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Meeting Minutes of Open Space Plan and Recreation Plan Update Committee
John & Christina Markey Community Center (“Senior Center”)
7 Washington Street, Malden
May 18, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

✓	Deborah A. Burke	Chairman
✓	Andrea Antonucci	Youth Soccer
✓	Brian Creamer	Walkability
✓	Brian DeLacey	Resident
ABSENT	Jason Hamelin	Resident
✓	Bob Knox	Dir. Public Works
ABSENT	Joe Levine	Rec. Dept. Coordinator
✓	Barbara Murphy	Ward Councillor
✓	Michelle Romero	City Planner
ABSENT	Bob Rotondi	Babe Ruth League
ABSENT	Marie Shea	Challenger League
✓	Prisco Tammaro	Mayor’s designee
✓	Steve Winslow	Bike to Sea

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.**
- 2. Approval of minutes:** On a motion made by Brian DeLacey and seconded by Michelle Romero the committee approved the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting on a 6-0 vote. (Barbara Murphy abstained since she was not in attendance at the April 27, 2017 meeting). Minutes of the April 3, 2017 meeting were not voted on based on a rule that only those members present at the April 3, 2017 meeting could approve the minutes and a majority of those members were not present at the meeting.
- 3. Debrief Public Forum on May 3:** Committee members debriefed on the public forum held on May 3. Several members felt that the room where the forum was held was very cramped, not comfortable temperature-wise and wasn’t successful in reaching the under-served population. However, all committee members agreed that the estimated 70 persons who attended the event made the best of it and that the break-out sessions yielded many comments and suggestions that will be incorporated into the new Open Space and Recreation Plan. This was the second and final public forum. Committee member Steve Winslow felt that community engagement could increase over time by having a seven-year strategy for this new plan. The Committee also reviewed copies of notes taken during the May 3 forum breakout sessions and charts ranking by priority action items recommended by the community members in attendance.

Board of Directors

Robert D. Rotondi, *Chairman* | Albert N. Spadafora | Michael Williams | Robert K. Foley | Amanda M. Linehan

4. Continue discussion on Draft Open Space Plan: The Committee members spent the majority of the meeting working on “action items” for some of the six goals which have been identified for the new plan. The action items and goals discussed at the meeting are as follows:

Goal 1: Increase awareness, outreach and education to community about parks and recreation resources

Recommended Action Items

- Engage those who attended the two forums through newsletters/emails. They would become stakeholders.
- Create an electronic newsletter and a website
- Develop satellite locations for information about the city’s open space and recreation
- Develop informational signage, create uniform regulatory signage and wayfinding signage for parks and open space
- Hold a “pop up” event to promote/showcase open space
- Establish a Parks Commission or a permanent Open Space Advisory Committee

Goal 2: Maintenance and Management of Open Space

Recommended Action Items

- Research a carry-in/carry-out program for the parks in regards to trash
- Purchase Bigbelly barrels or install barrels that have permanently attached lids with small openings (the costs of these items may possibly be underwritten through sponsorship signs)

Goal 3: Increase recreational opportunities

Recommended action items

- Construct more
- Improve and increase access
- Create an entertainment plaza for gatherings, performances, etc.
- Encourage “multi-use” of parks

Goal 4: Acquire/protect open space

Recommended action items:

- For any land that becomes available for sale the city should review it for open space opportunities.
- The committee had considerable discussion on Goal 4 and action items and agreed after much debate to re-visit this discussion at the next meeting.

Goal 5: Improve Bike-to-the Sea/Northern Strand Community Trail and Goal 6: Malden River Walk – Continue to Develop this New Open Space

The committee did not discuss action items for these goals 5 and 6.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St. On a motion made by Brian DeLacey and seconded by Brian Creamer the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.