

Gloucester Open Space & Recreation Committee Meeting

4/27/17

I. INTRO / ADMINISTRATIVE

- Susan Hedman / Note Taker

John moved that we thank Susan for her years of service and input on the committee. Susan needed to resign to help with her aging parents. All enthusiastically voted in favor.

Jerry volunteered to take notes.

II.

- **Future Plan (2018 – 2025) Development**

Went over the survey made adjustments and additions Arranged sections for public feedback comments and concerns. Steve will make edits and email to the committee for BETA testing before putting it out to the public.

- Community meeting / Outreach

Suggestions were made on publicizing e.g. social media, GDT, LTE, Good Morning Gloucester, flyers, distribution at public places.

Community meetings will be scheduled for the fall.

The committee thanked Heidi and John for their work putting it together.

- Inventory

Needs to be updated. City needs to create a data base of all; tax exempt, protected and recreational parcels based on the MA. GIS database. Maybe CPA grant to fund help compiling data. Simplify and use state GIS spreadsheet format and populate with city assessor compiled data.

III. Grant Status

- Light Up Mattos

Light poles arrive Wed. May 3. Holes dug Thur. May 4. Poles to be erected Thursday May 11. Light Up date mid-May. Light Up Mattos Ceremony maybe held on Memorial Day Weekend.

Light Up Mattos is in the process of selecting and will soon be purchasing a new scoreboard out of funds they've raised.

Patti has a quote for the landscaping. Light Up Mattos will paying for the work.

Patti's Howard has written a CPA grant application for a new backstop and 8' perimeter fencing.

They are working on selecting a new flagpole. The pole will have a top mounted, solar powered, light fixture to allow the flag to fly at night.

Patti has a call into Mark Cole regarding the damage done to the monument by the company doing the under street natural gas piping work.

Patti thanked everyone for their support on this wonderful project. The Mattos family are thrilled.

- **CPA Projects – Updates**

ECGB has applied for \$5k to create a wheel chair useable trail loop in the Seine Fields. This is in conjunction with the “Heart Friendly Hikes” program.

Cape Ann Women’s Softball has applied for \$34k for the new backstop and fencing at Mattos Field mentioned above.

Friends Stagefort Park will be applying for CPA and CDBG for the 400th Anniversary celebration related work. State grant money would not be applicable due to state parking fee rates guidelines.

IV. Other Updates

“Healthy Summer Lunches” will not be applying for a grant.

Committee voted to recommend the city develop a policy to assess and review all tax taken lands for their value before they are put up for public auction.

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting May 25th.