

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Meeting Minutes Jan. 12, 2017

7pm Meeting at City Hall Annex

Members present : Stephen Winslow, Noel Mann, Susan Hedman, Charlie Crowley, John McElhenny, Patti Amaral, Heidi Wakeman

Guests: J.D. McEachern,

Community Survey - There was a sample survey to assess community interest in OSRC issue in 2017. Members looked over the sample and made suggestions. This would be part of creating the new OSRC Plan

New OSRC Plan - Committee asked what are obstacles that members see for OSRC, replies included:

winter access, litter, limited access to open spaces due to lack of parking areas, and lack of accurate records for all lots including restrictions for management, conservation status, how the land was acquired and subsequent restrictions that go along with each property and gis mapping

Grant Status

Light Up Mattos back out to bid Jan. 12th deadline 12 contractors competing

Upcoming 100th anniversary of Joseph Mattos death – opportunity to celebrate repairs to this field

CPA Grants CPA meeting this Tuesday, January 17th. 3 grant applicants that involve Open Space

Generous Gardeners: flower bed improvements along the harbor, **Stagefort Park Beautification Project;** improvements for local farmers market and parking and **Burnhams Field Light**

Improvement; additional lights for this urban park

Other Topics

Clean City Commission grant for cigarette butt receptacles-5 cigarette genies

Beaches possibility to create an automatic arm payment system to have less staff sitting at lots and more time put into maintenance cleaning of facilities. Money from beaches to go back into open spaces and parks , rather than the general fund.

Stagefort Park Beautification Project There are potential parking issues. If grant goes through, it may limit the ability to charge for parking there.

Dogtown Gloucester and Rockport Historical Associations are applying to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to have Dogtown added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Motion was made by committee to support the application and the vote was unanimous in favor of this. Noel will compose letter to express the OSRC support of this goal.

Park and Recreation Commission OSRC wants to see this align with state guidelines

Invite Val Gilman to our next meeting to help with this issue.

Next OSRC meeting February 16, 2017 7pm

Meeting adjourned 8:54

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Hedman