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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
April 27, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

✓	Deborah A. Burke	Chairman
✓	Andrea Antonucci	Youth Soccer
✓	Brian Creamer	Walkability
✓	Brian DeLacey	Resident
✓	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
✓	Marie Shea	Challenger League
✓	Prisco Tamaro	Mayor’s designee
ABSENT	Steve Winslow	Bike to Sea

Also in Attendance:

✓	Cynthia Wall	Consultant
✓	Ryan O’Malley	Councillor

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.**
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Approval of minutes. On a motion made by Michelle Romero and seconded by Brian DeLacey the committee approved the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting on a 7-0 vote. 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. Preparation for Public Forum on May 3:** Cynthia Wall, a planner from MAPC, who is working with the City on the development of a new Open Space and Recreation Plan, gave an overview of the format for the second public forum scheduled for May 3 at the Malden YMCA. The format will include an introductory PowerPoint and then a group exercise. It was ultimately decided after a lengthy discussion with the committee that the group exercise would seek community input for

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establishing action items for the goals that must be included in the new plan. Members at the meeting said that they would continue to promote the next forum via social media. The City has a separate page on its website devoted to the Open Space Plan. The list of persons who provided email contact information at the first public forum held on March 9 will also be sent notices to attend the second forum.

4. Continue discussion on Draft OSP:

- a. Ms. Wall advised the committee that the whole point of an Open Space Plan is to establish goals and action items. Basically she said it defines the needs and details ways in which those needs can be addressed.
- b. She said that MAPC is still working to compile the inventory of open spaces.
- c. Michelle Romero, city planner, gave MAPC a list and a map of city owned vacant land. It was announced at the meeting that the Mayor has signed the deed which gives High Rock MGL Article 97 protection.
- d. The on-line survey to solicit feedback from the community was closed on April 14. Data from the survey will be incorporated into the presentation at the May 3 forum and will also be included in the new Open Space plan.
- e. Committee members using data from the survey and the now expired Open Space Plan spent considerable time at the meeting on developing some goals. Some goals were determined:
 1. Increase awareness, outreach and education to community about parks and recreation resources;
 2. Maintenance and Management of Open Space;
 3. Increase recreational opportunities; and
 4. Acquire/protect open space
 5. Improve Bike-to-the Sea/Northern Strand Community Trail
 6. Malden River Walk – Continue to develop this new open space

5. New Business: Various committee members volunteered to rewrite and provide some new language for the new Open Space Plan

Next Meeting: Thursday May 18 at 7:00 p.m. at Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St. On a motion made by Joe Levine and seconded by Jason Hamelin, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

/jt (OSP Minutes 4.27.17)