



WEIRS TIF ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Thursday, August 16th, 2018 @ 1:00 PM @ Laconia City Hall-Room 200B.

Board Members Present: Robert Ames, Joe Driscoll III, Russ Poirier, Ava Doyle

City Staff: Kevin Dunleavy, Director of Recreation and Facilities/Ex-officio member
Donna Woodaman, Finance Director

Absent: None

Public present: None

Meeting Minutes- Joe Driscoll motioned to accept the minutes of the April 19th, 2018 meeting as written. Seconded by Robert Ames. All were in favor.

Lakeside Avenue Project

a. Weirs Sign Irrigation

Kevin Dunleavy said the work was completed and Studley's Landscaping was able to bore under the crosswalk area to access the northerly island so the system would not need to spray across the walk. Kevin Dunleavy said that the garden looks good and the plantings are in good shape. Kevin Dunleavy said that the irrigation meter enclosure that was installed sticks out and there are other options that have a lower profile including a fake rock type enclosure. Robert Ames said the fake rock enclosure would be fine. Kevin Dunleavy said he would order one and replace the existing enclosure.

Ava Doyle said that a water feature in this area would be a nice element and wondered if that is possible. Kevin Dunleavy said that there would be added maintenance but he could ask Studley's Landscaping about the idea.

Robert Ames asked if we would need an enclosure at the Weirs Rotary planting area. Kevin Dunleavy said Water Works will require an above ground enclosure eventually.

Robert Ames asked about the Adopt-A-Spot sign for the Rotary in regards to it being bigger. Robert suggested that the sign from the Rotary be placed at the Weirs sign area and one could also be placed at the Endicott Rock Park planting area.

b. Banners

Kevin Dunleavy said he has noticed at least one pole missing the banner arms. Robert Ames said there were a couple missing or damaged and he had spoken with DPW and they were going to order some.

Kevin Dunleavy said he would look into the status. Robert Ames said that DPW was proactive and removed some of the banner arms for Motorcycle Week so tall trucks would not damage them.

c. Plantings

Kevin Dunleavy asked if there were any plans to have additional plantings above and beyond what was planted this year. Robert Ames said there are no plans at this time.

d. WAC Proposed Enhancements/Signage

Kevin Dunleavy asked if anyone knew the status of the historical/interpretive signs that WAC was working on. Robert Ames said that WAC was looking at installing four signs. Robert said they were going to look at the first sign being made before having the final three made over the winter.

e. Trash/Recycling Containers

Kevin Dunleavy said that the signs are being delivered next Monday and barring any issues, they will be placed out on Lakeside Avenue at appropriate locations next week. Robert Ames asked if we had the total cost. Kevin Dunleavy provided Robert with the order information and said he would get him the final invoice when he receives it.

f. Parking Kiosks/Revenue

Finance Director Donna Woodaman provided a financial overview of the parking kiosk revenue for July 2017 compared to July 2018. Revenues were up at the Endicott Rock Park kiosks and were close to the same for Lakeside Avenue. Kevin Dunleavy said that overall revenues should be up for the year because the kiosks went online earlier this year. Kevin Dunleavy said there are still some minor issues that arise from time to time but overall the system seems to be working well and the public generally knows how to use the system. Ava Doyle mentioned that there is also cost savings with the reduction in the staff needed.

Weirs Beach Restoration

Kevin Dunleavy said that there will be no construction this year as design work continues. Kevin said that work will need to take place in late fall to minimize environmental impacts. Kevin said that he anticipates an update from the engineering consultant to the City Council and also some opportunity for public input based on the conceptual mitigation element along the shoreline at the public docks.

Robert Ames said he concerns that he would be looking to get answers on include if the created wetland would result in more insects, and what impacts would the created wetland have on any future plans for the public docks. Joe Driscoll also expressed concerns about what the created wetland would do to any possible future development of the shoreline in this area.

Russ Poirier expressed concerns about how the wetland buffers and setbacks would impact the beach restoration and other development.

Kevin Dunleavy said that previously mentioned features like a lower boardwalk connecting the beach with the docks and a gazebo at the end of the new jetty would be great enhancements to include in the project if NHDES would permit them. Kevin also said that NHDES is looking at an educational component to this concept.

New Business

Joe Driscoll asked if the revenue for the Weirs TIF are in line with projections made prior to the funding of the Lakeside Avenue project. Kevin Dunleavy said he would look into this and get back to the Board.

Joe Driscoll asked if a copy of the Weirs TIF Development Plan and the corresponding “wish list” could be sent out to the Board for review. Kevin Dunleavy said he would email that out for the Board to review.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 6th, 2018 @ 2pm at City Hall Room 200B.

Adjournment

Ava Doyle made a motion to adjourn at 2:15pm. Joe Driscoll seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Dunleavy, Ex-officio Member of the Weirs TIF Advisory Board