight Self Help parcels. They have been identified and they are protected by the City for 'conservation or passive recreation only'.

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Heidi moved to adjourn the meeting, John seconded, all in favor.

NEXT MEETING: 11/16, 6:00 WILLOWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Wakeman