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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 3, 2017

Committee Members in Attendance

ABSENT	Deborah A. Burke	Chairman
ABSENT	Andrea Antonucci	Youth Soccer
ABSENT	Brian Creamer	Walkability
✓	Brian DeLacey	Resident
ABSENT	Jason Hamelin	Resident
ABSENT	Bob Knox	Dir. Public Works
✓	Joe Levine - left at 6:35pm returned 6:55pm	Rec. Dept. Coordinator
✓	Barbara Murphy	Ward Councillor
✓	Michelle Romero	City Planner
ABSENT	Bob Rotondi	Babe Ruth League
✓	Marie Shea	Challenger League
✓	Prisco Tamaro	Mayor’s designee
✓	Steve Winslow	Bike to Sea

Also in Attendance:

✓	Cynthia Wall	Consultant
✓	Ryan O’Malley	Councillor

MINUTES

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.**
- 2. Approval of minutes:** Minutes of March 23, 2017 meeting were not voted on based on concern/rule stated by Murphy that only those members present at the March meeting could approve the minutes and a majority of those members were not present at this meeting.
- 3. Community Survey:**
 - The survey remains on-going and will close as of April 14, 2017
 - Survey results will be compiled when the survey closes by Ron Cochran in the Mayor’s Office and also will be tallied and summarized by the survey program itself. Mr. Cochran previously provided preliminary results prior to the March 2017 forum. The results will be forwarded to Cynthia Wall.
 - Survey results will be used to update existing goals and/or formulate new goals.

Board of Directors

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

4. Community Forum on March 9, 2017:

- It was discovered that the Committee had not received and reviewed all the forum results (Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, and Opportunities). The entire excel workbook/all sheets forwarded by MAPC was inadvertently not printed. Ms. Wall will provide formatted results via email.
- Ms. Wall tasked the Committee to review and group the results/comments into categories, amend existing goals and/or create new goals.
- Brian DeLacey request the slides used in forum.
- Ms. Wall led the Committee through a review of “map comments” received from the public during the forum (formatted in a spreadsheet). Committee members answered and addressed all comments/questions.
- Request by Prisco Tammaro to include copies of maps used at the forum (with handwritten notes) in the Plan. Ms. Wall explained that all comments were transcribed and listed on spreadsheet.

5. Community Forum on May 3, 2017:

- The Committee meeting on April 27, 2017 will be used as a planning meeting for this forum.
- Ms. Wall presented the proposed format which is a presentation of survey results and goals created from same; asking people (attendees) to vote; and, review action steps needed to achieve goals.
- Request by Mr. DeLacey for City official contacts re: Handicapped Accessibility and Elderly to invite to the forum.
- It was also asked whether the flyer provided by MAPC had been translated, posted or published yet?

6. Open Space & Recreation Plan:

- At Ms. Wall’s request, the Committee agreed on the style/format of Plan text; portrait, single column.
- Michelle Romero reminded Committee members to email revisions to Debbie Burke who will forward to Ms. Wall. A revised draft will be distributed to the Committee.
- Joe Levine handed in his comments and will provide electronically.
- Ms. Wall tasked the Committee to review Section 8, Goals and Objectives.
- Ms. Wall explained that public input (received from the survey and forums) is used to update and establish new goals and objectives of the Plan; the Plan guides the community to spend resources.
- Ms. Wall explained that the Open Space & Recreation Plan process is mandated by the state and the Plan must follow the format and state guidelines or it will not be accepted by the state.
- Ms. Wall reviewed previously identified items to be updated; Goals and Objectives, Action Plan, Needs Analysis and Community Vision.

7. Open Space & Recreation Plan Maps:

- Ms. Wall explained the current Open Space map color coding for different types of open space. i.e., protected in perpetuity, unprotected.
- She explained that the map is based on GIS information data and so are only as good as the GIS data.
- Ms. Wall stated that Malden’s “BioMap number” (4.8%) that Mr. Tammaro refers to includes only open space protected in perpetuity.

- Committee members discussed:
 - Producing multiple maps or layers of maps to depict different categories of open space; protected public open space, unprotected public open space, protected private open space, unprotected private open space.
 - Purpose of the map.
 - Usefulness of a separate map of open space and a separate map of recreational facilities.
- To be added to the Open Space map:
 - Bike to Sea
 - Mystic Valley Regional Charter School Athletic Field on Eastern Avenue
 - Valley Forum Skating Rink, Holden Street
 - Malden River Route (from Oak Grove to Malden River)
 - Mass DEP-required public access to Malden River located on these properties: 195 Canal Street, 171 Medford/295 Canal Street, 170 Medford Street, 188 Commercial Street
 - Crew boathouse at 359 Commercial Street (DPW Yard)
- Committee reiterated its decision from last meeting that privately-owned land will not be depicted on maps as potential open space.
- Ms. Romero to request Steve Farma, Malden GIS Coordinator to provide list and map of City-owned vacant property (“unprotected public land,” per the Plan).
- Committee identified a New Goal: to inventory all City-owned vacant land and identify parcels to be designated for conservation and protected open space.

8. Discussion Points/Questions:

- Questions about Fellsmere Park and Fellsmere Pond:
 - Are they separate parcels?
 - Who owns them?
 - Is this protected parkland?
- New category of open space: interior facilities, i.e., Salemwood School Fieldhouse, school gymnasiums, skating rink.
- Include a recreational facility if it exists but does not have “open public access” (but may be reserved by the public), i.e., Malden Catholic Stadium (or not) MVRCS Field.
- Are school parcels separate from adjacent school parks?
- Should cemeteries be considered open space or recreational facilities?

Next Meeting: Thursday April 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington St.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

/jt (OSP Minutes 4.3.17)