

Meeting Minutes

April 6th, 2017

Present Members: *Judi Lincicum, Tony Brooks, Tom Delaney,*

Present Staff: *Georgia Wilson*

Next Meeting:

May 4th, 2017

1. Updates

Staff updated members about the site visit with the State. Emmanuel was receptive to the committee's ideas, and would like to see a bubble map of potential uses and amenities that will be proposed. He stressed the importance of keeping active recreation uses closer to the street and more passive and protective uses near the river. Ideas such as handicapped platform, kiosks, benches, trails, restrooms, gardens and storage were discussed. We will continue to keep him updated as projects move forward.

2. Written Narrative

Committee reviewed the draft "Long Term Passive Recreation Plan" that was written by Tom D. This plan will be a great accompaniment to plan submissions, grant funding, etc. Additional members and staff will need to review and make changes as necessary before finalizing. Topics covered in the narrative include: Background on the grant, historical use of the property, long term plans, stewardship, and highlights of important areas on site. Plans to formalize the document include making reference tabs, adding photos, and adding more detail that will be referenced on the bubble map.

3. Bubble Map

Members shared their draft bubble maps which were then combined to create a master rough draft map. Important areas included in the map were:

- 4 walking paths that vary in difficulty and accessibility (Handicapped Trail, Core Trail, Small Meadow Trail and Canoe Launch Trail). There was raised concern about how these trails take on water and what effects it may have.
- 5 major areas (Wooded area, Large Meadow, Small Meadow, Parking area and Pavilion)
- Numerous bench locations
- Kiosks, trail map displays, Lebel history display, and restrooms

- Canoe launch

- Play area, tree house and observation area

4. Topics of Discussion

Members discussed the uses of the garages and if demolition would be beneficial. There were concerns that the structures would interfere with parking and the overall aesthetic of the site. There could be potential uses of the garages by the Town and options needs to be weighed. There was also discussion of which material to use for parking, and walkways (Stonedust vs. paving) and which would be more costly in terms of maintenance and initial construction. Tom D. will discuss with Rick Rodgers to get his advice.