

**City of Concord Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2017 Meeting**

Committee Members: Lauren Flieder, Amelia Brock, City Counselor Candace Bouchard, Marilyn Fraser, Nick Kotkowski, Chiara Dolcino & Althea Barton

Staff Members: David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director, Laura Bryant, Recreation Supervisor,

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by City Counselor Candace Bouchard

Marilyn made a motion to accept minutes from the March 2017 meeting, seconded it, approved.

Old Business:

HCC Update

David Gill gave an update on progress for the new community center, there was a brief conversation about abatement and making sure we have a clear path of communication about the progress to the community. David indicated the department will maintain information on the departments web site regarding the project. Also discussed was moving the playground equipment for future use.

Terrill Park Update

Soil and wetland studies went well. No contamination. Parking has been adjusted to include more spaces. The funds for building have been moved to the FY19 budget. Althea brought up the importance of having the MRGT group involved in any further planning or meetings. David let the group know that the design team VHB is working on Terrill Park and MRGT which is a great compliment to both projects.

Update on the RPAC/Arena Advisory Meeting

David shared the Arena Advisory board recommendations. After a thorough discussion RPAC proposed some changes to the recommendations. Many aspects were discussed including additional parking, moving the skate park, adding a restaurant, and relocating fire training. Members of RPAC were also seeking clarity on what is defined as “arena property” verses “park property”.

Staffing update

Still looking for 2-3 more lifeguards but overall hiring has gone very well this year.

Budget Meeting Update

All went well; the Change for Concord group stole the show.

Rollins Park Update

David Gill shared all the ideas/recommendations that came from the meeting at Rollins. The improvements to Rollins could be phased approach as the 3 shelters, natural area and educational area was not considered when the CIP for the Park was created. These new park features was brought up by residents at the community meeting. Everyone was very positive with the plan and recommend moving forward.

Lauren motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm Amelia seconded.

Respectfully submitted by
Recreation Supervisor, Laura Bryant

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

May 18, 2017 meeting recommendations related to the
Kiwanis Riverfront Park and Everett Arena Operation

Kiwanis Riverfront Park/Arena Recommendations:

1. Relocate fire training to an offsite location
2. RPAC recommends that the arena property and park be administered by Parks & Recreation
3. Recommend the city hire a consultant that would develop the outside space to help drive the inside use. The plan should optimize parking, riverfront/community use and foster potential business development
4. Move the skate park to a different location, within Kiwanis Park
5. Cannot exclude development of the west end of the park until a master plan has been developed.
6. Purchase approximately 7 acres of land from the State; the parcel is a flat triangle shaped piece on the east end of the park beyond the boat house adjacent to the river.

