

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Meeting Minutes July 21, 2016

6:30 Meeting at Stagefort Park

Members present : Noel Mann, Susan Hedman, Charlie Crowley, John McElhenny, Jerry Goulart, Patti Amaral, Heidi Wakeman.

Guests: J.D. McEachern, Val Gilman City Staff: Stephen Winslow

Minutes accepted from last OSRC meeting

Open Space Plan Group discussion regarding the next Open Space Plan.

For the new OSRC plan we need to have public meetings to gauge citizen needs. We have to consider urban versus rural wards. Given the complexity of the Open Space Plan, should we begin having more frequent meetings? We need a clear time table. Next meeting in September we can try to begin the process. Homework for all Read Section 1 and note possible changes to make.

There is a new Community Development Director, Dan Smith. Would the committee like to create Associate members, such as Dave Sargent to help with the creation of a new OSRC plan. Dave Sargent was very helpful with the last OSRC Plan and has a lot of background knowledge about Gloucester's open spaces.

Mass in Motion: CATS to set up trail maps for public exercise/health. Also a fire road study.

Light up Mattos bids are coming in for the 6 lights and concrete footings

CPA/CPC committee has met and they supporting are potential grants for Burnhams Field, Stagefort Park, and Generous Gardeners. Bonding issue discussed at CPC meeting and suggested to borrow from the "non-reserve fund"

Mt Ann. Park-TTOR Trustees are moving forward with the acquisition of the Addison Bray property to provide improved parking and access to historic Mount Ann Park and hope to have a grand reopening of the park.

Park and Open Space Ordinance want to create a Park and Open Space Ordinance for consistent application of laws governing these spaces. No progress at this point.

Red Rocks no significant progress

Possible elms planting along the Blynman canal

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Hedman