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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
March 23, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

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

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**
- 2. Approval of minutes.** On a motion made by Steve Winslow and seconded by Brian Creamer, the committee approved the minutes of the March 2, 2017 meeting on a 7-0 vote. (*Andrea Antonucci was not in attendance when this vote was taken*).
- 3. De-Briefing on Community Forum: March 9, 2017.** The Committee members said they were pleased with the 65-plus person turnout. The Committee also felt that there was great interaction and comments from the tables who were asked to conduct a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis of open space in Malden. The Committee felt that we need a larger screen on which to project the presentation and that the event would have benefitted from a cordless microphone to be passed among those reporting from the individual tables since there was other background noise in the room that was distracting. The Committee felt that the larger screen

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and a portable microphone as well as a stationary microphone should be in place for the next Community Forum to be held at the Malden YMCA on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30.

- 4. Update on On-Line Survey:** The Committee members felt that there should be one more press release encouraging residents to take the on-line Open Space survey. They suggested that April 14 be the deadline for completing the survey in order to give MAPC consultant Cynthia Wall, who is assisting the City with its Open Space Plan update, to analyze and present some of the raw data to the Committee prior to the May 3 community forum at the Malden YMCA. Many of the Committee members also said that they have reached out to various groups and persons in the community encouraging them to take the survey which is on-line at the City of Malden website.
- 5. Edits/Additions to Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan:** The Committee spent more than one hour and one-half going through the Draft Open Space Plan and suggesting various edits and additions that they would like to see incorporated into the document. Several committee members volunteered to help with various sections including Joe Levine who will update the section that lists the organized sports in the City and who will also provide metrics on usage at each park now that he is overseeing on-line permitting of the parks; Brian DeLacey who will draft language regarding Climate Control and Transfer Development Rights and will also suggest a rewrite for the section “Analysis of Needs, Subsection: Needs of the Handicapped and Elderly”; Brian Creamer who will draft revisions to the section pertaining to the Malden River; Michelle Romero who will update the section on Long Term Development Patterns that lists new initiatives, trends and opportunities and will also work on the section that lists various historic sites in the City; Deborah Burke, who will provide a listing of park improvement projects completed since the 2010 update of the Open Space plan and will suggest edits to the section on Environmental Justice; Steve Winslow who will update the information on the Northern Strand Community Trail (aka Bike to the Sea); Andrea Antonucci who will update the listing of recreational assets belonging to the Charter School so that the inventory in the plan is current. Additionally there was some lengthy discussion about the goals and objectives to be included in the updated plan as well as the inclusion of some suggested action items.
- 6. Next meeting:** Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.