

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE RECREATION GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

RECREATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING

Joint Municipal Survey Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2016

Essex Police Department, 145 Maple Street, Essex Junction, VT 05452

RGSC Present: Max Levy, Kim Maiberger, Erika Baldasaro, Betzi Bilodeau, Jason DiRosa, Michael Smith

RGSC Absent: Christine Packard, Theresa Fletcher, Raj Chawla, Lori Houghton

Administrators Absent: Brad Luck-EJRP, Ally Vile-EPR

Others Present: Kim Gleason, Irene Wrenner

Call to Order: Michael called the meeting to order at 7:34pm

Agenda additions or changes: Michael asked to exclude the approval of the meeting minutes from September 28 & 29. Also, Erika said she was not at the last meeting and that it should have read that Betzi gave the updates.

Public to be Heard (on items not on the agenda): None

Motion to Approve September 26, 2016 Minutes: Motion made by Michael, 2nd by Erika.

Approval of Minutes: Approved 6-0

Public Forums Review:

Michael thought it went well at EMS. Jason was pretty happy with outcomes except for some issues with IT, particularly at ADL, and with the projector focus at EMS. He suggested putting a "local" copy of the video on the laptop prior to the next forum. Jason also thought having the facilitator and sound person was key. Michael wondered if it was recorded and Jason confirmed it was. Michael wondered what the plan was for the recording moving forward. Jason wondered about posting it and Betzi mentioned a sound cloud or the like. Kim thought it was hard for Lori to be the runner for the questions, have time to read and mark them, and also answer. Others seemed to think it worked pretty well. Jason thought we should have a copy of the FAQ's on hand. He also said there was a comment at the ADL Forum that someone wished they knew it would go until 8pm. There was discussion on making the breakdown of the evening more clear and posting it on the site and FPF. The flyer only states a start time of 6:15pm so that is fine to continue handing out as is. The group thought offering childcare is a good idea to continue. Jason thought the budget sheet was good to have and that perhaps there should be a version without the Village proposal. Also to make it clear to the public that these are preliminary numbers. Betzi did not agree that a new version was necessary but Jason said maybe having one on hand to refer to at the forums would suffice.

Review of Forum Question Responses/Response Plan:

The RGSC members need to get responses to questions to Betzi by October 8, 2016. She will make a consistent voice to it and will send back to the group for review. Erika said she can help with that task. Many of these questions were answered at the forums but will be posted for others to read. Max inquired about the possibility of any questions from the forums being put on a slide or two. Jason said there was room to add one or two slides with the commonly asked questions to show the public we are listening. Betzi suggested, due to feedback, that under the 7 models we add slide(s) with pros/cons and what the committee liked and did not like. Jason did not feel those needed to be added and that the info is out there on the Essex rec website and that it is too much info to add as part of the presentation slide show. Perhaps there could be a slide ready as back-up.

Joint Meeting of the Selectboard, Trustees & Prudential Committee (October 10, 2016, 81 Main Street, 7pm):

Michael reminded us of the joint meeting on October 10, 2016. Jason and Betzi agreed to present and Christine Packard is planning to attend. Max said the Selectboard "supports this pending further details" so the RGSC is presenting. Michael said the RGSC piece would likely end around 8pm and the format would be the same as is at the forums.

Task Updates:

Kim Gleason suggested the breakdown of the forum times be listed on the website. An estimated schedule discussed by the group was:

6:15-7pm Video and Presentation

7-7:30pm Q&A

7:30-8pm Public to be Heard (around one minute each)

Public outreach-Kim let the group know she brought fliers to the Essex Free Library, soccer at the tree farm, open houses at FMS and EMS. She reached out to the Lions Club and is waiting to hear back, plans on distributing to Seniors at the next EMS luncheon and at Essex Eats Out on 10.14.16. Also that logistics for the next forum at EES on 10.13.16 are all set.

FPF & Essex Reporter- Erika said she put an update on FPF on October 5, 2016 re: budgets. The next one is slated to go on October 10, 2016 re: info for candidates. Erika said Lori is sending info to The Reporter and that Raj may be taking that over but she has not heard back yet. Also that questions written into the Essex rec site have been answered.

Web updates- Betzi said that Brad mentioned that a line itemized budget may be available by October 15, 2016. Also that we make sure we are clear on assumptions when posting feedback on FPF.

Next meeting date/time:

The RGSC should meet after the October 18, 2016 forum. We are looking at the week of October 24th, perhaps on the 27th. Michael is going to ask Brad to put out a meeting wizard or the like.

Adjournment: Michael adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm